

# Senior School Co-Curricular Clubs and Activities 2024-25



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This booklet outlines the activities on offer at Solihull Senior School for the year 2024-25. Activities are divided into different areas; Academic Enrichment and Clubs/Societies, Community Relations, Music, Outdoor Education, Performing Arts (Drama and Dance) and Sport, Health and Fitness. More information about each can be found on the SOCS (Schools Online Communication System) tab on the home page of the Parent Portal. Please visit the Portal and follow links to SOCS where you will find all the relevant activities for your child. Sign up windows remain open throughout the term and we encourage the pupils themselves to join clubs and societies throughout the year, They have access to their SOCS account directly.

Please note that there may be some changes to the details in this booklet, and if necessary further information will be communicated via staff who lead these activities.

Should you have any questions regarding sign up or access to SOCS please contact [co-curricular@solsch.org.uk](mailto:co-curricular@solsch.org.uk)

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## Why get involved in co-curricular activities?

We aim to provide as varied a life beyond lessons as we can, so that our pupils not only have the pleasure of activity when they are young, but also find and develop essential skills which will form a vital part of their adult lives. The varied co-curricular provision allows pupils to find their voice and push themselves to do things they never thought possible both inside and outside the classroom. At Solihull we believe that the lessons you learn when you step onto stage for the first time, climb a mountain you didn't think you could summit, debate a thorny issue or lead a choir of Prep School pupils, are as powerful as any lesson you learn in a classroom. We encourage and actively support academic curiosity and debate, and an appreciation of the Arts. We also want our pupils to leave Solihull leading fulfilling, active lifestyles.

From Dance to Pi Club, from Equity Group to Eco Council, there are a huge range of clubs, teams and societies. We want pupils to embrace joyful failure, to try things and love them, to listen and to lead. We want them to have ambition and to take hold of the opportunities on offer. We firmly believe that the co-curricular life of the school provides opportunities in abundance to help do this.



**academic  
enrichment  
& societies**



**community  
relations**



**music**



**outdoor  
education**



**performing  
arts**



**sport**

# Senior School Clubs and Activities

## & academic enrichment societies

### Academic Loynton Lecture Series

#### **All**

Academic Enrichment talks run approximately twice per half term. These 30-minute talks are designed to showcase the wider academic life of the school and ignite the pupils' intellectual curiosity. The talks are delivered by a range of internal and visiting guest speakers and focus on a diverse and exciting range of topics, from 'Presidential Politics' to 'Superconducting Magnets' and 'The History of Solihull School: 1560 – 2024'. Details of upcoming talks are advertised through Form Tutors and screens around school.

### Art Club: Mindful Drawing

#### **Fourth Form**

A space for pupils to explore using different mediums and also a chance for them to approach their drawing in different ways. An opportunity to be creative!

### British Sign Language

#### **Third Form**

Pupils will learn the basics of British Sign Language. This will range from learning key gestures to finger spelling the alphabet.

### Chemistry Challenge Extension Group

#### **Lower Fifth**

Pupils will be stretched with some high level chemistry challenges and discussion sessions. A lunchtime club, and one that will be sure to really develop the knowledge and understanding of this subject through practicals and high level questioning.

### Chess

#### **All**

A weekly club that allows pupils to develop their game play. Inter school matches are also played during the course of the year, which can sometimes take place virtually. Chess is a popular club, with school fixtures planned (both virtually and in person) and House Chess being a highlight of the year!

### Classics Society

#### **All**

Events as advertised, including guest speakers and a trip to the British Museum! An opportunity to explore the world of classics in depth and detail.

## Computing

### Lower School

A weekly lunchtime club where pupils can explore coding and other aspects of computing. This will be advertised in the Easter term.

## Creative Writing

### All

Within Creative Writing, pupils have the opportunity to explore forms of writing outside of lessons and build on a range of creative writing skills.

## CREST Science Award

### Fourth Form to Lower Sixth

CREST Silver Awards are designed to stretch pupils and enrich their STEM studies. Pupils develop their own project idea and gain in-depth experience of the scientific method or engineering design process. CREST Silver has been shown to improve GCSE grades, promote continued interest in STEM subjects and can be used to enhance students' UCAS personal statements. Pupils who gain a Silver Award receive a personalised certificate.

## Debating Society

### All

Debating is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to test out their ideas, formulate arguments and practice their communicative and persuasive skills. Many competitions are entered throughout the year, with teams often achieving national level rankings. This open discussion group explores challenging ideas and develops debating skills. It is an excellent opportunity for all pupils to engage in (of course!) debate, but also to develop confidence in themselves and their abilities.

## Dungeons and Dragons

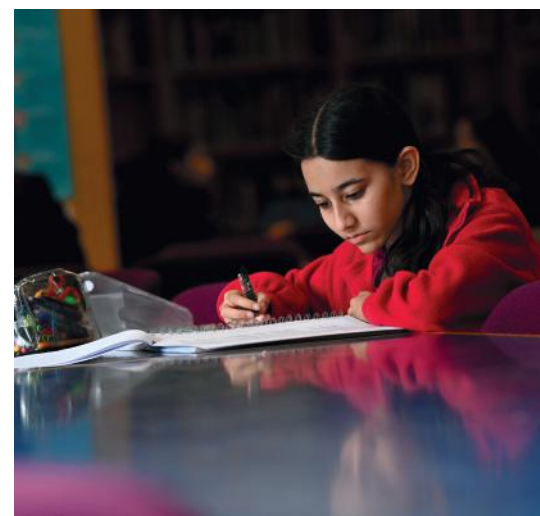
### Third Form and Shell Form

A pupil-led, cooperative game where pupils take on different roles and characters within a story whilst trying to complete different quests.

## Econ Society

### All

This is a society run and driven by the pupils. External speakers and a variety of engaging and stretching topics are discussed. Events are as advertised, and whilst mainly aimed at Sixth Form Economists, the sessions are open to all.



# Senior School Clubs and Activities

## & academic enrichment societies

### **Engineering and Science**

#### **Lower School**

The Engineering and Science Club runs once a week and completes a range of activities from fun science experiments to mini engineering projects that take place over a number of weeks. Many of these projects make use of Technical Lego and it also allows for some quite complex projects to be completed. Fostering a sense of problem-solving and team work throughout!

### **English Society**

#### **All**

Running lectures and events throughout the year, this group is open to all. Visiting speakers, poetry discussions and literary appreciation form part of this society's events.

### **Experimental Drawing**

#### **Fourth Form**

Different mediums and techniques will be explored in this lunchtime club for Fourth Form pupils. A relaxing, focused and mindful space for pupils to enjoy being creative.

### **Film Club**

#### **All**

If you love a movie, are a bit of a film buff, and want to connect with others who feel the same, this is the lunchtime club for you! Pupils watch a relevant, topical movie, and vote on the next film. Popcorn not included!

### **Gardening**

#### **Shell Form and Fourth Form**

Pupils will be involved in the upkeep and maintenance of the school's eco garden. They have a chance to grow, harvest and cook their own produce over the course of the year and experience the wonderful world of nature!

### **Greek GCSE**

#### **Fourth Form and Lower Fifth**

Run off timetable, this is a challenging course for pupils. It is delivered by our Classics Department and provides pupils with a terrific opportunity to explore the language and culture of this fascinating subject.

### **Growing Club**

#### **All**

Pupils use their green fingers to cultivate the school's vegetable garden.

## History and Politics Society

### All

Book reviews, discussion groups and extension activities form part of this society's activity. Pupils have the opportunity to enter writing competitions, creative challenges and a trebuchet competition at various points throughout the year! A History Extension group also runs during lunchtime for those pupils thinking of studying the subject at university. Marginal Gains, the school Politics magazine is produced each half term featuring thought provoking articles from current Politics students.

## Knit and Natter

### Lower School

No experience necessary, Reverend Rachel will teach or help you to knit and/or crochet whilst enjoying each other's company.

## LAMDA\*

### Fourth Form upwards

This is an external examination that looks to develop pupil's confidence and experience in speech, communication and/or performance. It is an internationally recognised award and pupils that have taken part have really valued the experience.

## Lego Club

### Lower School

Pupils have the opportunity to be creative with Lego whilst completing different small tasks and projects.

## Mandarin

### Lower School

Pupils have the opportunity to learn Mandarin at beginner's level. They will also be introduced to Chinese culture through fun activities.

## Middle School Book Club

### Lower and Upper Fifth

Pupils meet once a half term for a relaxed and informal discussion on a range of novels - old and new. There are opportunities for pupils to select what is read, with the focus being on a passion for reading and literature.

## Minecraft

### Third Form

Minecraft Club gives pupils the opportunity to play the Minecraft education edition strategy game.



# Senior School Clubs and Activities

## & academic enrichment societies

### **Olympiad Preparation**

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#### **Various year groups, Maths and Sciences**

Both Maths and Science train and enter a variety of different Olympiads across the year. Staff will communicate with pupils directly regarding when and where they take place. An opportunity to really hone in and extend mathematical and scientific thinking.

### **Philosophy**

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#### **Lower and Middle School**

This space provides pupils with the opportunity to discuss and analyse key philosophical concepts. Critical thinking and constructive discussion are central to this. The pupils regularly enter the Ethics Cup, often with regional and national success.

### **Philosophy and Ethics Club**

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#### **Sixth Form**

A thought provoking activity focusing on moral principles that influence human behaviour and the study of knowledge, truth and meaning.

### **Photography**

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#### **Fourth Form**

An interesting opportunity to learn some of the basics of photography work, using digital cameras and computer software. A interesting introduction to this area of art that may be new to many pupils.

### **Pi Club**

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#### **Lower School**

Maths enrichment including solving puzzles and possible preparation for external maths competitions. A hugely popular club amongst our Lower School pupils!

### **Psychology Society**

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#### **Sixth Form**

An opportunity to explore different areas of psychology not covered in lessons - recent articles and research are all part of ongoing discussions and investigations.



## Schools Challenge Team

### All

Pupils from across the Senior School are able to join this club where lunchtime quiz training takes place. The school then competes locally in the first round of a national competition - a real test of general knowledge and quizzing skills!



## Science Society

### Lower Sixth students lead (open to all to attend)

If you are studying or are interested in Science, we would urge you to join the Solihull Science Society. The aim is for the Lower Sixth to organise talks and events (one group even produced a Science magazine) for the Whole School during the year. Previously we have had great talks by the Lower Sixth on Ecogenetics; Relativity, Black Holes, Human Genome Editing and 'what makes humans so special'.



## Scribbling Nibblers

### Third Form and Shell Form

An unmissable opportunity to eat biscuits and indulge in some creative writing!

## Solihull Young Linguists

### All

Developing an appreciation of multilingualism and how languages work are at the heart of this club.



## Spelling Bee

### Third Form and Fourth Form

The Modern Foreign Languages Department coordinate entry into this national competition every year. We again had finalists in three different competitions last year, held at Cambridge University. A fantastic experience and a really great test of linguistic vocabulary skills!



## Textiles Club

### All

Projects are varied, but include use of the sewing machines, rag rug making, macrame and many more! A great space to enjoy being creative!

## Warhammer

### All

Tabletop wargaming. Build, paint and play!

# Senior School Clubs and Activities

## community relations

### Academic Mentors

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#### Upper Fifth

Academic Mentors are Upper Fifth pupils who are subject specialists in all the Sciences, English Language and Literature and Modern Foreign Languages. They are trained in good teaching techniques and offer support with specific subject difficulties for Lower School pupils.

*For more information contact Miss Eloise Saunders at [saunders@solsch.org.uk](mailto:saunders@solsch.org.uk)*

### Community Ambassadors

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#### All

A group of pupils who work on the charitable and giving activities in the school calendar. They oversee the school wide initiatives undertaken, often researching and presenting their ideas in meetings and assemblies on this. Volunteering is a core value in our school community and we aim to ensure all of our pupils engage in this. *This group is led by Ms Dignon, Head of Community Relations [dignonc@solsch.org.uk](mailto:dignonc@solsch.org.uk)*

### Eco Action Group

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#### All

Pupils will be increasingly engaged in and be mindful of what we can do as a school and community to reduce waste, and to reduce our carbon footprint.

### Equity Group

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#### All

Senior School pupil-led initiative for anyone who is passionate about all things anti-discrimination to connect with like-minded individuals. Pupils meet a couple of times per half-term to work on projects that are a force for good in the school such as resources for tutors, assemblies and wider learning, the Equity Magazine and a whole host of other things. Members of the group will also become Equity Mentors. Whatever your passion or experience, if you believe in Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, get in touch with Head of Wellbeing and Personal Development, Mrs Rooney at [rooneyl@solsch.org.uk](mailto:rooneyl@solsch.org.uk), who will explain more about the group.

### LAFF

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#### All

Latin American Foundation is a charity that the school has supported for a number of years. Groups of pupils work with staff to arrange fundraising activities that go towards this charities work in South America.

## House Activities

### All

House activities are run throughout the year with the aim to help strengthen the sense of community spirit and to reinforce the importance of each individual pupil's contribution to whole school life and their wellbeing. A number of leadership roles are available for pupils within the system and it should also provide them with regular opportunities to exercise and to learn to value their pupil voice. Pupils are encouraged to both participate in and to support House events, with Fetherston, Jago, Pole, Shenstone and Windsor forming an important aspect of their time at school. Learning to appreciate the efforts of others is fundamental to the system and the cross year group activities should help to promote a sense of inclusivity and whole school community. The system is not solely about competition, and not all pupils may want to be in the spotlight performing, or running, or singing, for example. However, there should be a culture where pupils learn the importance of being part of a team, by learning to support their peers, to encourage others and to work behind the scenes in order to obtain a common goal. Overall, the House system aims to strengthen the school community, through enjoyment and fun.



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# Fetherston



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# Windsor

# Senior School Clubs and Activities

# music

## Aural Training

### All

Expert coaching is available to support pupils preparing for the higher grades of ABRSM music exams (grades 6-8). Pupils should be referred on by their instrumental teacher. .

## Big Band

### All

Big Band members include saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and a rhythm section. They play jazz and swing style music.

## Brass Ensembles

### All

All pupils who learn a brass instrument are invited to be part of our different brass groups, coached by a brass specialist.

## Chamber Music

### All

We enjoy a varied and high-quality programme of chamber music, such as piano duets, piano trios, piano quartets, string quartets, woodwind and brass trios and quartets, as well as mixed trios. In Chamber Music, each player has their own individual part to play, and our Heads of Instrumental Section regularly review which pupils will benefit from being part of a chamber group, then invite pupils accordingly.

## Chapel Choir / Chamber Choir

### Lower School

There are three Chapel Choirs: Boys' Choir, Girls' Choir and Chamber Choir. All three choirs prepare music for our Sunday Chapel services, along with the big 'Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols' services at Christmas. They also enjoy visits to sing in cathedrals across the country. As the choirs learn quite a bit of music quickly, places are allocated following an informal audition. *Please see Mr Alger or Mr Kermode for more information.*





# Senior School Clubs and Activities

# music



## Concert Band

### All

This is one of our largest ensembles and is open to woodwind, brass and percussion players of the set standard.

## Jazz 793

### All

Jazz 793 is a jazz improvisation group, where a smaller group of musicians are taught the skills necessary to improvise by working on a number of different jazz standards.

## Love Singing Chorally (L.S.C.)

### Third Form to Upper Fifth

This choir is open to all Lower and Middle School pupils and focuses on singing lighter secular repertoire, including songs from the shows – no audition is required. Previous singing experience is not required and all are welcome.

## Lower School Orchestra (LSO)

### Lower School

This orchestra started in the era of 'bubbling' with pupils from a single year group joining together to form a small symphony orchestra. The group has since expanded to include pupils from all Lower School with limited spaces for wind and brass, and an open invitation for string players of a suitable standard for the selected repertoire.

## Music Theory Training

### All

One-to-one or small group teaching is available for pupils who would value some additional support to prepare for their grade 5 Music Theory exam.

## Rock Bands

### All

These rock and pop style bands are coached by one of our visiting percussion teachers. *Please let us know if you are interested.*

## Saxophony

### All

Saxophony is an ensemble which welcomes all saxophone players of the required standard.



# Senior School Clubs and Activities

# music

## Senior Flute Choir

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### All

This ensemble is for our flautists. The flute choir rehearses pieces which have been specially arranged to suit a flute group.

## Senior Guitar Ensemble

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### All

This group is open to all who learn guitar; all abilities are catered for within the ensemble.

## Sinfonia

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### All

This group is a full symphony orchestra so therefore has limited spaces for woodwind and brass players, but an open invitation for string players of a suitable standard for the selected repertoire.

## Solihull Strings (String Orchestra)

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### All

All pupils who learn an orchestral string instrument and have reached the required standard will be invited to join this group, to work on a variety of classical music specially arranged for string orchestra.

## The Twelve

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### Upper Fifth to Upper Sixth

The Twelve is a small close harmony vocal group of older pupils who work with an expert choir trainer to prepare secular concert repertoire.

*Music ensembles are open to pupils who have instrumental lessons with a teacher outside school, they are not just for those having lessons in school.*

*If you have queries about co-curricular music, please speak with a member of the Music Department.*







# Senior School Clubs and Activities

## outdoor education

### CCF

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#### Fourth Form upwards

The Combined Cadet Force is open to all pupils in the Fourth Form and above: many pupils also join the CCF on entry to the Sixth Form. In the Fourth Form pupils begin some basic elements of the training, and this takes place after school on a Tuesday. In the Fourth Form and above, there are two sections, the Army Section and the RAF Section, and the organisation operate out of The Martyn Garner Building for Outdoor Education on the Field of Mars. The weekly parades take place on Monday after school and there are many opportunities throughout the year to be involved in various activities. These can include camps in the summer and at Easter, military training weekends, signals training days, shooting competitions, flying and gliding. The activities of the CCF are often linked in with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, and some of the activities can count towards the completion of an award. Due to changes in the age requirements for the CCF, Shells will have the opportunity to join the CCF in the summer term, before continuing in the Fourths should they wish to. If you would like further details, please contact *Commanding Officer of the CCF, Mr N Leonard at [leonardn@solsch.org.uk](mailto:leonardn@solsch.org.uk) or SSI, Mr P Dean MBE at [deanp@solsch.org.uk](mailto:deanp@solsch.org.uk)*

### Climbing\*

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#### Middle School and Sixth Form

Climbing is an activity offered in Senior Games afternoon, however it is also being introduced this year as an after school club. It is open to the Middle School and Sixth Form, with the aim to enjoy exploring a potentially new activity, but also for those who may already have experience in this area. Inter-school competitions are planned for the year ahead. Please contact *Head of Outdoor Education, Mr O Bate at [bateo@solsch.org.uk](mailto:bateo@solsch.org.uk) or Mr G Affleck at [affleckg@solsch.org.uk](mailto:affleckg@solsch.org.uk)* should you have any questions.





# Senior School Clubs and Activities

## outdoor education

### Duke of Edinburgh's Award\* (Bronze, Silver and Gold)

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#### Fourth Form upwards

The 'DofE' Award scheme is designed to develop a young person's independence and responsibility. Many pupils are involved at one of the three different levels. The Fourth Form is when pupils have the opportunity to enrol at Bronze Level with some pupils progressing onwards to ultimately complete their Silver and Gold Awards in the Middle School and Sixth Form. To achieve the Award a 'Volunteering', 'Skill' and a 'Physical' section have to be completed successfully along with the 'Expedition' section which involves both a two day practice and separate two day assessment, at Bronze Level. This of course increases in length and difficulty as the level of award increases. It is a hugely challenging award scheme overall, where pupils are required to show real commitment and improvement in their chosen activities for each section. Pupils are communicated with directly by Mr Bate regarding the enrolment process, and they are encouraged to take responsibility for this, and indeed throughout the rest of their award process. It is an excellent opportunity for the pupils to be front footed! The scheme is overseen by Head of Outdoor Education, *Mr O Bate who can be contacted at [bateo@solsch.org.uk](mailto:bateo@solsch.org.uk)*

### Fishing

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#### All

Run in the summer holidays, pupils can sign up and go to either Packington Fisheries or Blythe Water for an afternoon of fishing. No previous experience necessary.





## Mountain Club

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### All

During the course of the year local and regional walks are organised as part of Mountain Club.

## Terriers

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### Third Form

Terriers is a non-military organisation inside the school curriculum especially designed for pupils of Third Form age. It meets weekly for two periods on a Thursday and aims to extend the horizon of pupils by introducing them to outdoor activities which are not only of an adventurous nature, but also give an understanding of the countryside around us. In the first half of the year, pupils undertake courses for the award of a First Class Terriers Certificate. In this, various skills such as basic first aid, climbing, abseiling, map and compass work, orienteering, knots and water safety, are taught and examined. In the second half of the year pupils take part in a wide range of topics, including canoeing, camp cooking, command tasks, kite-flying, advanced climbing, safe cycling and cycle maintenance. These courses are not assessed. The pupils are taught by staff and by Sixth Form instructors.

## Snowdonia School

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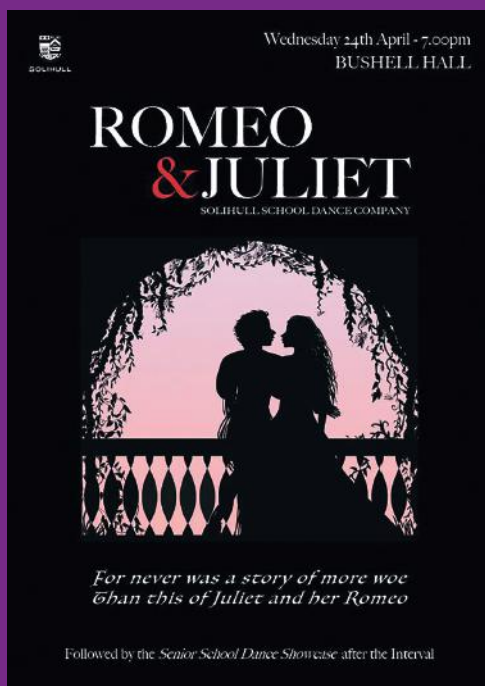
### Shell Form

Every pupil in the Shell Form attends Snowdonia School. Snowdonia School involves spending time at the Snod School, the David Fricke Mountain Cottage in Mynydd Llandegai in Snowdonia, with a group of approximately 15 other pupils. Members of staff lead the week's activities during which there is the opportunity to go mountain walking, when possible, to the top of Snowdon, visiting a castle and Anglesey, canoeing, rock climbing and visiting a local slate mine. The experience of living together in a small community away from home is also very valuable. This experience also leads into the opportunities provided by the CCF and Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme in the Fourth Form and beyond. It is an incredible week, and one that often features fondly in leavers' messages in the Upper Sixth and beyond!



# Senior School Clubs and Activities

## performing arts



## Contemporary Dance Group

### Auditioned Group

Auditioned dance piece involving pupils performing a choreographed routine. This will form part of an evening performance (usually in the Easter term) that the group will be involved in.

## Dance Showcase

### All

This is our annual evening of dance and includes performances from all Dance Society members, with group and individual pieces. It also features a fabulous range of performances from our wider pupil body, who showcase their talents in a range of dance genres that they practise outside of school. It always makes for a wonderful evening. Do please contact *Mrs J Hart* at [hartj@solsch.org.uk](mailto:hartj@solsch.org.uk) should you wish to know more, or if your son/daughter takes part in Dance outside of school and might be interested in performing.

## Dance Society

### All

Weekly sessions run with the overall focus being on the building of technique, choreography and performance skills. Pupils learn routines for the annual Dance Showcase, there is also an opportunity for GCSE and A Level students to choreograph pieces for lower year groups and showcase their work. Various different Dance groups run throughout the week, and any pupils wishing to know more should get in touch with *Head of Dance, Mrs J Hart* at [hartj@solsch.org.uk](mailto:hartj@solsch.org.uk).





# Senior School Clubs and Activities

## performing arts

### Drama Clubs / Productions

#### **All**

Weekly Drama Clubs run throughout the year for various different year groups. Pupils have the opportunity to develop their production and performance skills, with a range of different outcomes. House Drama is a key feature of the first term for the Third Form, with Sixth Form students helping to produce the shows, and further productions are then open to pupils throughout the year. Some productions are year group focused, however some, such as the annual school Musical will be cross year group with pupils from across the school community taking part. Plays, monologues, musical theatre and more are all features of the Drama Club productions, and participation is encouraged. Head of Drama, Mrs K Stafford oversees this provision, along with other specialist Drama teachers and technicians. *For further information please email [staffordk@solsch.org.uk](mailto:staffordk@solsch.org.uk).*

### Theatre Design

#### **Third Form to Fourth Form**

Pupils are able to help with set design and production. The sessions are led by specialist staff and pupils can help with the stage production process, props for shows and plays and costume design.

### The Musical

#### **Lower Fifth to Upper Sixth**

Pupils will be able to audition for the Musical. Rehearsals will be frequent, culminating in four nights of shows prior to February half term.







# Senior School Clubs and Activities

## performing arts



### Trinity Acting Lessons

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#### All

Pupils can choose to receive one-on-one tuition or paired tuition from a specialist acting and drama tutor. These lessons can be used in preparation for graded Trinity Acting exams. Should you have any questions about this please contact *Head of Drama, Mrs K Stafford* at [staffordk@solsch.org.uk](mailto:staffordk@solsch.org.uk).



# Senior School Clubs and Activities

## sports

### **Athletics (Summer Term)**

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#### **All**

Athletics Club is open to all SS pupils. Sessions take place in the summer term at both lunchtime and after school, with inter-school fixtures also an option. Participation is encouraged and pupils have the opportunity to keep active and focus on specific elements of both track and field events.

### **Athletic Development**

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#### **All**

Pupils are able to work with a specialist coach and equipment to develop different aspects of fitness to supplement their sport specific training. This is for all pupils, and is not just about lifting weights! Core strength, speed and muscle strength will be worked on in the sessions. There are opportunities to develop aspects of athletic development in pupils who are competing, or taking part in sport, health and fitness at all levels. On SOCS there are a number of age relevant sessions that are available for sign up.

### **Badminton**

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#### **Fourth Form**

Badminton Club is open to pupils of any level. The atmosphere is relaxed and informal with an emphasis on recreation, although competition is available within the session.

### **Basketball**

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#### **Sixth Form**

This will be an informal, sociable activity run during a lunchtime for the Sixth Form. Key skills and game play will be the main focus of the session.



## Clay Pigeon Shooting\*

### Senior Games Option

Clay Pigeon Shooting is a Senior Games option that is run on a Wednesday afternoon. There is an additional charge for this activity, and details regarding this and arrangements for selecting this as an option will be communicated by the Sport Department when appropriate.

## Cricket

### All

All pupils have fantastic opportunities to develop their cricketing skills with regular practices and matches against external opposition. The school has an outstanding coaching team and offers specialist batting and bowling practice sessions. Nets continue throughout the winter. This is open to girls and boys. *Please contact Head of Cricket, Mr D Maddy at [maddyd@solsch.org.uk](mailto:maddyd@solsch.org.uk) should you have any queries.*

## Cross Country and Running Club

### All

A club open to all abilities with a focus on fitness and enjoying time outdoors. Timed sessions and inter-school competitions will also form part of the season, but there is something for all levels as part of this activity.

## Fencing\*

### Fourth Form to Upper Sixth

We have reintroduced our Senior School Fencing Club, pupils enjoyed working with our external coach Mr Raph Eldis, during the course of the summer term. This is an after school club run on a Thursday in the Preparatory School Sports Hall from 4:30-5:45pm. Places are limited to 15 pupils and parents should contact Mrs H Fair at [fairh@solsch.org.uk](mailto:fairh@solsch.org.uk) should this be something that their child is interested in joining. This club is at an additional cost per term.

## Football

### Third Form and Shell Form

Introduced as a lunchtime activity during the summer term, recreational football has been a success with a large uptake.



# Senior School Clubs and Activities

## sports



### **Golf**

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#### **All**

School fixtures take place throughout the year with the support of *Dr S Hart*, for more details email [harts@solsch.org.uk](mailto:harts@solsch.org.uk)

### **Gymnastics\***

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#### **Third Form and Shell Form**

This is an opportunity to develop the basics in gymnastics and to continue to enjoy taking part in this activity. This is run by an external provider, Stardust, at an additional cost per term.

### **Hockey**

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#### **All**

Hockey is very popular and pupils have access to specialist coaches. Numerous practices and fixtures take place during Games afternoons, after school and weekends. Specialist activities run during lunchtime and may include penalty corner, drag flick or goalkeeper workshops. Details regarding specific days and times can be found on SOCS, and any further questions can be directed to Head of Boys' Hockey, *Mr C Mayer* at [mayerc@solsch.org.uk](mailto:mayerc@solsch.org.uk) or Head of Girls' Hockey *Mrs J Sixsmith* at [sixsmithj@solsch.org.uk](mailto:sixsmithj@solsch.org.uk)

### **Netball**

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#### **All**

Netball is one of the school's major games. The school has a specialist coach and pupils have the opportunity to attend lunchtime workshops and shooting practices. Practices and fixtures occur during Games afternoons, after school and some weekends. For further details of before, lunchtime and after school practices please see SOCS.

### **Rounders (Summer Term)**

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#### **All**

Rounders has been reintroduced during the summer term for all pupils and as a recreational activity.

## Rugby

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### All

An outstanding and extensive coaching team provide teaching and a range of sessions and practices. Fixtures take place most weeks, either after school and/or on Saturdays, with further details found on SOCS, and through *Head of Rugby, Mr B Richmond, richmond@solihull.org.uk*. *Girls' rugby is also growing at the school, with sessions during the week available for sign up on SOCS.*

## Shooting (School Shooting Range)

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### CCF Cadets

This is an activity led by our D of E Manager, Mr P G Dean MBE and linked to our CCF. It is held after school in the shooting range. *Any pupil interested should contact Mr Dean at dean@solihull.org.uk .*

## Ski Team\*

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### All

Focusing on dry slope training, with the aim to compete in the National ESSKIA competitions. Training sessions are held with selection for the school team taking place after this. Sessions are aimed currently at experienced skiers, but the school has strong links with the Midlands Ski Club where pupils are encouraged to gain further experience in this activity. Details regarding sessions, transport and additional charges for this activity will be communicated by relevant staff.

## Squash

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### All

Pupils can attend a supervised but informal session where they can play against each other. Coaching is offered, but the aim is for pupils to be able to explore the sport further and introduce them to the basics of the game. The school fixture list is growing and last year pupils competed in a number of different regional and national competitions.



# Senior School Clubs and Activities

## sports

### Swimming

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#### Third Form

A session is held before school at the Preparatory School pool on the Saint Martin's campus, for those Senior School pupils looking to improve their swimming. *Details will be sent to parents at the start of term..*

### Tennis (Summer Term)

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#### All

Tennis is played in the summer term with pupils able to develop their skills through after school practices. Some will also be selected to represent the school in fixtures; however, these sessions are focused on recreational opportunity allowing pupils time to play tennis with their peers in a relaxed and informal environment.







# Senior School Clubs and Activities

## Academic Enrichment & Societies

Academic Enrichment Talk Series  
Art Club: Mindful Drawing  
Chemistry Challenge Extension Group  
Chess  
Classics Society  
Computing  
Computing Ethics Discussion Group  
Creative Writing  
CREST Science Award  
Debating Society  
Econ Society  
Engineering and Science  
English Society  
Film Club  
Gardening  
Greek GCSE  
History and Politics Society  
LAMDA\*  
Mandarin  
Middle School Book Club  
Minecraft  
Olympiad Preparation  
Philosophy and Ethics  
Photography  
Pi Club  
Psychology Society  
Schools Challenge Team  
Science Society  
Scribbling Nibblers  
Solihull Young Linguists  
Spelling Bee  
Textiles  
Warhammer

## Community Relations

Academic Mentors  
Community Ambassadors  
Eco Action Group  
Equity Group  
House Activities  
LAFF  
Peer Mentors  
School Council  
Wellbeing Buddies

## Music

Aural Training  
Big Band  
Brass Ensembles  
Chamber Music  
Chapel Choir / Chamber Choir  
Concert Band  
Jazz 793  
L.S.C. (Love Singing Chorally)  
Lower School Orchestra (LSO)  
Music Theory Training  
Rock Bands  
Saxophony  
Senior Flute Choir  
Senior Guitar Ensemble  
Solihull Strings (String Orchestra)  
The Twelve

## Outdoor Education

CCF  
Climbing\*  
Duke of Edinburgh's Award\*  
Mountain Club  
Terriers  
Snowdonia School

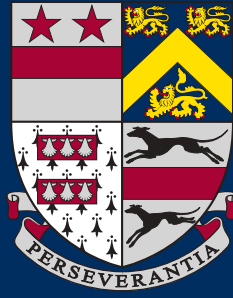
## Performing Arts

Contemporary Dance Company  
Dance Showcase  
Dance Society  
Drama Clubs and Productions  
Theatre Design  
The Musical  
Trinity Drama Examinations\*

## Sport

Athletics (Summer Term)  
Athletic Development  
Badminton  
Basketball  
Clay Pigeon Shooting\*  
Cricket  
Cross Country and Running  
Fencing\*  
Football  
Golf  
Gymnastics\*  
Hockey  
Netball  
Rounders (Summer Term)  
Rugby  
Shooting (School Shooting Range)  
Ski Team\*  
Squash  
Swimming Club  
Tennis (Summer Term)

*Activities marked with a \* are provided by external individuals / groups, and are billed to parents separately, as they require additional payment.*



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