



SOLIHULL

Senior School Co-curricular Clubs & Activities

2025 - 26



AMBITION - OPPORTUNITY - COMMUNITY



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At Solihull, pupils aged 11-18 are encouraged to aim high, think boldly, make the most of every opportunity and try something new - whether that's in a science lab, on the stage, on the pitch, or out in a field!

Our curriculum blends academic depth with creative freedom, leadership development and personal growth. Sport plays a central role in school life, promoting teamwork, resilience and healthy ambition. Outdoor education challenges pupils to push boundaries, solve problems and build confidence beyond the classroom.

In a culture of ambition and surrounded by a supportive, vibrant community, our pupils leave us not only well-qualified, but energised, grounded, and ready to thrive in whatever they do next.

This booklet outlines the activities on offer at Solihull Senior School for the year 2025-26. Activities are divided into different areas; Academic Enrichment, Community Relations, Music, Outdoor Education, Performing Arts (Drama and Dance) and Sport.

We encourage our pupils to select and join clubs themselves throughout the year and they have access to their SOCS account.



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Over 130

clubs and activities

200+



**Trips, visits
& workshops**

65 +



sporting sessions



**More than
40**

chances to perform



**80 academic
opportunities**



40 +
*Music
options*



+ 1,100 
pupils involved



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Academic enrichment is central to the learning experience. A wide variety of subject-specific clubs, societies, and extension programmes encourage pupils to go beyond the curriculum and explore their academic interests in greater depth. From Science and Engineering Clubs to Philosophy and Ethics, Pi Club and creative writing groups, these activities foster intellectual curiosity and critical thinking. Pupils are supported in national competitions such as the UK Maths Challenge, Science Olympiads, and essay prizes, while our Scholars' Programme provides tailored opportunities for the most academically ambitious pupils, including university-style seminars, guest lectures, and Oxbridge preparation.

Beyond clubs and competitions, academic enrichment at Solihull is enhanced through carefully curated experiences such as field trips, lectures, and day visits. Sixth Form students attend external conferences, visit universities, and take part in leadership and research initiatives that broaden their academic horizons and prepare them for life beyond school.

Across all year groups, enrichment activities are designed to inspire independent thinking and a lifelong love of learning, reflecting the school's commitment to academic excellence and personal development.



Chess
Chemistry Olympiad
Classics Society
Clinics and Societies (Ad-hoc)
Coding
Connections Club
CREST Bronze and Silver Awards (Science)
Cyber Club
Debating
Experimental Drawing
Film Club
Girls into Finance
Knit and Natter
LAMDA
Lego & Coding
Loynton Lecture Series
MFL Spelling Bee
Model United Nations
Philosophy and Ethics
Pi Club (Maths Enrichment)
Science and Engineering
Scribbling Nibblers
Textiles
Touch Typing
Warhammer

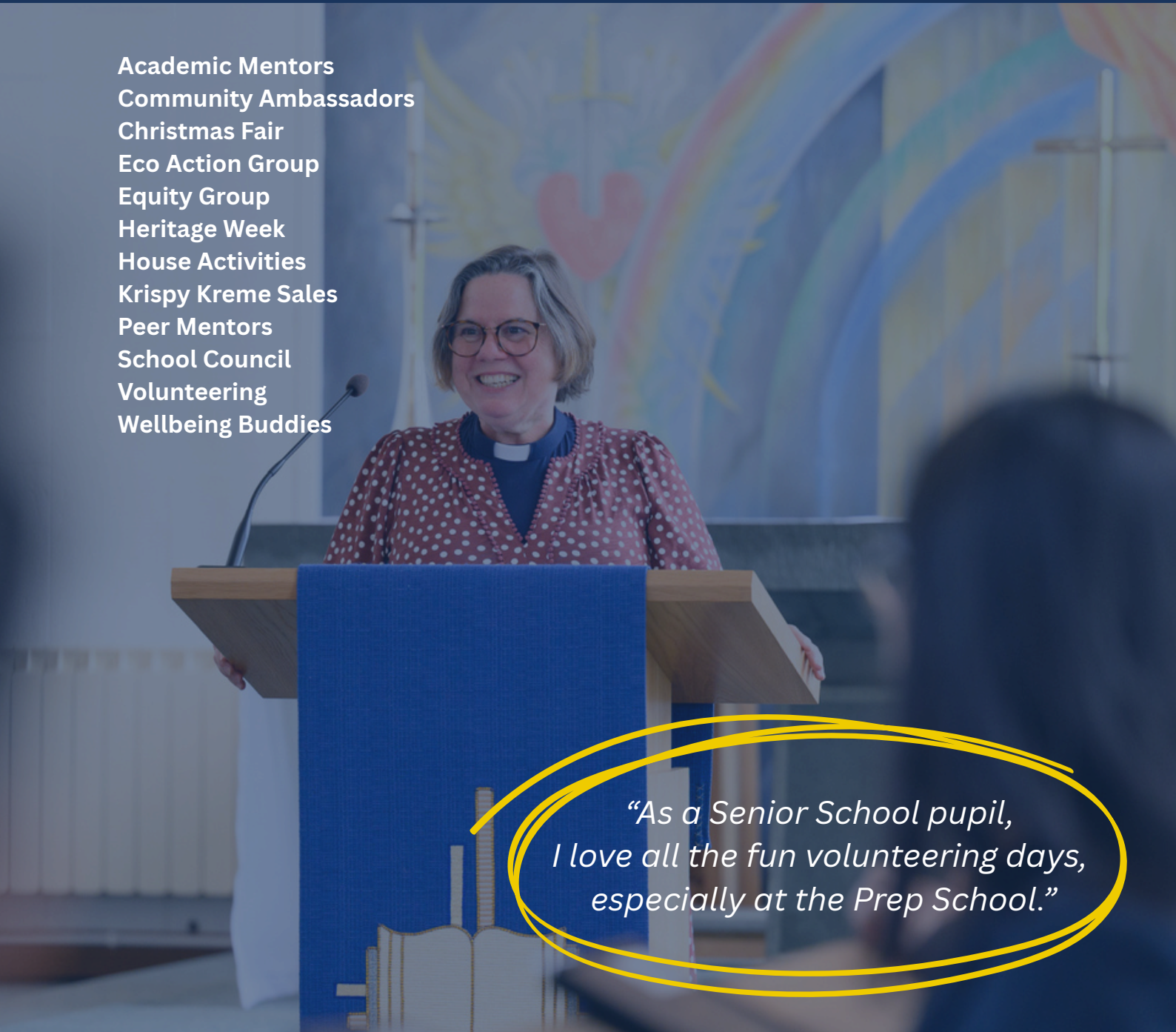
"Winning the Regional Finals of the Spanish Spelling Bee!"



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

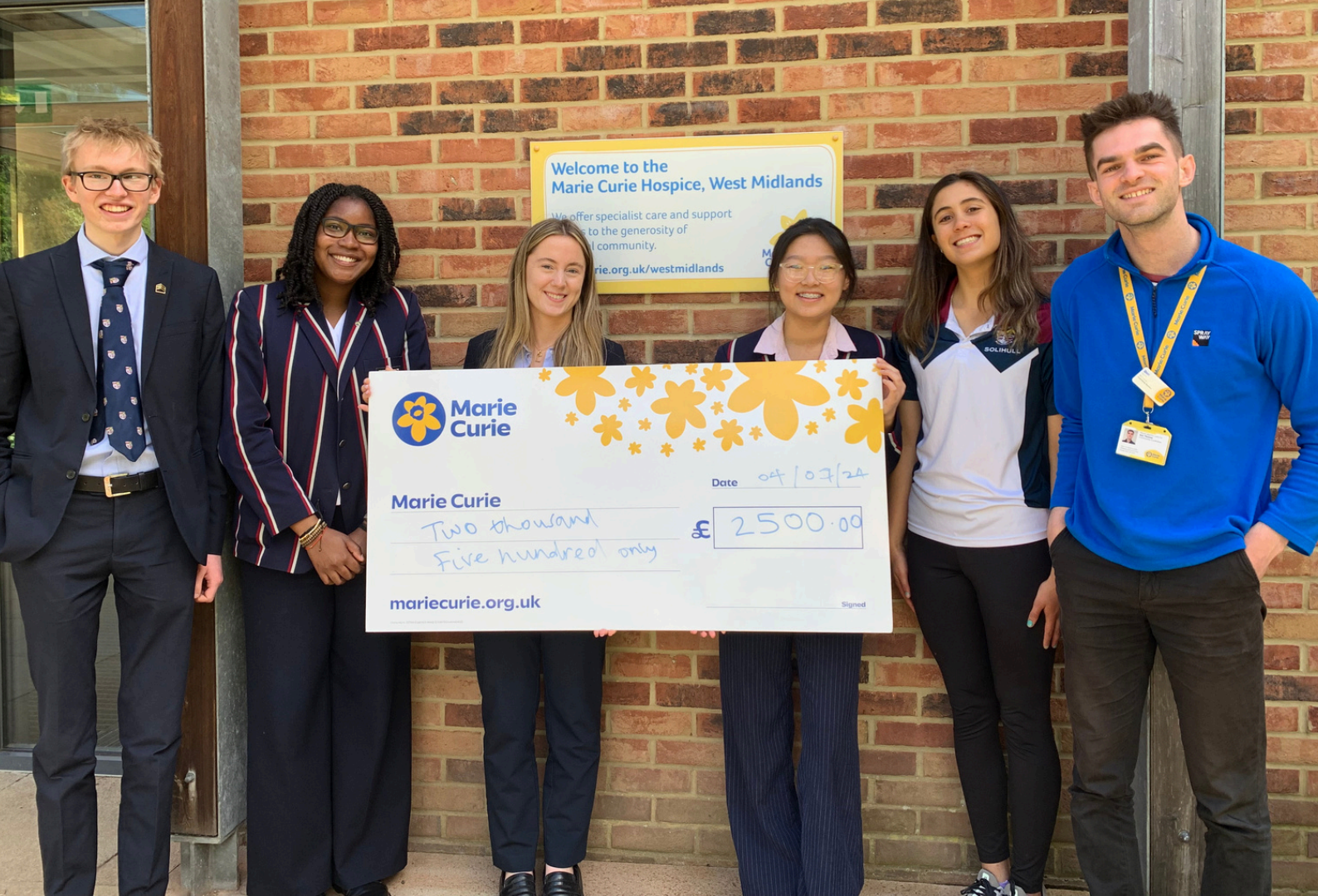
Community spirit is a defining feature of life at Solihull School, with pupils of all ages actively engaged in service, outreach, and charitable initiatives. Through partnerships with local schools, care homes, and community organisations, pupils take part in meaningful volunteering projects that nurture empathy, responsibility, and leadership. Whether helping with literacy programmes, organising food bank collections or supporting litter picks, pupils learn the value of giving back and making a difference in the lives of others.

Charitable fundraising is embedded in the school culture, with House events, whole-school campaigns, and pupil-led initiatives raising substantial sums each year for local, national, and international causes. Through fun, creativity, and purpose to the school community unite for a common cause. These experiences help pupils develop a strong moral compass and a deep appreciation of their role in society, both now and in the future.



- Academic Mentors
- Community Ambassadors
- Christmas Fair
- Eco Action Group
- Equity Group
- Heritage Week
- House Activities
- Krispy Kreme Sales
- Peer Mentors
- School Council
- Volunteering
- Wellbeing Buddies

*“As a Senior School pupil,
I love all the fun volunteering days,
especially at the Prep School.”*



MUSIC

Music thrives at Solihull School, with opportunities for all pupils to participate, perform, and flourish. The school boasts an outstanding Music Department, a team of specialist instrumental and vocal tutors, and a vibrant programme of ensembles that cater to a wide range of interests and abilities. From choirs and orchestras to jazz bands and chamber groups, there is a place for every pupil to explore their musical talent.

Concerts, competitions, and tours - both local and international - provide regular platforms for performance, while academic musicians benefit from masterclasses, workshops, and expert coaching. Music is central to school life, enhancing assemblies, services, and key calendar events. Whether pursuing music as a passion or a potential career path, pupils at Solihull are immersed in a culture of excellence, creativity, and joyful expression.



Aural Training
Big Band
Brass Ensemble
Chamber Music (e.g. piano duets, piano trios, string quartets)
Chamber Orchestra
Chapel Choir (Boys' Choir, Girls' Choir, Chamber Choir)
Concert Band
Flute Choir
Go Vocal! (Choir)
Guitar Quartet
Guitar Ensemble
Jazz 793
Music Theory Training
Rock and Pop Bands
Saxophony
Sinfonia
String Orchestra
Vox Works (Choir)

"The Music staff have created a passion and love for music that will remain with me for life."



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Outdoor Education at Solihull School is an integral part of developing resilience, teamwork, and leadership across all age groups. The school's rich programme includes activities such as climbing, canoeing, orienteering, and mountain walking, enabling pupils to build confidence through adventure. Our dedicated outdoor facilities and strong links with national parks and outdoor centres allow for authentic and challenging experiences in nature.

From the Terriers programme in Year 7 and the Snowdonia School residential in Year 8 to the early stages of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Year 9 through to Gold expeditions in the Sixth Form, pupils are encouraged to embrace the outdoors as a space for personal growth.

Outdoor Education is more than just exploration - it is a vital element of the school's commitment to promoting independence, a healthy sense of challenge and developing courageous young people.

CCF
Climbing
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze/Silver/Gold
Fishing
Mountain Club
Snowdonia School
Terriers

A photograph of three students in CCF uniforms, wearing blue berets and holding red poppies. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. A red oval highlights a quote from a student.

"Snowdonia School was one of the best trips! I enjoyed my time with my set so much."

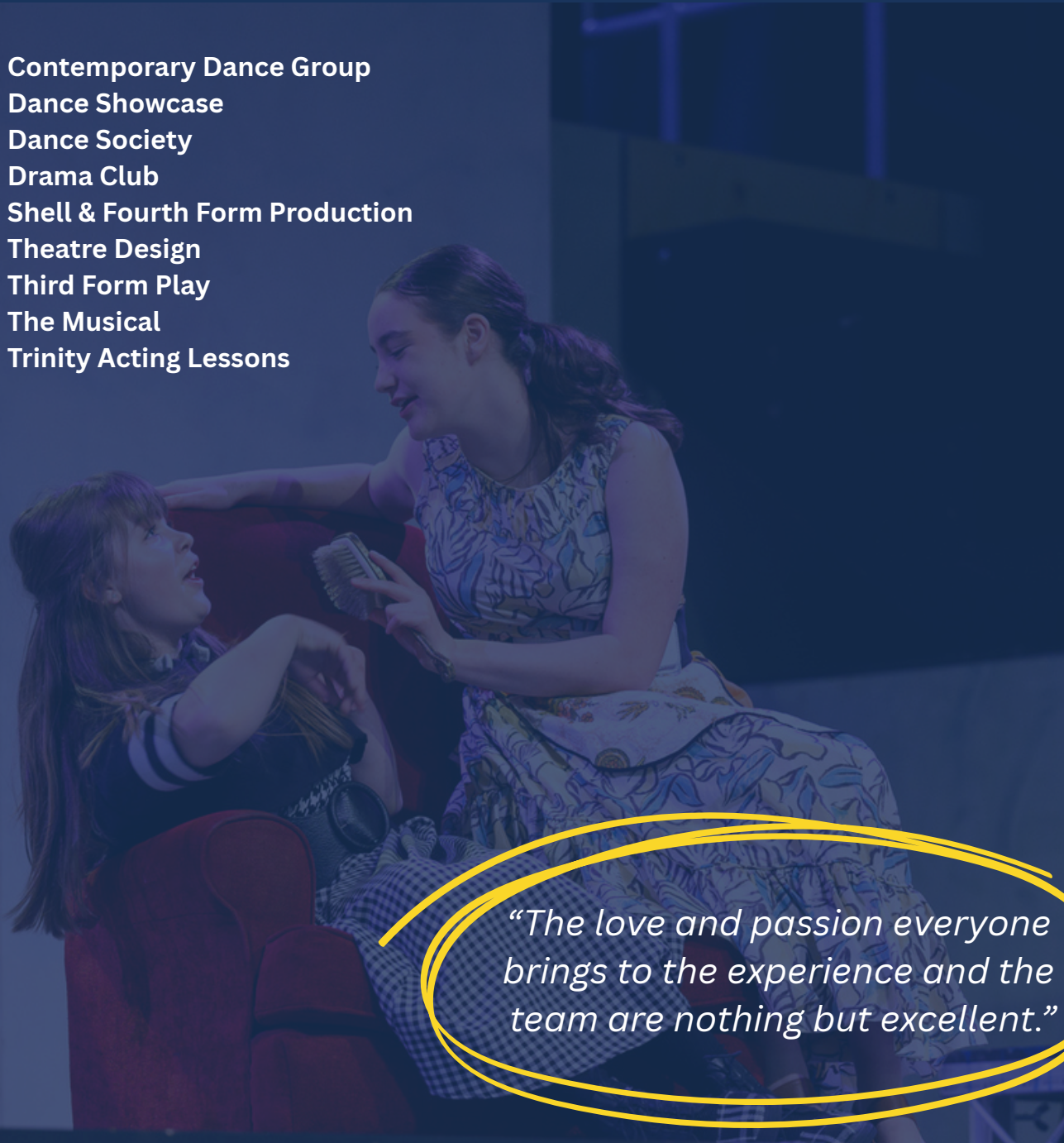


PERFORMING ARTS

Performing Arts at Solihull offers a dynamic and inclusive space for creativity, confidence and collaboration. Pupils across all year groups have the chance to take part in drama productions, dance showcases, and technical theatre roles, developing performance skills and an appreciation for the creative process. From large-scale school musicals to intimate studio plays and pupil-devised pieces, the annual calendar is rich and varied.

Specialist teaching and professional-standard facilities, including the Bushell Hall and the SMArt Centre, support pupils in refining their craft. LAMDA qualifications, drama scholarships, and links with local and national arts organisations further enhance the opportunities available. Performing Arts is more than entertainment - it is a vital strand of school life that encourages leadership, self-expression, storytelling, and the power of ensemble.

Contemporary Dance Group
Dance Showcase
Dance Society
Drama Club
Shell & Fourth Form Production
Theatre Design
Third Form Play
The Musical
Trinity Acting Lessons

A photograph of two young women in a rehearsal space. One woman is sitting on a red armchair, looking up at the other woman who is standing and holding a hairbrush. They are both smiling and appear to be in a playful or collaborative moment. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some stage equipment.

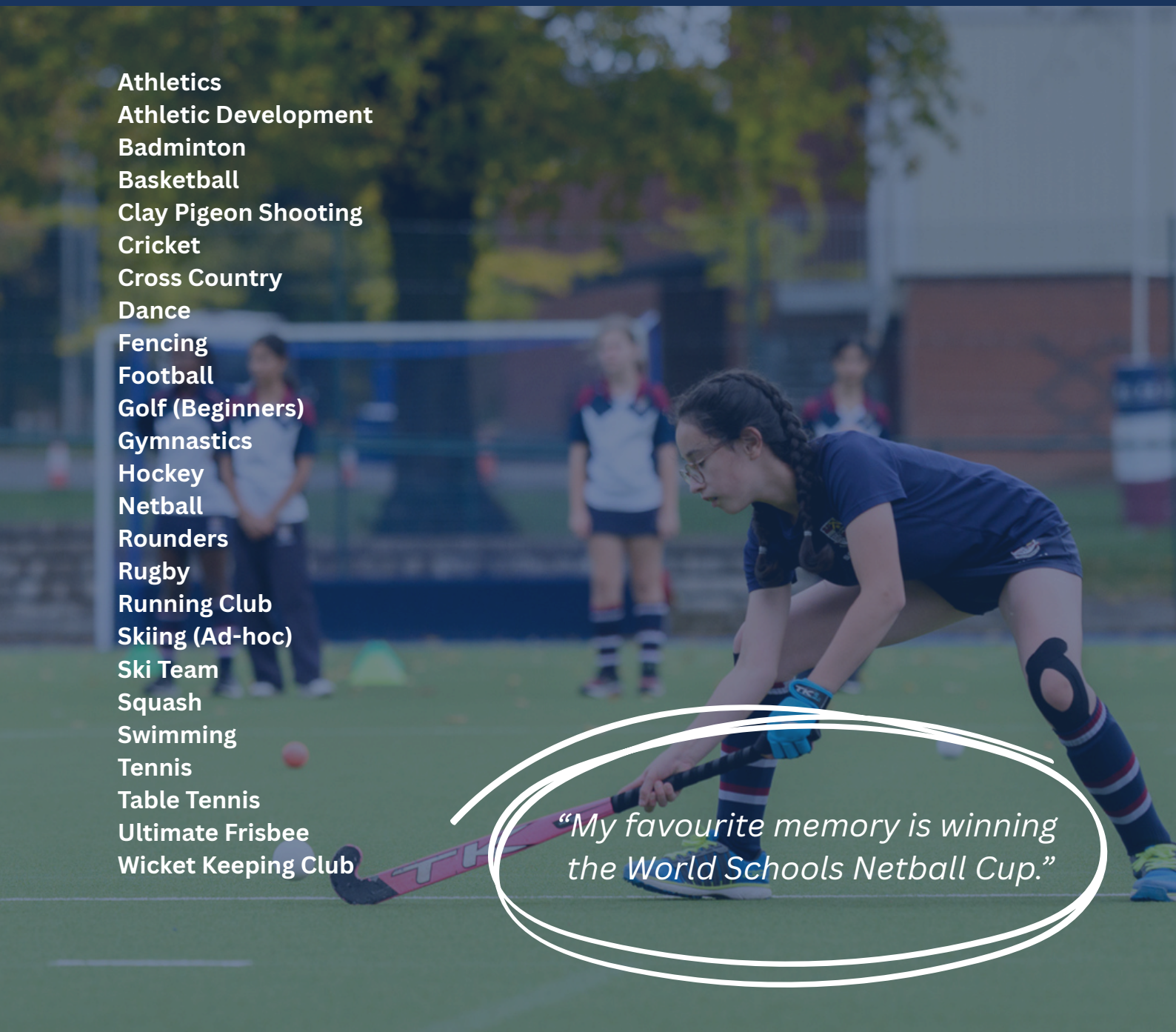
“The love and passion everyone brings to the experience and the team are nothing but excellent.”



SPORT

Solihull School Sport is underpinned by a commitment to excellence, inclusion, and wellbeing. With a wide range of competitive and recreational opportunities, all pupils are encouraged to engage in physical activity and enjoy the benefits of teamwork, resilience, and personal achievement. Traditional sports such as rugby, hockey, netball, and cricket sit alongside tennis, athletics, and emerging options such as strength and conditioning, table tennis and ultimate frisbee.

Outstanding coaching and a full fixtures programme ensure pupils can reach their potential at local, regional, and national level. Many go on to represent their county or country, while others discover a lifelong love of sport through school clubs and inter-house competitions. Whatever the level of participation, sport at Solihull fosters leadership, character, camaraderie, and a strong sense of school pride.



Athletics
Athletic Development
Badminton
Basketball
Clay Pigeon Shooting
Cricket
Cross Country
Dance
Fencing
Football
Golf (Beginners)
Gymnastics
Hockey
Netball
Rounders
Rugby
Running Club
Skiing (Ad-hoc)
Ski Team
Squash
Swimming
Tennis
Table Tennis
Ultimate Frisbee
Wicket Keeping Club

“My favourite memory is winning the World Schools Netball Cup.”



TRIPS & VISITS

Learning at Solihull extends far beyond the classroom, with a rich and diverse programme of trips and visits that bring subjects to life and broaden pupils' horizons. Day visits to museums, theatres, universities, and businesses are complemented by residential experiences across the UK and abroad, designed to deepen understanding, inspire curiosity and build independence.

Whether exploring Roman ruins in Italy, attending a science lecture in Oxford, skiing in Europe, or trekking as part of a DofE expedition, pupils benefit from meaningful, real-world learning experiences. Cultural exchanges, language immersions, and sports or music tours further enhance the global outlook of Solihull pupils. These trips foster lasting memories, friendships, and confidence - adding colour, understanding and adventure to a Solihull education.



Andalusia trip
Andorra Ski trip
Bath Hockey Tour
Berlin trip
Bletchley Park - History, Computing & Maths
CCF trip to Boston
Dubai Cricket Tour
Food & Nutrition trip to Sorrento
French Chateau
Geographers visit Iceland
Geography trip to Slapton Sands
German Exchange
Holland Hockey Tour
Latinists trip to Bath
Music trip to Italy
Natural History Museum
Peru Expedition
Politics students visit Parliament
Physics students trip to CERN
Snowdonia School
South Africa Girls' Cricket Tour
Spanish
South Africa Rugby & Netball Tour
STANTA Training weekend
US Exchange

*"I loved the Dubai Cricket Tour,
Holland Hockey Tour
and Snowdonia School."*



HOUSES

Our House system is a cornerstone of community life, fostering belonging, friendly competition and leadership across the year groups. Every pupil and member of staff becomes a proud member of one of the school's Houses - each with its own identity, traditions, and sense of camaraderie. House events, whether sporting, artistic, or academic, provide opportunities for pupils to connect across year groups, showcase talents, and contribute to collective success.

House Captains and Benchers play an active role in shaping House life, developing vital skills in teamwork and responsibility. From charity fundraising and House Drama to House Music and the ever-popular House Challenge competitions including Summer Reading and photography, the programme offers something for everyone. The House system enriches school life by encouraging participation, school spirit, and a deep sense of shared purpose that endures long after pupils leave Solihull.







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