



Extracurricular activities – Afterschool Clubs – Autumn Term 1 2023

Watling Academy – Term 1 Afterschool Clubs		
Day	Club	Summary
Monday	<b>Boys Basketball*– Years 9 &amp; 10 only</b> <small>*A fee is payable to cover the costs of operating this club. Please visit the online form</small>	Students will have the opportunity to develop the key skills of basketball, such as passing, dribbling, shooting and defence. These skills will be developed through individual practise, drills, and games. This club will be hosted by an external coach, MK Basketball.
Monday	<b>Rugby</b>	We are very lucky to once again have Bletchley Rugby Club coaches coming to run a rugby club. This will be mostly game, and skill based with the introduction of tackling.
Tuesday	<b>Drama Club – Year 9 only</b>	This is an opportunity for students to develop their drama/improvisation skills utilising equipment and specialist teacher support. Through the participation of drama club students will gain confidence, teamwork skills and use their creativity and imagination.
Tuesday	<b>GCSE Prep Artists Club – Year 9 only</b>	Suitable for students considering choosing Art as a GCSE option and/or who have a passion for Art. Students will experiment with different art media and seek opportunities to exhibit their artwork around the school. Art media gives students the opportunity to experiment with drawing, painting, clay, photography, embroidery, printmaking and more!
Tuesday	<b>Art Club – Years 7 &amp; 8 only</b>	Half term rotation due to popularity. Students will have the opportunity to develop their art skills through using our art equipment and specialist teacher support. This is a chance for students that have a passion for art to let their imagination run wild.
Tuesday	<b>Fashion Textiles Club – Years 8, 9 &amp; 10 only</b>	Students with a passion for fashion design and textiles looking to expand their existing skills and creative flair and Y8/9 students, who are considering textiles for GCSE. We will work to a design brief, include sketch book work, textile techniques, fashion illustration, mood boards,

		capsule collection design, technical drawing, pattern cutting and manufacturing. <b>This club will start after half term (Tuesday 31st October 2023).</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Girls Basketball*</b>  *A fee is payable to cover the costs of operating this club. Please visit the online form	Students will have the opportunity to develop the key skills of basketball, such as passing, dribbling, shooting, and defence. These skills will be developed through individual practice, drills, and games. This club will be hosted by an external coach, MK Basketball.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Boys Basketball* – Year 8 only</b>  *A fee is payable to cover the costs of operating this club. Please visit the online	Students will have the opportunity to develop their key skills in football and apply these within game situations.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Girls Football</b>	Students will have the opportunity to develop their key skills in football and apply these within game situations.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Creative Writing Club</b>	This club will provide students with the opportunity to write creatively using different forms and in a range of genres.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Science Club</b>	Students will get the opportunity to complete a range of practical activities they would not usually have the chance to do in lessons.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Orchestra</b>	The orchestra is a non-auditioned mixed ensemble and welcomes any student who wishes to develop their orchestral instrument ensemble performing skills in a group. We will be playing a range of music from classical to modern pop arrangements and will be a great opportunity for budding musicians to work together. Students should be able to read and play from sheet music, but all abilities are welcome. Students interested in performing exclusively popular music should consider attending Band Development.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Band Development</b>	Band Development is an opportunity for anyone who wants to be in a band to build up their skills on guitar, bass, drums, vocals, and keyboards, as well as any other instruments. Working on popular songs from rock, pop, and hip-hop genres. Students will all work towards performing the same songs, with potential for smaller bands and groups to be formed for more independent music making.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mandarin Fasttrack – Year 9 only</b>	This course is an opportunity for Year 9 Mandarin students to further their understanding of the course. For any Year 9 students considering Mandarin as a GCSE option, attendance is strongly encouraged.

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Lego Club</b>	An opportunity for students of all ages to enjoy construction, challenges, competitions, and free building. Many students find this a pleasant way to relax. More advanced Lego engineers will have a chance to build, test and code using Lego robotic sets.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Boys Football – Year 7 only</b>	Students will have the opportunity to develop their key skills in football and apply these within game situations.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Debating Club</b>	Students will have the opportunity to develop their speaking, communication and listening skills through debate. Students will learn to create logical, factual, and ethical arguments to give their point of view but also to counter argue and challenge other ideas and views.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Netball</b>	Students will have the opportunity to develop the key skills of netball, such as passing, pivoting, moving into space, dodging, shooting, and defending. These will be developed through drills and games.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Boys Football – Year 9 only</b>	Students will have the opportunity to develop their key skills in Football and apply these within game situations.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Diversity Club</b>	The aim of Diversity Club is to bring groups together to make our school a better, friendlier, safer place for all students.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Cooking Club – Years 8, 9 &amp; 10 only</b>	This club will give students the opportunity to develop their cooking skills whilst experiencing how some of the different foods eaten here in the UK and around the world are made. It will also give them the opportunity to work with and try new ingredients. This club will also help to develop other skills such as teamwork, independence, confidence, and resilience.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons Fantasy Club</b>	This club is for students to participate in the fantasy role play game, Dungeons and Dragons. No experience required although it is greatly appreciated if seasoned players can bring their own sets of D&D dice.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Choir</b>	The choir is non-auditioned. The choir welcomes students from all year groups and all abilities. The club is for students who simply love to sing and want to improve their skills, whilst performing a wide range of styles, from choral classics to musical theatre and pop songs.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Girls CyberFirst Challenge – Year 8 only</b>	The CyberFirst Girls Competition aims to inspire girls interested in technology to pursue a career in cyber security. The competition is a team event. Each team – consisting of up to four female students in Year 8, tackle challenges from cryptography and logic to artificial

		intelligence and networking for the chance to be crowned cyber security champions. <b>This club will start after half term (Wednesday 1st November 2023).</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Boys Football – Year 10 only</b>	Students will have the opportunity to develop their key skills in Football and apply these within game situations.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Chess Club</b>	Students will get to try out the latest strategies, openings and copy the Grandmasters, testing their chess skills against other students from novice to expert.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Drama Club – Years 7 &amp; 8 only</b>	This is an opportunity for students to develop their drama/improvisation skills utilising equipment and specialist teacher support. Through the participation of drama club students will gain confidence, teamwork skills and use their creativity and imagination.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>GCSE Art Club &amp; Interventions – Year 10 only</b>	This club will be an allocated time and space for GCSE Art students to continue with their coursework in a specialist space with extended tuition. This is open to all GCSE Art students as an option but will be compulsory for those who fall behind with coursework. This is a great opportunity to see and share work with students from the other group and gain insight from other members of the Art Department Team.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Boys Football – Year 8 only</b>	Students will have the opportunity to develop their key skills in Football and apply these within game situations.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Badminton</b>	Students will have the opportunity to practice their skills of badminton and play games.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Cheerleading*</b>  *A fee is payable to cover the costs of operating this club. Please visit the online form	Hosted by external coach; MKCA (Milton Keynes Cheerleading Association). Sessions will be a mixture of gymnastics, dance, and stunting. No experience is necessary- come along to find out more about cheerleading!
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Boys Basketball* – Year 7 only</b>  *A fee is payable to cover the costs of operating this club. Please visit the online form	Students will have the opportunity to develop the key skills of basketball, such as passing, dribbling, shooting and defence. These skills will be developed through individual practise, drills, and games. This club will be hosted by an external coach, MK Basketball.

**Important information:**

After school clubs will run between 3:15pm and 4:30pm.

Students will only be able to attend the after-school clubs that their parents/carers have signed them up for using the online form. The completion of this form will provide your child permission to remain onsite until the clubs finish at 4:30pm.

There will be no clubs in the final week of Term 1, therefore clubs will run through to the **15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.

**Clubs requiring payment:**

Whilst most of our clubs will continue to operate free of charge, some clubs require additional resourcing or external staffing requirements that come at an additional cost. This will be covered by those attending the club. These clubs will be charged to cover costs and will not operate at a profit. Please refer to the [online form](#) for further details.

**School Events, Bank Holidays and Local Elections**

Occasionally there will be important events taking place that means we are unable to run our normal extracurricular schedule. We can confirm that clubs **will not operate on the following days** during Term 1:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Open Evening

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Tutor Consultation Evening