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SCHOOL



**SENIOR SCHOOL
CO-CURRICULUM
SUMMER 2026**

PGS

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CURIOSITY

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COMMITMENT

COURAGE

COMPASSION

COLLABORATION



All data in the booklet is correct at the time of publishing.

However, live information about each listing is accessible on SOCS.

All activity sign up has moved to SOCS online. Each login will be individualised so you should only see activities applicable to you and your child. This platform is also linked to their academic timetable and both sets of information will be visible on the calendar function, allowing individuals to see exactly what they have signed up to as well as any clashes.

Parents can access SOCS through [My School Portal](#). Once you log into My School Portal, you will find the SOCS icon on the home screen. After clicking on this icon, you will be taken to the SOCS homepage. Pupils can sign up to activities by clicking on the SOCS icon on [PGS Online](#). Owing to the use of the school single sign-on system, you should not need additional login details. Once logged in, you can follow the [step-by-step guide](#) which illustrates how to sign up for activities. Please note that your browser log in will need to match that of the parent/student portal in order for the single sign on to be successful.

The majority of activities are set up on a first come, first serve basis and the sign up for activities is open from now. However, should you wish to join a club that is full, please do contact the member of staff in charge of that activity to see whether additional sign ups can be accommodated.

If there are any other problems or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. (m.murray@pgs.org.uk)

Clash Management

We are keen that pupils have the opportunity to experience as many activities as possible during their time at PGS. However, at times, despite our efforts, there will be occasions when clashes cannot be avoided.

In these situations we would ask that the pupils raise any clashes with the members of staff who lead each activity at the earliest possibility. Members of staff will, as far as possible, work with the pupil, and staff members leading other activities, to achieve an agreed balance of participation. This should allow pupils to enjoy the benefits of participating in all activities concerned, as well as providing a valuable experience in compromise and self-management.

In the event that any parent or pupil feels that clashes have not been handled successfully, an email should be sent to me, Mr Murray directly (m.murray@pgs.org.uk); I can then support a review of the management of the situation and help find the best way forward.





SPORT

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www.taurus-ips.co.uk

WLLS
www.wlls.co.uk
WATER LEAK LOCATION SERVICES

General Information:

To enable pupils to further develop their skills and experiences outside of PE and Games lessons, we run a comprehensive programme of sports clubs / training and fixtures throughout the term.

Girls' and Boys' Cricket are the major team sports of the Summer Term with weekly fixtures for both. However, other sports (team and individual) run alongside these major sports on a weekly basis too, enabling pupils to do far more than just one particular sport or activity.

Sports fixtures can be viewed on SOCS (parent portal) or www.pgssport.uk, as well as in the school calendar.

Important: Pupils / parents are required to sign up on SOCS for all sports clubs / training. This is so we can register pupils and track participation rates.

Be part of the Pride and enjoy a great term of sport!



Sports Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 0730-0820				Year 7-13 Athletics 0730-0820 HMST Temeraire Track	Year 7-13 Tennis 0730-0820 Tennis Dome
After School 1600-1730	Years 7-8 Girls' Cricket 1600-1730 Hilsea Years 7-8 Boys' Cricket 1600-1730 Hilsea Year 11-13 Cricket 1600-1730 Hilsea	Years 9-10 Girls' Cricket 1600-1730 Hilsea Years 9-10 Boys' Cricket 1600-1730 Hilsea Years 7-13 Athletics 1600-1730 Mountbatten Track	Year 7-13 Athletics 1600-1730 Mountbatten Track	Years 11-13 Boys' Cricket 1600-1730 Hilsea <i>Years 11-13 Girls' Cricket 1600-1730 Hilsea</i> Year 7-13 Tennis 1600-1730 Hilsea	Years 7-13 Karate 1550-1700 Sports Hall

Sports Contacts

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Head of Cricket: Mr Scott Curwood, s.curwood@pgs.org.uk

Head of Cricket Development: Mr Jon Ayling, j.ayling@pgs.org.uk

Head of Hockey: Mr Will Gammon, w.gammon@pgs.org.uk

Head of Netball: Miss Robyn Tourino, r.tourino@pgs.org.uk

Head of Tennis: Mr Steve Hawkswell, s.hawkswell@pgs.org.uk

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e.seddon@pgs.org.uk

Sports Administrator: Mrs Helen Grist, h.grist@pgs.org.uk

Sports Coach: Mr Robbie Allsopp, r.allsopp@pgs.org.uk





NAVY SECTION - Mr Bristow

The Royal Navy section of the Combined Cadet Force will develop your leadership skills as well as your independence, endurance and resourcefulness. You will learn about the Royal Navy's ethos, traditions and, of course, spend time on the water.

Day - Monday, 1545-1715

Location - Quad

Years 9-13

ARMY SECTION - Mr Kedward

As part of the Combined Cadet Force we build leadership skills into all our cadets through a range of 'green' activities. This includes weapons training, map reading, and section attacks as just an example. In addition we provide a range of adventurous training activities and trips.

Day - Monday, 1545-1715

Location - Quad

Years 9-13

AIR FORCE SECTION - Mr Doidge

If you're a fan of aviation, developing leadership, personal responsibility and self-discipline you should join the RAF section of the Combined Cadet Force.

Day - Monday, 1545-1715

Location - Quad

Years 9-13

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh awards schemes are designed to instil and refine skills and attitudes that will help young people to develop into more well-rounded and confident adults. The elements of the award focus on skills such as teamwork and leadership, whilst challenging individuals to enhance their sense of responsibility and ability to plan and problem solve.

BRONZE AWARD - Mr Lancey

If you are interested in signing up for the Bronze D of E, please contact [Mr Lancey](#) for further details

Year 10

SILVER AWARD - Mr Lancey

If you are interested in signing up for the Silver D of E, please contact Mr Lancey for further details

Year 11

GOLD AWARD - Mr Lancey

If you are interested in signing up for the Gold D of E, please contact [Mr Lancey](#) for further details

Years 12 and 13

Outdoor Education Contacts

Outdoor Pursuits Lead and Duke of Edinburgh Lead

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Contingent Commander

Mr P Bristow, p.bristow@pgs.org.uk

SSI

Mr Lancey: j.lancey@pgs.org.uk

CCF Navy Section

Mr P Bristow, p.bristow@pgs.org.uk

CCF Army Section

Mr Kedward: d.kedward@pgs.org.uk

CCF Air Force Section

Mr Doidge w.doidge@pgs.org.uk

MUSIC





PGS has a long-standing tradition of musical excellence. Music plays a key part in the life of the school and the Music Department is an exciting, vibrant place. Music for all is a fundamental principle and we believe that taking part in a musical ensemble is important not only in developing musical skills but also in fostering a strong sense of community within the department and school. As such, there is a wide range of over 40 ensembles for all abilities and skills spanning all musical families and genres of music.

Please click [here](#) to visit the Music Department site to view all the activity that takes place.

Music Timetable - Before School

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Years 10-13 Advanced Wind Ensemble 0800-0830 Q2	Years 9-10 Jazz Collective 0800 - 0830 Rotunda	Years 7-8 Jazz Junction 0800-0830 Rotunda	Years 10 - 13 Jazz Ensemble 0800 - 0830 Rotunda	Years 7 - 13 Music Scholars Development 0800 - 0830 Q1 /Q2/ Rotunda,
	Years 7-13 Music Theory 0800-0830 Q1	Years 11-13 Lazybones (Trombone Ens) 0800-0830 PR10		Years 10-12 Brass Sextet 0800-0830 Q2	
		Years 7-11 Senior Trumpet Quartet 0800 - 0830 Q2			
		Years 6-7 Guitar Ensemble 0800-0830 PR15			
		Years 11-12 String Quartet 0800-0830 PR11			

Music Timetable - During School

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Break and Lunch	Years 7 - 13 Aural Training by Appointment 1050 - 1115 Q1, Q2	Years 7 - 13 Aural Training by Appointment 1050 - 1115 Q1, Q2	Years 7 - 13 Aural Training by Appointment 1050 - 1115 Q1, Q2	Years 7 - 13 Aural Training by Appointment 1050 - 1115 Q1, Q2	Years 7 - 13 Aural Training by Appointment 1050 - 1115 Q1, Q2
	Years 7 - 10 Fast Track Band 1310 -1355 Rotunda	Years 7-13 PGS Voices 1310-1355 Rotunda	Year 9-13 Jazz Messengers 1310-1355 Q2	Years 7-13 Percussion Ensemble 1050 - 1115 Rotunda	Years 7- 13 1310 - 1355 PGS Brass Rotunda
		Years 9-10 Bone Idle (Trombone Ensemble) 1310-1355 PR10	Year 7-9 Middle School Brass 1315-1355 Rotunda	Year 7 Rock Band 7 1300-1330 PR10	Year 7-13 Lunchtime Recital 1300-1355 Rotunda
			Year 8 Rock Band 8 1330-1400 PR10		

Music Timetable - After School

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School		Years 7 - 13 Symphony Orchestra 1550-1730 Rotunda	Years 9-13 Chamber Choir 1550-1700 Rotunda Year 9 Rock Band 9 1600-1630 PR18	Year 7 - 13 Big Band 1600 - 1730 Rotunda	Year 7 - 13 Concert Band 1550 - 1700 Rotunda

Music Contacts

Director of Music

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Head of Academic Music

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Mrs N Fretwell, Music Administrator: n.fretwell@pgs.org.uk

Brass

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Miss Brown (french horn): l.brown@pgs.org.uk

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Piano and Organ

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Strings

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Singing

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Music Contacts (cont ...)

Woodwind

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Mr Ingamells (bassoon, saxophone): n.ingamells@pgs.org.uk

Miss Heath (flute): s.heath@pgs.org.uk

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Percussion

Mr Rayner: p.rayner@pgs.org.uk

Music Website

For further details please visit the music website: <https://music.pgs.org.uk/>

DRAMA



2024-25 was a vintage year for Drama at PGS. It truly had everything - Shakespeare, rock music, a very Curious Incident, seriously funky nuns, and a servant of two guvnors that took the roof off the marquee. How do you follow that? Well, first and foremost, by trying to find the same high-quality opportunities for our wonderful performers to shine. As bittersweet as it is to see talented pupils depart, it's exciting to see so many others come through, from Year 7 (and indeed, Year 6) upwards, to replace them. It's difficult to remember a period when we've had so much dramatic potential in the school at one time. Lucky us, and lucky you.

The productions in this brochure (with audition dates, where relevant) have been chosen to entertain and challenge, and we know audiences will enjoy them. Together with House Drama, Dance Live, and other performance-related projects during the year, we think PGS has a dramatic offering to rival anyone. As ever, we hope to see you at one, some or, preferably, everything. You won't be disappointed.

Mr J F Robinson

Director of Drama

The Portsmouth Grammar School



PGS Drama Productions

The Amazing Story of Adolphus

Middle School Play - Years 7 & 8

What if the bravest hero in World War II... was a cat? Set in a sleepy seaside village in Devon during the final years of World War II, 1946: The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips tells the heartwarming and thrilling story of 12-year-old Lily Tregenza and her beloved cat, Tips. When American soldiers arrive to prepare for a massive invasion, Lily's world is turned upside down—especially when Tips goes missing in the middle of a military evacuation.

Based on the book by celebrated author Michael Morpurgo and adapted for the stage by the brilliant Emma Rice, this imaginative play blends live music, puppetry, and storytelling to bring history to life in a way that's funny, moving, and full of heart.

13th-15th May, 1900, DRT

Contact: j.robinson@pgs.org.uk

Animal Farm

Sixth Form Play

Based on George Orwell's political fable, Animal Farm follows a group of farm animals who overthrow their human owner to create an equal society. As the pigs assume leadership, ideals of fairness and freedom are slowly corrupted by power, propaganda, and fear. The play uses humour, symbolism, and strong ensemble work to explore revolution, loyalty, and tyranny. Fast-paced and thought-provoking, it offers students a challenging, engaging introduction to political theatre and physical storytelling.

17th-18th June, 1900, DRT

Contact: j.robinson@pgs.org.uk

Arts Award

The Arts Award allows pupils to develop their independent research, creative and organisational skills, individually and/or in a group, and we encourage them to be imaginative and motivated in the artistic activities they choose. The Bronze Award has been integrated into our Y9 Drama syllabus, however any pupil from Y9 upwards is able to join the programme, with Silver and Gold Awards targeted at GCSE and A Level pupils willing to involve themselves in organisation and leadership roles via school projects.

Open to 9 and above

Contact: c.martin-guruge@pgs.org.uk

LAMDA

An opportunity to participate in drama based activities that will develop your creativity, innovation and promote confident communication skills. Lessons are arranged on a rotation basis during the teaching day, with Year 9 lessons at lunch.

Open to Up to and including Year 9

Contact: michelle.smith@pgs.org.uk

Drama Contacts

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Teacher of Drama

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Theatre Technician

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LAMDA

Mrs Smith: michelle.smith@pgs.org.uk



ART

The Art and Design Department endeavours to inspire curiosity, creativity and confidence in all. We provide pupils with opportunities to experience a wide and exciting range of materials and techniques including: drawing, painting, printmaking, digital image manipulation, mixed media, sculpture, ceramics and installation.

We highly value the connections pupils make between their own work and that of other artists and designers, both traditional and contemporary. We encourage pupils to take trips to local and national galleries, such as Pallant House and Tate Modern, to give them first-hand experience of contextual sources and provide stimulus on return to the classroom.

For the last few years, the Art Department has exhibited selected pieces, created by Art Scholars and Sixth Formers, in the Jack House Gallery on the High Street as Summer Shows.



Art Homework Clinic for Years 7-8 - Mr Peebles

You can use this activity as a drop-in session, to ask for advice and collect materials that might help you improve your standards in Art.

Open to Years 7 & 8, **Day** - Friday 1300-1400

Location - O3 **Contact:** j.peebles@pgs.org.uk

Art Homework Clinic for Years 9-13

Pupils in years 9 -13 can arrange an Art Clinic on any lunchtime from Monday to Friday. This clinic depends on teacher availability. Please arrange with your art teacher.

Art Scholars - Mrs Williams

Inspire, explore, advance. (For Art Scholars only)

Day - Monday, 1545-1700

Location - O4 **Contact:** l.williams@pgs.org.uk



DANCE



Since its introduction in 2021, Dance has grown significantly at Portsmouth Grammar School. This meteoric rise has been defined by remarkable success in the regional competition, Dance Live:

2022 - The Muse - 1st place at regional heat, 2nd place at national final

2023 - Harley - 1st place at regional heat, 1st place at national final

2024 - Family Values - 1st place at regional heat, 1st place at national final

2025 - 2nd place at regional heat

This Year, we have reached the final of the Dance Live Competition 2026. Come and support the Dance Live Team at Portsmouth Guildhall, Wednesday 22nd April 2026.



CLUBS & SOCIETIES

The range of clubs and societies on offer to the PGS student is vast. We aim to be fully inclusive and to encourage all pupils to take part in activities that both excite and challenge them to achieve their full potential. Whether it's Science Club, Debating, Creative Writing, Stock Market Club or the Model United Nations there is plenty of choice available to our pupils.

There are over fifty co-curricular clubs and activities to choose from, taking place before school, at lunchtime, after school and at weekends. Pupils are encouraged to propose and initiate new clubs if their interest or talent is not represented.



Architecture Club (Year 9) - Mr Llewellyn

Design, sketch, and build exciting structures while learning about architectural styles and techniques. Collaborate on projects, explore innovative ideas, and bring your imagination to life in a fun, inspiring environment!

Open to Year 9 **Day** - Wednesday 1550-1650

Location O2, Art Department

Architecture Society (Years 11-13) - Mr Llewellyn

Delve into the ever broadening topic of architecture through student run personal and group projects, modelling, research and presentations for everyone who has an interest in the subject.

Open to Years 11-13 **Day** - Thursday, 1315-1355

Location O5 **Contact:** n.llewellyn-thomas@pgs.org.uk

Aspiring Medics Club - Mr Shields

Advice for those in Sixth Form aspiring to a medical career.

Open to Years 12-13 **Day** - Tuesday 1300-1330

Location - K3, **Contact:** m.shields@pgs.org.uk

Astronomy, Astrophysics and Cosmology - Mr McLean

Where starry minds collide!

Open to Years 7, 8 and 9, **Day** - Friday, 1300-1330

Location J5 **Contact:** s.mclean@pgs.org.uk

Athena Society - Mr Vincendeau

Academic extension for pupils in Years 9 to 11.

Open to Years 9-11, **Day** - Monday, 1305 - 1355.

Location - A2, **Contact:** g.vincendeau@pgs.org.uk

Board Games Society- Mr Andrews

Come and play a variety of strategy, area control and campaign games – examples include Catan, Imperial and Acquire. This activity promotes thinking skills, performing in a competitive scenario and team working: a sociable and spirited way to spend your lunchtime!

Open to all

Day - Monday, 1305-1355

Location - SF5, **Contact:** j.andrews@pgs.org.uk

Book Club - Middle School - Mrs Digby

Exploring and discussing books and the topics that arise from our reading.

Open to Years 7 & 8 **Day** - Monday, 1330-1355 **Location** - Project Room, **Contact:** j.digby@pgs.org.uk

Book Club - Senior School - Mrs Waterhouse & Mrs Digby

Discussion of literature and the topics that arise from our reading.

Open to Years 10 - 13 **Day** - Wednesday, 1330-1355 **Location** - Project Room, G Block

Contacts: j.digby@pgs.org.uk, a.waterhouse@pgs.org.uk

Book Club - Year 9 - Mrs Waterhouse

Exploring and discussing books and the topics that arise from our reading.

Open to Year 9 **Day** **Friday**, 1300-1355 **Location** - Project **Room**, G Block, **Contact:** a.waterhouse@pgs.org.uk

Chemistry Extension Club - Dr Smith

Exploring challenging problems from academia and 'real world' chemistry.

Open to Years 9-11 **Day** - Monday, 1300-1345

Location - K6, **Contact:** martin.smith@pgs.org.uk

Chemistry Olympiad Club- Dr Smith

Exploring challenging, 'beyond A Level' problems from academia and 'real world' chemistry.

Open to Years 12-13, **Day** - Thursday, 1315-1355

Location - K6, **Contact:** martin.smith@pgs.org.uk

Chess Club - Miss Thomas

If you like a game of strategy and fighting a tactical battle then come and join the chess club. Whether you want to improve your skills or are a novice and would like to learn the game - all are welcome. This will also be a great opportunity for you to prepare for the Middle School House chess competition.

Open to all

Day - Thursday, 1305-1330

Location - 3002, **Contact:** k.thomas@pgs.org.uk

Christian Union † - Dr Richmond

The Christian Union welcomes all Christians to meet together to worship, share food and read the bible together. There will also be occasional talks on Christian topics. Those pupils who are not Christians but have questions about the Christian faith are welcome to come along.

Open to Years 7-13

Day - Thursdays, 1320-1350. Various lunchtimes depending on groupings.

Location - A0 **Contact:** r.richmond@pgs.org.uk

Council of Portsmouth Students (CoPS) Mr Valente

The Council of Portsmouth Students (CoPS) is a city-wide student forum facilitated by the organization UNLOC, which connects students from various schools and colleges across Portsmouth to voice their ideas and concerns. Students work together to address issues, develop solutions, and drive improvements in their educational experience and the wider community. CoPS helps students become local changemakers by providing a platform to develop leadership skills and implement positive changes on important topics like mental health, climate change, and diversity.

Open to Years 8-9, **Day** - Friday **Week B**, 10:50-11:50

Location - G3, **Contact:** j.valente@pgs.org.uk

Climbing Club

Come to the Sports Hall for a session on the climbing wall.

Open to Years 7-13, **Day** - Tuesday, 1300-1400

Location - Sports Hall, **Contact:** j.lancey@pgs.org.uk

Creative Writing Club - Mrs Kirby

Opportunity for pupils to share their creative work with peers.

Open to Year 10-13, **Day** - Friday Week A, 1330-1400

Location - G0, **Contact:** e.kirby@pgs.org.uk

Craft Club - Mrs Leighton-Smith

Come along and take part in range of crafting activities including diamond painting, jewellery making, pebble painting and more!

Open to Year 7-8, **Day** - Monday, 1315-1355

Location - MSCR, **Contact:** k.leighton-smith@pgs.org.uk

Dance Live- Mr MacFarlane

PGS Dance Live is an exciting event in the school calendar. Pupils come together to put on a seven minute dance and drama spectacular complete with costumes, props, and lighting and compete against other schools at Portsmouth Guildhall in this national competition.

Open to Years 7-13

Day - Tuesday after school, 1600-1730. Various lunchtimes depending on groupings.

Location - DRT/ Dance Studio

Debating Society - Mr Vincendeau

An opportunity to develop thinking and public speaking skills whilst considering some key issues in society, with the prospect of internal and external competitive debates, such as the prestigious Schools' Mace national competition.

Open to Years 11 and above (open to Year 10 by invitation)

Day - Wednesday, 1320 - 1355

Location - A2 **Contact:** g.vincendeau@pgs.org.uk

Discourse Society - Mrs Burkinshaw

A society to promote academic discussion and collaboration, emphasising furthering thinking skills and knowledge. Sessions will revolve around a discussion on a stimulus, going above and beyond our A-Level studies, aiming to organise student/teacher speakers.

Open to Years 12-13

Day - Friday, 1330-1355, **Location** - G4

Contact: s.burkinshaw@pgs.org.uk

Diversity & Inclusion - Mrs Ryan

PGS D&I (Diversity and Inclusion) is the umbrella society aimed at promoting equality at and beyond PGS. We are looking for pupils committed to learning about and celebrating diversity at PGS ensuring that we create an environment where all pupils feel they belong and can thrive.

If you are interested in diversity or more specifically race, religion, gender, sexuality, neurodiversity, ableism and more please do come along on Friday lunchtimes in M6. Everyone is welcome.

Day Friday, 1300-1400 **Location** - M6

Contact: l.ryan@pgs.org.uk

Electronics Club - Mr Herbert

Learning to build electronic devices.

Open to Years 7 - 8

Day - Thursday, 1300-1330

Location - J1, **Contact:** j.herbert@pgs.org.uk

Girls Coding- Mr Stayte

No boys allowed! Want to learn and experiment with coding without the boys? Then come along to Girls Coding to enhance your skills.

Open to girls in all year groups

Day - Friday, 1300-1330

Location - 3022, **Contact:** h.stayte@pgs.org.uk

History Film Club - Mrs Neil

Come and enjoy your Friday lunch with a variety of student chosen historical movies and analyse their provenance. You're welcome to bring lunch and friends.

Open to Years 12 - 13

Day - Friday, 1305-1355

Location - M6, **Contact:** n.neil@pgs.org.uk

History Tapestry Club - Mrs Neil

Have you ever looked at the Bayeux Tapestry and thought I could do better? Here is your chance. Depict the famous faces and events from history in a creative wall display. Create, draw, stencil, paint or sew your way through time.

Open to Years 7 - 9

Day - Tuesday, 1300-1400

Location - M6, **Contact:** n.neil@pgs.org.uk

Karate – Mrs Windebank

Karate is a fantastic sport and, as a Martial Art, encourages pupils to exercise self-discipline and control and refined movements.

Open to all

Day – Thursday 1530 – 1620, Friday, 1620–1700 (Senior School)

Location – DRT

Cost – £90 (plus £40 insurance for new students), £20 renewal **Contact:** m.murray@pgs.org.uk

Note: On SOCS, this Club is listed under the category '07: Combined JS and SS Activities.'

Literature and Language University Preparation – Mr Burkinshaw

This will help all pupils considering applying for Literature, Language, Humanities or Liberal Arts courses at university. It will also be of interest to anyone keen to develop their critical thinking skills. We will be exploring and discussing texts from a variety of cultures and eras, analysing and interpreting poetry, prose, art and film in a collaborative and creative way that encourages a spirit of independent intellectual enquiry at undergraduate level.

Open to Years 10–13 **Day** – Thursday 13.15–14.00.

Location: G2 **Contact:** j.burkinshaw@pgs.org.uk

Law Society – Mr Taylor

Introduction to law, legal issues and ideas. A variety of activities and discussions relating to current topics of interest.

Open to Years 10–13. **Day** – Week A, Friday, 1300–1330 and as advertised on Law Society Classroom. Contact Mr Taylor if you are not already a member of this classroom.

Location – G2, **Contact:** s.taylor@pgs.org.uk

Lego Club – Ms White

Join the ultimate LEGO Club! Build, create, and explore with fellow brick enthusiasts. Fun challenges, teamwork, and endless creativity await.

Open to Years 7–8 **Day** – Thursday 1330–1350 **Location** 1026

Contact: e.white@pgs.org.uk

Linguistics Olympiad - Ms Martinez-Cervera

Love puzzles, patterns, or cracking codes? Join the Linguistics Olympiad Club! Open to all year groups, we'll explore the mysteries of languages from across the world, tackle code-breaking style challenges, and sharpen our detective skills. Whether you're curious about how languages work or just enjoy solving tricky problems, this is the place for you—plus, you'll get the chance to compete in the national Linguistics Olympiad!

Open to Years 9-13 **Day** - Tuesday, 1330-1355

Location - G3, **Contact:** c.martinez-cervera@pgs.org.uk

Literary Society - Ms Hart

Pupils and teachers meet each week to explore all things literary, from the rise of gothic to 80th anniversary of the Moomins. Talks are led by teachers, pupils, and external academics, and trips run throughout the year for regular attendees.

Open to Years 9-13 **Day** - Thursday, 1330-1355

Location - G3, **Contact:** b.hart@pgs.org.uk

Mathematics University Test Preparation - Mr Fairman

We will be focussing on preparing for the University Admissions Tests such as MAT and TMUA in the autumn term before turning our attention to the STEP exam in the spring term. It is open to any pupils who university requirements include passing one of these exams and also just enjoyable for those who love Maths at Key Stage 5 with a chance to complete some challenging problems with like minded pupils.

Open to Year 12-13, **Day** - **Thursday**, 1315 - 1400

Location - 3008, **Contact:** t.fairman@pgs.org.uk

Maths Enrichment for Years 7-8 - Mr Addyman, Ms David

If you love maths and want to improve your problem-solving skills, then this is the club for you. Great for pupils that want to prepare for the 'UKMT Junior Maths Challenge' competition.

Open to Years 7 - 8, **Day** - Wednesday, 1300-1330

Location - 3008, **Contact:** j.addyman@pgs.org.uk, k.david@pgs.org.uk

Meditation and Yoga - Mrs Wilson

Yoga and Meditation club will provide an opportunity to relax during the school day, allowing you to be at your best for all your other endeavours. The yoga section of the session will allow you to spend some time focusing on gentle postures, movement and breathing exercises, improving your physical and mental health. The meditation session will equip you with strategies to find a sense of calm and peace; especially important when navigating a particularly stressful part of the academic year such as exam season.

Open to Years 7-13

Day: Monday, 1310-1340.

Location: Dance Studio, **Contact:** m.wilson@pgs.org.uk

Mercurius Society: Stock Market, Investing and Spoofing Society

- Mr Fisher

Investment and trading portfolio strategies, games and insights with regular prizes. We are also the only society that practices the ancient and traditional game of "spooof", a game of strategy and skill with a wonderful history originating in the public schools of England.

Open to Years 9 - 13

Day - Wednesday, 1325-1400

Location - SF7, **Contact:** p.fisher@pgs.org.uk

Minerva Society - Mr Vincendeau

Academic extension for pupils in Years 12-13.

Day Friday Week B, 1320-1355 **Location** A2

Contact: g.vincendeau@pgs.org.uk

Model United Nations - Ms Bush

An International debating society that is modelled on the United Nations. It is for pupils that are interested in international relations, humanity aid, law and globalisation. Attendance of this group is highly recommended for those studying A-Level Politics and/or History.

Open to Years 7-13

Day - Tuesday, 1300-1335

Location - G2, **Contact:** f.bush@pgs.org.uk

Now Create! - Mrs Williams

Creativity, noun. 1. The use of imagination or original ideas to create something; inventiveness. Come along and unleash your creativity in a relaxed environment. 'Creativity is intelligence having fun' Albert Einstein.

Open to Year 8

Day - Friday, 1315-1345

Location - O4, **Contact:** l.williams@pgs.org.uk

PGS Amnesty - Ms Casillas Cross

Amnesty International is an international non-government organisation which stands up for human rights. Due to the nature of cases we review this club is only available for Years 9-13

Open to Years 9-13 **Day** **Friday**, 1050-1110

Location - 3025, **Contact** - a.cross@pgs.org.uk

Philosophy Society - Dr Richmond

All budding philosophers are welcome to come along and talk about the big philosophical issues of today. There is also the opportunity to look back at some of the great philosophers of the last 2000 + years and engage with their exciting ideas.

Open to Years 9 - 13

Day - Tuesday, 1550-1630

Location - A0, **Contact:** r.richmond@pgs.org.uk

Photography Club - Mr Stone

An opportunity to improve your digital photography and in particular, improving the photos you take with your smartphone. We focus on a number of different themes and also on both selecting and editing the images.

Open to Years 7-13

Day - Friday, Time 1300-1330

Location 2020, **Contact:** o.stone@pgs.org.uk

Politics Society - Mr Lemieux

Meets roughly twice a term after school to hear talks by outside and sometimes in-house speakers on topics of interest to A-level historians. We have also held overnight election sleepovers on general election nights.

Open to Years 12 - 13

Day - Thursday 1330-1400

Location - Willis Room, **Contact:** s.lemieux@pgs.org.uk

Portmuthian - Mr Valente

The Portmuthian is actually one of the oldest co-curricular groups at PGS. We are the group responsible for putting together the school's termly news magazine. If you are interested in journalism, publishing or writing, or if you like using photoshop or are good at design, then come along, or speak to Mr Valente.

Open to Years 7 - 13.

Day - Monday, 1315-1400

Location - G3, **Contact:** j.valente@pgs.org.uk



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Programming Club (Years 7-8) - Mr Stayte

Pupils get to experiment with programming and can choose what they would like to do. Pupils are encouraged to learn to program using the Micro:Bits, Python, Scratch or HTML however any development they would like to do can be supported. Open to Years 7-8

Day - Tuesday, 1330-1400

Location - 3022, **Contact:** h.stayte@pgs.org.uk

Pupil Council - Mr Bristow

Your school council is an advisory body of pupils who work together to provide ideas and opinions to support the Senior Management Team in making decision that will make the school a better place for pupils of all ages. The Whole School Council (WSC) meets termly and will feed back on the meetings held by each of the subsidiary groups: the Middle School Council (MSC), the Upper School Council (USC) and the Sixth Form Council who meet each half term. All tutor groups elect a member of their tutor group to represent them on the council during the first part of the Autumn Term.

Open to all via tutor votes

Dates: The meeting schedule is published in Classroom

Time: 1315, **Location:** Larkman Room

Contact: r.bristow@pgs.org.uk

Pupils' Uganda Group (PUG) - Mrs Titheridge

A dynamic group that supports PGS's work with Kikaaya College School in Uganda to be 'Partners in Learning'. We raise awareness, fundraise and support their academic work.

Open to all

Day - Thursday, 1050-1110

Location - 2007, **Contact:** f.titheridge@pgs.org.uk

Robotics Club - Mr Doidge

Enjoy the idea of competing in a robotics competition against other teams? If you want to learn how to build and automate robots to perform tasks where you compete against other schools then please come along.

Open to Years 9-11

Day - Wednesday, 1320-1400

Location - 3020, **Contact:** w.doidge@pgs.org.uk

Science Club - Mrs Gardner

Fun science practical experiments.

Open to Years 7-8

Day - Monday, 1300-1330

Location - K5, **Contact:** a.gardner@pgs.org.uk

Senior History Society - Mr Lemieux

Meets roughly twice a term after school (usually a Tuesday or Thursday) to hear talks by outside and sometimes in-house speakers on topics of interest to A-level historians. There is also a popular and competitive Christmas Quiz!

Open to Years 12 - 13

Day - TBC (Mr Lemieux will confirm arrangements directly)

Location - Willis Room, **Contact:** s.lemieux@pgs.org.uk

Sixth Form After School Art Club - Mrs Jay

A club for sixth form Art students.

Day - Tuesday, 1600-1730 Open to Years 12-13

Location - Sixth Form Art Room, **Contact:** t.jay@pgs.org.uk

Sixth Form Peer Mentoring - Mrs Clay

Work as a team of Year 12 pupils to support and offer guidance to younger Senior School pupils. Professional training is provided for this rewarding and fulfilling community activity. The Application process for year 12 pupils opens in October.

Open to years 12 & 13

Day - Friday 0840-0900

Location: Tutor rooms, **Contact:** r.clay@pgs.org.uk

Study - Various

All pupils are welcome to attend study every evening throughout the week.

Open to all

Day - Monday-Friday, 1550-1800

Location - Main Library

Further Information - Laptops and Chrome books will be available upon request.

Tech Club - Mrs Haigh

Come along to create some fun practical projects and improve your design skills. For health and safety reasons, the number who can attend is capped at 16. Please contact Mrs Haigh for more details.

Open to Years 7 - 13

Day - Wednesday, 1330-1400

Location - M2, **Contact:** e.haigh@pgs.org.uk

Tertulia Cultural

Open to Year 12 and 13 students, we will dive into current events across Spanish-speaking countries and share recommendations for books, films, music, and podcasts. A relaxed space to broaden your cultural horizons and practise your Spanish through real-world topics.

Location: M4 **Day:** To be confirmed **Start time:** 13:00 - 13:30

Warhammer Club - Mr McLean

Build armies, paint miniatures, and battle for glory! Whether you're a tactical mastermind or just starting, join us for epic clashes, creative painting, and thrilling strategy. Roll the dice—victory awaits!

Day - Friday 1300-1330 Room: J6

Contact: s.mclean@pgs.org.uk

Wildlife Club - Miss Poole

A club to help pupils to engage with and appreciate their environment.

Open to Years - 7-9, Day - Wednesday, 1300-1330

Location - L4, **Contact:** r.poole@pgs.org.uk

Further Information - Please bring a packed lunch and make sure you have a suitable coat if we are doing outdoor activities.

Year 12 English Seminars - Mr Burkinshaw

Seminars about English Literature to extend pupils' knowledge beyond the curriculum.

Day - Friday, 1300-1340

Location - Larkman Room / Project Room, G Block, **Contact:** j.burkinshaw@pgs.org.uk

Young Chef Club - Mr Corser

Young Chef Club focusses upon cooking flavourful food, exploring how to develop existing recipes and present dishes to feed the eyes. My vision is that by the end of the term you are developing, planning and preparing dishes of your own unique style. Each fortnight you will cook a standard dish, explore for yourself at home how to develop it and then recook the dish in your own style. Each half term we will prepare a starter, main dish and a dessert with ingredients provided for you. As the term progresses you will learn more recipes with the eventual goal to be able to compete in the National Young Chef competition, if the opportunity reveals itself to do this.

Open to Last Year's 7 Young Chefs (maximum of 6) and current Year 7 students, identified by the Food and Nutrition Teachers. For health and safety reasons, there is a maximum number of 12 who can attend. Anyone interested in this club should speak to Mr Corser.

Day - Wednesday 1545-1700 **Location** N1

Contact: r.corser@pgs.org.uk

ACADEMIC CLINICS

The school provides a wide range of Clinics within Departments throughout the week, so all pupils can request additional help with developing subject knowledge, practical and coursework skills, study skills and revision delivered by subject specialists.

Clinics are tailored to each year group so that they can be more effectively targeted to the most relevant subject content and skills being developed at the time.

Subjects being taught in specialist studios, workshops and laboratories will run their clinics in these spaces, with all other subjects running their clinics in the relevant zone for each year group.

For more information, please contact the relevant Head of Department or Head of Year.

HOUSE ACTIVITIES

House activities will be included alongside co-curricular events throughout the year. Pupils will have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities including sport, music, drama and even academic work. Other exciting events such as House Challenges and House Drama will allow pupils the environment to showcase their creativity and collaborative skills.

House identity is a central part of school life and Houses play a central role in fostering the qualities of the PGS Core. Further details of House activities will be shared by Heads of House.

House Sport usually takes place in the final week of term.





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