



Extracurricular activities – Afterschool Clubs Summary – Spring Term 2 2024

Watling Academy – Term 2 Afterschool Clubs		
Day	Club	Summary
Monday	Basketball*– Year 7 only <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	EM Commercial Dance* <small>*A fee is payable to cover the costs of operating this club. Please visit the online form</small>	EM Dance Coaching - Commercial is a hard-hitting dance style, requiring tons of energy and performance. It is a sassy and fun genre, teaching groove, confidence, dynamics, isolation, and performance. We use a mixture of sharp and fluid movements, to create an energetic dynamic performance, with animated expressions. It is mainly seen on stage with pop artists, and in pop music videos.
Monday	Rugby Club	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. Watling PE Department are working towards entering rugby tournaments!
Tuesday	Table Tennis – Year 8 only	We are extremely lucky to have sourced the equipment needed to offer this club, therefore this is a late addition to the spring term club offering. Students will learn key skills and play individually or in teams of two.
Tuesday	Instrumental Groups	During school musical rehearsals, members of Band Development and Orchestra will be working on continuing to develop their ensemble skills from the first term, with some musicians working with the school musical.
Tuesday	Creative Writing Club	A chance to explore different mediums and practice writing skills, with opportunities to share work and feedback.

Tuesday	GCSE Prep Artists Club – Year 9 only	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	Geography Club	New for term 2, this club will host a range of exciting geographical activities.
Tuesday	Handball – Years 9&10 only	A high action, fast, team sport using a combination of football, basketball, and netball skills. We strongly encourage GCSE PE students to take advantage of this club.
Tuesday	Football – Year 7 boys & girls	Students will have the opportunity to develop their key skills in football and apply these within game situations.
Tuesday	Science Club	Students will get the opportunity to complete a range of practical activities they would not usually have the chance to do in lessons.
Tuesday	Lego Club	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.
Tuesday	Mandarin FastTrack – Year 9 only	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.
Tuesday	Fashion Textiles Club – Year 9 only *This club is continuing from last term and has very limited spaces available	This club is continuing from last term and has very limited spaces available. 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.
Tuesday	The Oxford University Computing Challenge (OUCC) *This club is continuing from last term and is invitation only	This club continues from term 1 and is an invitation event which encourages students who have achieved a top 10% score in the UK Bebras Challenge, to develop their skills further and produce programmed solutions to computational thinking problems.
		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

Wednesday	GCSE Art Club & Interventions – Year 10 only	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.
Wednesday	Choir	During school musical rehearsals, members of Band Development and Orchestra will be working on continuing to develop their ensemble skills from the first term, with some musicians working with the school musical.
Wednesday	Dungeons & Dragons Fantasy Club	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.
Wednesday	Girls Football – Years 8,9&10 only	Students will have the opportunity to develop their key skills in Football and apply these within game situations.
Wednesday	Cricket Club – Years 7&8 only	Students will have the opportunity to learn key cricket skills leading to playing hard ball cricket. This club will be led by an External Coach at Bucks Cricket.
Wednesday	Boys Football – Years 9&10 only	Students will have the opportunity to develop their key skills in Football and apply these within game situations.
Wednesday	Scratch Cyber Computing Challenge – Year 7 only	Students will get the opportunity to take part in the Cyber Challenge where they must create an educational resource (within Scratch or any other suitable programming language) that promotes the positive aspects of using online resources to learn, for schoolwork and social interactions, but also be careful to check if the information is true or false. The resource must encourage a behaviour of critical evaluation to get the best from online information and discard the fake. Students can work in pairs or teams of no more than 4.
Wednesday	Netball	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.
Thursday	Badminton *This club is continuing from last term and already has a waiting list	Students will have the opportunity to practice their skills of badminton and play games.
Thursday	Chess Club	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.
Thursday	Boys Football – Year 8 only	Students will have the opportunity to develop their key skills in Football and apply these within game situations.

Thursday	Cheerleading* *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!
Friday	Table Tennis – Years 9&10 only	We are extremely lucky to have sourced the equipment needed to offer this club, therefore this is a late addition to the spring term club offering. Students will learn key skills and play individually or in teams of two.
Friday	Boys Basketball* – Year 8 only *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.
Friday	Languages Club	An International social club bringing together and celebrating different cultures. Everyone will be welcome to socialise and practise languages via collaboration, workshops, and games. Open to motivated students willing to support each other and practice languages.

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 <https://forms.office.com/e/ux4ExEv0MR>. The completion of this form will provide your child permission to remain onsite until the clubs finish at 4:30pm.
- All Club allocations will be confirmed via the Homework function in **ClassCharts**

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 <https://forms.office.com/e/ux4ExEv0MR> 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, except for paid clubs, **will not operate on the following days** during Spring Term:

- Thursday 8th February – Year 9M Subject Consultation Evening
- Thursday 15th February - Year 9K Subject Consultation Evening
- Thursday 29th February – Year 10 Subject Consultation Evening
- Thursday 14th March – Staff Twilight Inset Evening