



Extracurricular activities – Afterschool Clubs – Autumn Term 2024

<b>Watling Academy – Autumn Term Afterschool Clubs</b>		
<b>Day</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Summary</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Basketball *</b> <b>*A fee is payable to cover the costs of operating this club. Please visit the online form</b>	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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Table Tennis</b>	Students will learn key skills and play individually or doubles.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Badminton</b>	Students will have the opportunity to practice their skills of badminton and play games.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Year 9 Boys Football</b>	Students will have the opportunity to develop their key skills in Football and apply these within game situations.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>All 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>Year 9 Drama Club</b>	This is an opportunity for students to develop their Drama/improvisation skills using our Drama equipment and specialist teacher support. Through participation in Drama club students will gain confidence, teamwork skills and use their creativity and imagination through the medium of Drama. All students who participate in this club will have the opportunity to create an improvised devised performance ready for the winter showcase before the end of term.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Geography Documentary Club</b>	The Geography Documentary Club is a group dedicated to exploring the world through film. Members gather to watch and discuss documentaries that focus on various aspects of geography, including physical landscapes, human cultures, environmental issues, and global phenomena.

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Creative Writing Club</b>	A place to share creativity and writing tips. Work on some new writing projects that include fiction and poetry. With weekly themes to encourage the imagination, and a chance to share written work and gain feedback.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Debate 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>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>GCSE Art (Tuesday)</b>	Extra time and space to work on your GCSE Art Coursework. On certain weeks specific workshop sessions will be run such as photography, silk painting, etc. and students will be made aware of when these are planned.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Textiles (start date 5<sup>th</sup> November)</b>	The club project will run over half a term and will involve designing and manufacturing a textiles product (such as an infinity scarf) and incorporating their own graphic design pattern on the fabric as well as other textiles elements. Students get to take home their product at the end of the half term project. Ideally already able to use a sewing machine demonstrating basic skill. This club will start after Oct half term and run until Christmas.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Year 10 &amp; 11 Boys Football</b>	Students will have the opportunity to develop their key skills in Football and apply these within game situations.
<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>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.
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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Lighting club</b>	Educate children on the importance of stage lighting and sound production. Teaching them how to use industry standard equipment and have the ability to light school performances.
<b>Thursday</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>Thursday</b>	<b>Year 9, 10, 11 Badminton</b>	Students will have the opportunity to practice their skills of badminton and play games.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Boys Football</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>	Chess club is for all abilities, from people who have plenty of experience with playing to those that have no understanding of the game. Everyone will be able to learn something new that they can take forward into their games and be able to play with different people as well.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Martial Arts*</b>  <b>*A fee is payable to cover the costs of operating this club. Please visit the online form</b>	This club will be hosted by an external coach, ProAction Martial Arts and Fitness. Sessions will a mixture of martial arts techniques and self-defence.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Cheerleading*</b>  <b>*A fee is payable to cover the costs of operating this club. Please visit the online form</b>	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>Thursday</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.
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<b>Friday</b>	<b>Year 9, 10, 11 Basketball*</b> <b>*A fee is payable to cover the costs of operating this club. Please visit the online form</b>	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:

- Afterschool clubs will run between **3:15pm** and **4:15pm**. *Please note: This is a slight change from previous years.*
- Autumn clubs will start the week commencing **23rd September** and conclude on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.
- Students will only be able to attend the afterschool clubs that their parents/carers have signed them up for using the online form above. The completion of this form will provide your child permission to remain onsite until the clubs finish at 4:15pm.
- All Club allocations will be confirmed via the Homework function in **Class Charts** by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**.

### Clubs requiring payment:

Whilst most of our clubs 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. If successful in gaining a place in one of these clubs you will receive confirmation inviting you to complete payment via parentmail.

### School Events

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 Autumn Term:

- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 Open Evening
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Year 11 Subject Consultation Evening
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Year 12 Open Evening
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 7-11 Academic Mentoring Afternoon