



AKELEY WOOD  
SCHOOL

# Akeley Wood Senior School

2025-2026

Enriched Curriculum

Activities





## Enriched Curriculum: September 2025

On Friday afternoons, each student chooses an activity to stimulate their body and mind, and we actively encourage them to try something new. The clubs, offered on a termly rotation, are varied in discipline and scope and there is something for everyone here. Students of all ages, across the Senior School, mix in these activities. We think this adds to community cohesion across the school, encouraging pupils to mentor and support each other, especially in the context of discovering something new. We also offer Sixth Form students the opportunity to participate or assist in running the sessions.

All activities will have a limit on the number of pupils who can participate, this is generally directed by health and safety guidance from instructor qualifications, governing bodies and what is felt is the most appropriate number to ensure that the sessions are both enjoyable and beneficial to the pupils involved. Some activities are exclusive to certain year groups, so that as pupils progress through the school, new opportunities become available. All offsite activities (minus volunteering) will require for the pupils be picked up from the venue at 3.30pm.

As always, once you have explored the list at the end of the document a link will direct you to the form. You need to make three selections, ranking them in order of preference.

**Please note that the costings of all activities are approximates and will be finalised once numbers are confirmed. This information will be sent out once allocations are made with a letter detailing all the information for that activity and how to make payments.**

# Off-Site Activities





*Sign up for Skiing & Snowboarding must be completed by 10th August to confirm bookings*



**Skiing and Snowboarding** We are thrilled to announce that as part of our ever-popular enrichment programme, we will once again be returning to **Snozone Milton Keynes**, one of the UK's premier indoor snow centres. This exciting opportunity is open to all pupils and offers a fantastic chance to try, or continue developing skills in, skiing or snowboarding on real snow, under the expert guidance of professional instructors.

Each session will last for one hour and will be fully instructor-led. Pupils will be grouped according to ability, allowing for personalised instruction and maximum progress. Group sizes are kept small to ensure quality coaching: no more than eight pupils per group for skiing and a maximum of six per group for snowboarding. Whether your child is a complete beginner or already confident on the slopes, there will be a suitable group for them to join, ensuring a safe, supportive and engaging environment.

All necessary equipment (including skis or snowboards, boots, and helmets) is provided by the venue, so there is no need to invest in expensive gear. However, **pupils must bring their own gloves (a strict safety requirement) and wear appropriate layers**, including warm and waterproof clothing to ensure comfort on the snow. Pupils should arrive at school in their Akeley PE kit, and they will change into their ski wear once we arrive at Snozone.

To help us organise groups effectively and to match instructors with pupils of similar experience levels, we kindly ask that you indicate your child's current **skiing or snowboarding ability** on the reply form. This ensures that everyone gets the most out of their time on the slope, whether they are learning to stand on skis for the first time or perfecting their turns.

**Pupils must be arranged to be picked up from the SnoZone at 3.45pm at the end of the session**

**Location:** Snozone Milton Keynes (MK9 3XS)

**Estimated cost depending on final numbers:** £275

**Available to all year groups (Year 7-12)**



*Sign up for Climbing must be completed by 10th August to confirm bookings*



### **Indoor Climbing**

We are excited to announce that as part of our enrichment programme, pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a rock climbing experience at Big Rock Hub in Milton Keynes — one of the region's leading indoor climbing centres. This is an incredible chance for pupils to challenge themselves, develop new skills, and enjoy a rewarding and adventurous activity in a safe and professional environment. Climbing is an activity that not only builds physical strength, flexibility, and coordination, but also encourages problem-solving, resilience, and teamwork.

During their visit to Big Rock Hub, pupils will be introduced to the fundamentals of indoor climbing by qualified instructors, and will learn both how to climb effectively and safely, as well as how to belay — the technique used to manage a climber's safety rope from the ground. The session will be tailored to all ability levels, from complete beginners to those with previous climbing experience. To ensure maximum safety and personalised instruction, there will be a student-to-instructor ratio of 6:1, allowing each pupil to receive close guidance and encouragement throughout the session. Pupils will be taught according to the National Indoor Climbing Award Schemes (NICAS), a nationally recognised programme that supports the progressive development of climbing skills in young people. This not only offers an exciting experience on the day but also opens the door for pupils to continue progressing in the sport should they wish to pursue it further.

All specialist equipment, including harnesses, helmets, and climbing shoes, will be provided by the venue. Pupils should wear their Akeley PE kit and bring a water bottle. No prior experience is necessary — just a willingness to try something new and a positive attitude. Climbing is a fantastic way to promote self-confidence, trust, and perseverance, while also offering an active and enjoyable break from the classroom. We are delighted to be able to offer this enriching experience and encourage all interested pupils to get involved. Places are limited due to instructor ratios, so please ensure that you return the reply form as soon as possible to secure a space on this unique and rewarding activity. Pupils must be arranged to be picked up at the end of the session at 3.30pm from the venue.

Location: Big Rock Climbing - HUB - (Mandeville Dr, Kingston, Milton Keynes MK10 0AG)

Estimated cost depending on final numbers: £175

Total spaces available: 12 (2 groups of 6)

Available to all year groups (Year 7-12)



## Golf

If you've ever wanted to give golf a try, or you're looking to refine your swing, then this is the perfect opportunity. As part of our enrichment programme, we are delighted to offer pupils the chance to take part in **golf sessions at the Buckingham Golf Club driving range and course**, complete with **professional tuition** to help develop and improve their game.

Golf is a sport that combines precision, control, patience, and focus, making it an excellent way to challenge both the body and mind. These sessions are ideal for beginners who want to learn the basics, as well as for more experienced players who are looking to enhance their technique. Pupils will receive guidance from experienced coaches who will offer expert instruction tailored to each individual's ability. Sessions will focus on key elements of the game including grip, stance, swing mechanics, and ball control, giving pupils the foundation needed to succeed on the course.

As part of our growing commitment to the sport, the school is excited to announce that we are looking to establish a school golf team, and this enrichment opportunity is the perfect place to start. Pupils who demonstrate enthusiasm and aptitude may be invited to represent the school in future events and matches — a fantastic way to build confidence and showcase talent.

All golf equipment, including clubs and balls, will be provided, so there is no need for pupils to bring their own gear. However, they should wear their **Akeley PE kit**. The sessions will take place at the professional-standard facilities at Buckingham Golf Club, giving pupils access to a high-quality training environment.

Golf is not only a fun and rewarding sport, but also one that teaches valuable life skills such as discipline, strategic thinking, and perseverance. Whether pupils are just starting out or looking to polish their technique, this is a brilliant chance to try something different in a supportive and engaging setting.

**Pupils must be picked up from Buckingham Golf Club at 3.30pm at the end of the session**

**Location:** Buckingham Golf Club

**Estimated cost depending on final numbers:** £85

**Total spaces available:** 10

**Available to KS4 Pupils (Y10 & 11)**



### **Equestrian Team**

We are proud to support pupils who are interested in joining the **Akeley Wood Equestrian Team**, open to riders of all levels who wish to develop their skills and represent the school in competitions. Pupils are welcome to book their own sessions independently with their preferred local equestrian centre or instructor.

To support participation, pupils may **be collected from school at 2pm** to attend their pre-arranged riding lesson, making it easier to balance school commitments with training. These lessons can be tailored to focus on individual development, whether that's improving flatwork, jumping, or competition technique.

The equestrian team regularly represents Akeley Wood at inter-school competitions and events throughout the year. Riders can compete in disciplines such as dressage, show jumping, and arena eventing as part of the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) calendar.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils who are passionate about riding to continue their progression, take part in competitions, and be part of a dedicated school team. If your child is interested in joining the Akeley Wood Equestrian Team or would like to find out more

about representing the school, please get in touch with the PE department  
([rebecca.wood@akeleywoodschoo.co.uk](mailto:rebecca.wood@akeleywoodschoo.co.uk)1 or [Teresa.Sandiford@akeleywoodschoo.co.uk](mailto:Teresa.Sandiford@akeleywoodschoo.co.uk)2)

**Available to all year groups (Year 7-12)**



**Volunteering** We are pleased to offer pupils the opportunity to take part in care home volunteering at

Lace Hill Care Home, a rewarding and meaningful enrichment activity that allows students to make a genuine difference in their local community. Pupils will visit a local care home where they will spend time with elderly residents, engaging in conversation, playing games, assisting with activities, or simply offering companionship. This experience not only benefits the residents but also helps pupils develop important life skills such as **empathy, communication, responsibility, and emotional intelligence**. It is a wonderful chance for students to build intergenerational relationships and contribute positively to the lives of others in a warm, supportive environment.

Pupils will be accompanied to the care home, and all sessions will be supervised by care staff and school staff as appropriate. The visits will typically take place during enrichment periods, with regular sessions arranged to build consistency and meaningful connection between pupils and residents.

This is an ideal opportunity for pupils considering future careers in health, social care, or community work, or for anyone who simply wants to give back. If your child is interested in volunteering at the care home, please contact the enrichment coordinator to express interest and receive further details.

**Location:** Lace Home Care Home

**Estimated cost:** Free

**Total spaces available:** 15

**Available for to Y9 - 12**

# Onsite Activities





## **Karate**

We are excited to continue Karate as a new addition to our Enriched Curriculum. Led by Lee Wills, a highly experienced and respected high-performance coach, this is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to learn a traditional martial art from a top-level instructor.

Karate offers a wide range of benefits beyond physical fitness. It helps to develop discipline, focus, coordination, and self-confidence, while also promoting respect and self-control.

Whether pupils are complete beginners or have some previous experience, sessions will be tailored to suit all ability levels in a safe and supportive environment.

Held on-site during the school day, this activity is both convenient and engaging, allowing pupils to make the most of their Friday enrichment time without needing to travel. All training will follow recognised martial arts progression pathways, with opportunities for pupils to work towards belts and grading if they choose to continue beyond the sessions. This is a fantastic chance to try something new, build valuable life skills, and learn from a coach with a proven track record in developing young talent.

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Estimated cost depending on final numbers:** £132

**Total spaces available:** 20

Available for all years

**Pupils to come to school in Akeley PE Kit.**

**Available to KS3 Only (Y7 - Y9)**



**Archery** Who's the better Archer, Catniss Everdeen, Legolas or Robin Hood? Learn the skills and see if you can hit the bullseye!

We are pleased to offer Archery as part of our Enriched Curriculum on Friday afternoons, giving pupils the chance to experience this unique and highly rewarding sport right here on the school grounds. Delivered in a safe and controlled environment, archery is suitable for all ability levels, from complete beginners to those looking to improve their aim and technique. Archery is a fantastic way to develop focus, patience, coordination, and self-discipline, as well as encouraging a calm and strategic mindset. Pupils will learn the fundamentals of proper shooting technique, including stance, posture, and target aiming, while progressing at their own pace. With an emphasis on personal improvement and enjoyment, each session is designed to be both fun and challenging.

As the sessions take place on-site during school hours, pupils benefit from convenient access without the need to travel. All specialist equipment will be provided, and safety is our highest priority throughout.

Whether pupils are looking to try something new, enhance their concentration skills, or simply enjoy a new type of physical activity, archery offers a unique and exciting experience.

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Total spaces available:**12

**Estimated cost depending on final numbers:** £20 for 10 sessions

**Pupils to come to school in Akeley PE Kit.**

**Available to KS3 (Y7-9)**



### **Stowe Gardens and Nature Walk**

End your week on a high note with our Countryside Walking enrichment activity, set in the beautiful surroundings of Akeley Wood School and the nearby Stowe National Trust gardens. This is the perfect opportunity to unwind after a busy week, enjoy the fresh air, and take in the natural beauty of our local environment.

Each Friday afternoon, pupils will take part in a relaxing, guided walk through woodland paths, open fields, and landscaped gardens, with the chance to spot wildlife, seasonal flowers, and local landmarks along the way. The focus is not on speed or distance, but on mindfulness, nature appreciation, and emotional wellbeing.

Spending time outdoors has been proven to help reduce stress, improve mood, and boost self-esteem — making this an ideal enrichment option for anyone looking to relax, recharge, and reconnect with nature. It's also a great way to spend time with friends in a calm, reflective setting.

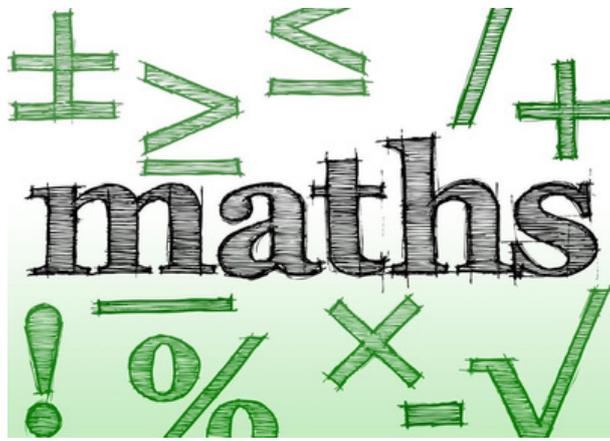
No special equipment is needed just comfortable shoes, possibly wellies when the weather deteriorates towards the end of term, weather-appropriate clothing, and a willingness to take in the sights and sounds of the countryside.

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Cost:** Free

**Total spaces available:** 20

**Available to KS4 Pupils (Y10 & 11)**



## **Further Maths**

We are pleased to offer **Further Mathematics GCSE** as part of our Enrichment Programme, exclusively for **Year 11 pupils** who have a strong interest and ability in mathematics. This course is ideal for students who are aiming for top grades in GCSE Maths and are considering studying A-level Maths or Further Maths in Sixth Form.

Further Maths GCSE extends the standard GCSE curriculum and introduces more advanced topics such as matrices, complex numbers, advanced algebra, and calculus fundamentals. It is a challenging but highly rewarding qualification that provides a solid foundation for further study in mathematics, physics, engineering, computer science, and related fields. Sessions will take place during the enrichment slot and will be taught by experienced maths teachers who will guide pupils through the content with targeted support and exam preparation.

This is an excellent opportunity for mathematically able pupils to stretch themselves, deepen their understanding, and enhance their academic portfolio.

Pupils must be in top set maths to consider the activity, and pupils must demonstrate a strong aptitude for maths. If you're interested in taking on this exciting challenge, please speak to your maths teacher for more information.

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Total Spaces Available:** 16

**Available to Year 11 pupils only and will attend Further Maths for the year**



**Cooking Club** Love food? Want to learn how to cook delicious sweet and savoury dishes?

Come along to our Cookery Club, where you help choose what we make! From tasty treats to hearty meals, you'll develop valuable independent cooking skills in a fun, relaxed environment. Whether you're a beginner or already love to cook, there's something for everyone, so bring your appetite and creativity! Join us during the enriched curriculum and transform your culinary curiosity into confidence.

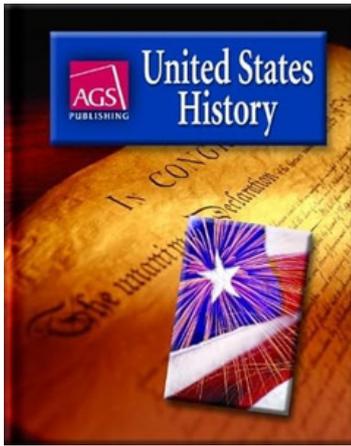
You'll not only master new recipes but also understand the science behind baking and the art of flavour pairing. Imagine impressing your friends and family with your very own homemade pizzas, decadent brownies, or even a classic roast! Our club offers a fantastic opportunity to collaborate with fellow food enthusiasts, share ideas, and most importantly, enjoy the fruits (and vegetables!) of your labour.

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Cost:** Pupils will be informed what ingredients will need to be brought in each week

**Total Spaces Available:** 16

**Available to KS3 Pupils only (Y7- Y9)**



## **American History**

Unlock the rich tapestry of American history and government with our comprehensive American History Enriched Curriculum programme! Designed for dedicated learners, this unique opportunity requires a full-year commitment, offering an in-depth exploration that goes beyond the standard curriculum.

You'll undertake two self-paced, accredited courses. The U.S. History Course will guide you through major events from the Era of Exploration right up to modern times. This isn't just about memorising dates; it emphasizes critical analysis and research, actively encouraging you to engage with fascinating primary sources to form your own interpretations.

Complementing this, the **U.S. Government Course** provides a foundational understanding of the principles and functions of the American government, delving into its structure, key institutions, and the intricacies of the democratic process.

This programme is open to **all pupils** interested in a deeper understanding of American society and politics. While it's particularly beneficial for American pupils, as successful completion of these courses can contribute to the credits required for high school graduation upon their return to the U.S., any student with a keen interest in history, civics, or global affairs will find this an invaluable and enriching experience. Whether you're an aspiring historian, a future political leader, or simply curious about the forces that shaped a nation, sign up for a year of engaging and insightful learning!

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Estimated Cost:** £480 for both courses, lasting across all 3 terms of EC

**Total Spaces Available:** 10

**Available to KS4 & KS5 pupils (Y10-13)** Year 9's can be considered, please contact Alastair.HoughtonBrown@akeleywoodschool.co.uk<sup>3</sup> for more information



### **Chess Club, Board Games and Warhammer Club**

Opportunity for people to learn the game and compete in a weekly league competition against students and staff.

Looking for a challenge that's fun and engaging? Join our new **Chess, Boardgames, and Warhammer Club**, held every Friday afternoon during our enriched curriculum!

If you love a good mental workout, our **Chess** section is perfect for you. Hone your tactical skills, outwit your opponents, and become a grandmaster of the school chess scene. For those who enjoy a wider variety, our **Boardgames** selection offers everything from cooperative adventures to competitive showdowns. Discover new favourites and bond with friends over strategy and laughter.

And for the miniature enthusiasts, our **Warhammer** section provides an amazing opportunity to enjoy your hobby of tabletop miniature wargaming, whether it's painting, gaming, or any other aspect of the hobby. Students must bring their own materials, but anyone from beginner to veteran is welcome to join our growing community. Develop your painting techniques, strategise epic battles, and connect with fellow enthusiasts.

No matter your experience level, our club is the ideal place to learn, compete, and have a blast.

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Total Spaces Available:** 20

**Available to All years**



### **KS4 Fun Football Friday's**

Are you a KS4 student with a passion for football? Do you dream of scoring spectacular goals and celebrating victories with your mates? Then get ready to lace up your boots for our exciting new **KS4 Football League**, part of our enriched curriculum programme!

Every Friday afternoon, the pitches will come alive as teams battle it out for glory. This isn't just about playing; it's about building teamwork, developing leadership skills, and fostering healthy competition. We're looking for enthusiastic players to self-organise into **5-a-side teams** and sign up for a weekly league that promises thrilling matches and unforgettable moments.

Whether you're a seasoned striker, a midfield maestro, or a defensive rock, this is your chance to represent your team, improve your game, and enjoy the beautiful sport in a fun, supportive environment. Grab your friends, form your dream team, and prepare for a fantastic way to end your school week.

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Cost:** Free

**Spaces Available:** 30

**Available to KS4 pupils (Y10 & 11)**



## **Girls Football**

your skills at our Girls Football enriched curriculum club! This is your chance to be part of a vibrant and supportive team environment where you'll not only play the beautiful game but also take charge of your own development.

Each week, you and your teammates will organise your own training sessions, focusing on the skills and tactics that matter most to you. Want to perfect your passing? Master your shooting technique? Or devise winning strategies for match day? The power is in your hands! After honing your abilities, you'll put them to the test in exciting matches against each other, building teamwork and competitive spirit. This club is all about empowering you to grow as a player and a leader. Whether you're new to the sport or already a seasoned pro, come join us, improve your game, and have a blast with fellow football enthusiasts. Get ready to score big – sign up today!

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Cost:** Free

**Spaces Available:** 30

**Available to all years**



### **Fashion Design**

Do you have a flair for fashion and a passion for creating? Come and spend a relaxing session in our Fashion Design Club, where you can bring your sartorial visions to life! This is your chance to explore various styles and techniques, from sketching and illustration to understanding colour palettes and fabric choices. You'll experiment with different silhouettes, learn about current trends, and even delve into the history of fashion to inspire your own unique concepts. Whether you dream of designing haute couture or creating everyday wear, you'll have the space to experiment, innovate, and develop your unique design aesthetic. Join us and turn your fashion dreams into a tangible collection!

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Cost:** Free

**Total spaces Available:** 16

**Available to KS3 (Y7-Y9)**



**Origami and Paper Craft** Ready to unwind and unleash your creativity after a busy school week? Our new Origami and Paper Crafts Club is the perfect enriched curriculum activity!

Each week, you'll dive into the versatile world of paper. In our origami sessions, learn to fold intricate shapes and animals, from elegant cranes to jumping frogs and delicate flowers. If you love detailed work, explore the art of calligraphy, practicing beautiful brush pen strokes to form decorative alphabets and inspirational quotes. For those who enjoy absorbing tasks, mindful colouring with complex mandalas and patterns offers a peaceful escape. Plus, we'll be crafting pop-up cards, handmade bookmarks, seasonal decorations, and even 3D paper sculptures!

All materials are provided, and you can suggest themes like nature or travel to truly make it your own. It's a calm, supportive space where you can work at your own pace, try new things, and build fine motor skills. Older students often lead the way, fostering a wonderful sense of community. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just looking for a peaceful hour of creativity, there's something for everyone!

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Cost:** Free

**Total spaces Available:** 16

**Available to KS3 (Y7-Y9)**



### **Quad Skating**

Ready to glide, spin, and master the art of roller skating? Join our exciting Quad Skating Club as part of the enriched curriculum programme! Whether you're a complete beginner eager to learn the basics or already a seasoned skater looking to refine your moves, this club is for you.

Our sessions will focus on helping you learn to roller skate or significantly improve your roller skating skills. We'll cover everything from safe falling techniques and balance to forward strides, turns, and even some fancy footwork! It's a fantastic way to boost your coordination, build confidence, and get active in a super fun environment.

**Important:** To participate, you **must bring your own quad skates** (that's the classic style with two wheels on each side, not in-line skates). So, grab your gear, bring your enthusiasm, and get ready to roll into an awesome enriched curriculum experience. Sign up today and let's get skating!

**Location:** AW6 Sports Dome - Transport will be organised for pupils to return to AWH to catch buses home

**Cost:** Free

**Total spaces Available:** 16

**Available to KS3 (Y7-Y9)**



## **Practical Science HPQ**

The Practical Science Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) leads to a formal qualification which is equivalent to half a GCSE. To complete the HPQ, you must sign up to this EC for all three terms in Year 10. In the first term, you will be taught a range of skills including how to plan, complete and analyse practical work and will then decide on the title of your project yourself. You can investigate any aspect of science, for example marine biology, forensics, astronomy or the history of science. In the second and third terms, you will either collect your own experimental data or source secondary data published by other scientists and then analyse this data to make conclusions. Finally, you will present your project's findings, for example by producing a scientific report or recreating a practical demonstration from history. Throughout the course, you will be expected to complete some independent work in your own time and to keep a log of everything that you do.

Are you a budding scientist in Year 10 eager to dive deeper into the world of discovery? Our Practical Science Higher Project Qualification (HPQ), offered as part of our enriched curriculum programme, is your chance to earn a formal qualification equivalent to half a GCSE while exploring your scientific passions! To complete this exciting qualification, you'll need to commit to this EC for all three terms of Year 10.

In the first term, we'll equip you with essential scientific skills. You'll learn how to meticulously plan experiments, effectively conduct practical work, and rigorously analyse your findings. The best part? You get to choose the title of your project yourself, giving you the freedom to investigate any scientific area that captivates you. Whether your interests lie in the mysteries of marine biology, the intricate world of forensics, the vast expanse of astronomy, or even the fascinating history of scientific breakthroughs, the choice is yours.

As we move into the second and third terms, you'll put your learned skills into action. You'll either collect your own original experimental data or expertly source and analyse secondary data published by other scientists, ultimately drawing insightful conclusions. Your journey culminates in presenting your project's findings in an engaging way, perhaps by producing a comprehensive scientific report or even by recreating a captivating practical demonstration from history. Throughout this entire process, you'll develop crucial independent learning skills, as you'll be expected to complete some work in your own time and meticulously log every step of your scientific adventure. This HPQ is an invaluable opportunity to cultivate critical thinking, problem-solving, and presentation skills that will benefit you far beyond the classroom. Don't miss out on this chance to truly make science your own!

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Cost:** £20 to cover materials for your practical work, to be paid at the start of the course. You may also need to provide some materials, should your experiments involve a higher cost. An exam entry fee is payable in the summer term.

**Total spaces Available:** 16

**Available to Y10**



## **First Aid Training**

Empower yourself with essential life-saving skills by joining our **Basic First Aid Training** during the enriched curriculum! This vital program is designed for all students, equipping you with the knowledge and confidence to act effectively in everyday situations, whether you're participating in other EC activities, embarking on DofE expeditions, or simply navigating daily life.

We'll cover a wide range of practical content, starting with how to confidently deal with common minor injuries, from cuts and grazes to sprains and strains. Crucially, you'll learn vital techniques like Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), a skill that can make a profound difference in emergency situations. Furthermore, we'll raise awareness of common allergens prevalent in schools, helping you understand how to recognise reactions and provide appropriate initial care. This hands-on training will not only build your confidence but also foster a sense of responsibility and preparedness. Become a valuable asset to your community – sign up for our First Aid Training today and learn to make a real difference!

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Cost:** Free

**Total spaces Available:** 16

**Available to All Years**



### **Star in Next Year's School Musical!**

Love performing, singing, or just want to be part of something incredible? Then get involved in next year's spectacular school musical! We're on the lookout for enthusiastic performers ready to commit to two terms of thrilling rehearsals, all seamlessly integrated into our enriched curriculum programme. Imagine the lights, the costumes, the applause – our show-stopping performances will take place just before February half term, promising an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

Being a part of the cast means you're also committing to a few extra Sunday rehearsals in the run-up to the big show. Trust us, it's all part of the excitement and truly brings the magic to life! You'll develop invaluable acting, singing, and dancing skills, build confidence, and forge lasting friendships with fellow cast members.

Not quite ready for the spotlight? No problem at all! If you're interested in joining the talented band or becoming part of our vital stage crew, you don't need to sign up just yet. Simply speak to one of the Performing Arts staff members around Christmas to register your interest. This is your chance to contribute to a huge, collaborative production, whether you're on stage or behind the scenes. Don't miss out on the opportunity to be part of something truly unforgettable – sign up and let your talent shine!

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Cost:** Free.

**Total spaces Available:** 30

**Available to All Years**



### **Green Scene Team**

Do you have a passion for plants, a love for nature, or simply want to make our school grounds a more beautiful place? Then sprout into action and join the brand new **Green Scene Team!**

This exciting enriched curriculum initiative is your chance to directly care for and improve our school environment, all while being coordinated and led by our fantastic Eco Ambassadors.

We're looking for dedicated students who want to get their hands dirty and make a real difference. Imagine transforming neglected corners into vibrant flowerbeds, establishing a thriving vegetable patch, or creating peaceful green spaces for everyone to enjoy. You'll learn valuable gardening skills, from planting and weeding to composting and water conservation. Beyond the blossoms, we'll also be focusing on broader environmental improvements, like creating wildlife habitats, organising litter picks, and finding innovative ways to reduce our school's ecological footprint.

This club isn't just about gardening; it's about fostering teamwork, promoting sustainability, and actively contributing to a healthier, greener school community. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just keen to learn, your efforts will help cultivate a better environment for us all. Come along, dig in, and help us grow a brighter future, one plant at a time!

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Cost:** Free

**Total spaces Available:** 16

**Available to KS3 (Y7-9)**



## **KS4 Art Skills**

Are you a KS4 student with a passion for creativity? Want to truly unleash your artistic potential? Our KS4 Art Skills club, part of the enriched curriculum programme, is the perfect space for you to develop, refine, and master your artistic abilities!

This club is designed to cater to everyone, whether you're looking to simply improve your art skills for personal development or if you want to seriously hone your techniques for your GCSE course. We'll delve into a diverse range of artistic mediums and approaches, from advanced drawing and painting techniques to exploring printmaking, sculpture, and digital art. You'll receive personalised guidance to help strengthen your portfolio, tackle challenging projects, and experiment with new styles.

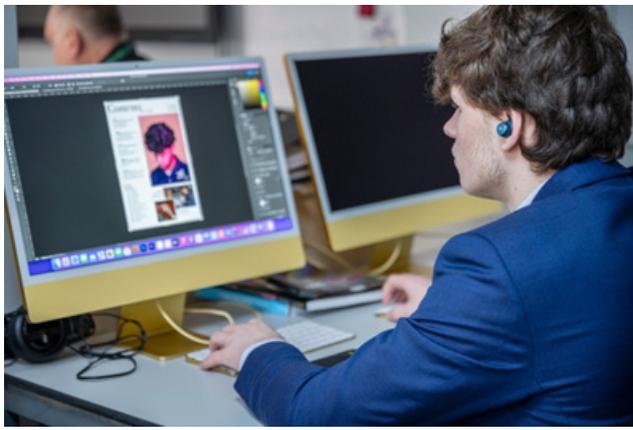
This is a fantastic opportunity to dedicate focused time to your artwork in a supportive and inspiring environment. Push your boundaries, discover new perspectives, and refine the essential skills needed to excel in art. Come along, embrace your creativity, and elevate your artistic journey with us! Sign up today and transform your vision into stunning reality.

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Cost:** Free

**Total spaces Available:** 16

**Available to KS4 (Y10 - 11)**



## **Media Club**

Are you bursting with creative ideas? Passionate about writing, photography, design, or journalism? Then Media Club is the place for you!

As part of our exciting enrichment programme, Media Club offers you the unique opportunity to take an active role in creating the school's brand-new magazine. From brainstorming content and writing articles to taking photos, designing layouts, and editing final drafts – you'll be involved in every step of the process. It's your chance to shape what gets published and have your voice heard across the school community.

Whether you dream of being a journalist, love graphic design, or simply want to try something new, Media Club gives you the tools and support to develop your skills and confidence in a fun, friendly environment. You'll work as part of a team, meet deadlines, and produce something you can be truly proud of.

No experience needed – just enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in!

**Location:** Akeley Wood House

**Cost:** Free

**Total spaces Available:** 16

**Available to all year groups**

## What Next



Now that you have seen the options available, it is time to decide what you would like to do! Please fill in the following form by the end of the day on **Friday 5th September**.

**A reminder that Skiing, Snowboarding and Climbing MUST SIGN UP BY 10th August**

<https://forms.office.com/e/NkXRgUdKSY>

Pupils will need to decide on three different activities and will be allocated one of these. Providing the forms are completed by the above date, priority of allocations will be determined in the following order:

Y7, Y11, Y10, Y9, Y8. *(If pupils do not sign up by the allocated date, they will drop to the bottom of the list).*

Providing all pupils complete the form on time (forms will have to be completed for each child so if you have two children at the school, the form will need to be completed and saved and re-done for the second child), the options allocated will be distributed on or by **Friday 12th September** . Pupils who have opted and been allocated an offsite or a paid activity, will receive a letter detailing the final costings, location and any special equipment which may be needed on the same day. Any payments will need to be made by **Friday 19th September** . If you have any concerns about the pupils activity, please contact Rebecca Wood

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