



SOLIHULL



# Co-curricular Clubs & Activities

Senior School



**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 co-curricular opportunities on offer at Solihull Senior School. 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 access their SOCS account and to select and join clubs themselves throughout the year.

Over **130**  
clubs and  
activities

**65+**  
sporting  
sessions



More than  
**40** chances  
to perform

**40+**  
Music  
options

**200+**  
Trips, visits  
& workshops



**80** academic  
opportunities

**+ 1,100**  
pupils involved

# Academic Enrichment

Academic enrichment is central to our pupils' 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 Club 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, as well as invited to attend guest lectures. Oxbridge preparation is open to all ambitious pupils.

Our Scholars' Programme provides bespoke opportunities that challenge pupils to fulfil their academic potential, kindle their intellectual curiosity and lean into difficult experiences.





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.



## Clubs & Activities

Arts Club

1560 (Student-led magazine - Arts)

Chess

Chemistry Olympiad

Classics Society

Clinics and Societies (Ad-hoc)

Coding

CREST Bronze and Silver Awards  
(Science)

Cyber Club

Debating

*Episteme*  
(Student-led magazine - Science)

Film Club

Knit and Natter

LAMDA

Lego & Coding

Loynton Lecture Series

Marginal Gains  
(Student-led magazine - Politics)

MFL Spelling Bee

Model United Nations

Philosophy and Ethics

Pi Club (Maths Enrichment)

Poetry Society

Public Speaking

Science and Engineering

Scribbling Nibblers (Creative Writing)

Textiles

Touch Typing

Warhammer

Young Linguists

“Debating Club  
has helped  
me grow in  
confidence and  
think more  
critically.”



# 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 ambitious musicians benefit from masterclasses, workshops, and expert coaching.



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

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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.

## Activities

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)



# 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, including our own Mountain cottage in Wales, 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.



“Snowdonia School was one of the best trips! I enjoyed my time in Wales so much.”



## Clubs & Activities

Biennial overseas trekking expedition

CCF

Climbing

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze / Silver / Gold

Shooting Club

Snowdonia School

Terriers



# 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.





## Activities

Contemporary Dance Societies  
 Dance Company  
 Dance Outreach Programme  
 Dance Showcase  
 Drama Club  
 Middle & Upper School Play  
 Regional & National Drama  
 Award Competitions  
 Shell & Fourth Form Production  
 Technical Theatre and  
 Backstage Opportunities  
 Theatre Design  
 Third Form Play  
 The Musical  
 Theatre Trips to see plays,  
 musicals and dance productions  
 Trinity Acting Lessons  
 Youth Dance Company

Specialist teaching and professional-standard facilities, including the Bushell Hall, SMArt Centre and a purpose built dance studio, support pupils in refining their craft.

Trinity College Acting Awards, Rambert Dance Grades, performing arts 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.

“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 athletic development, 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.



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



## Sports

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





# 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.



“Sport and safari in South Africa, an experience I’ll never forget.”



## Recent and future trips include:

Andorra Ski trip  
Barcelona Hockey Tour  
Bath Hockey Tour  
Berlin trip  
Bletchley Park -  
History, Computing & Maths  
CCF trip to Boston  
Sri Lanka Cricket Tour  
Food & Nutrition trip to Sorrento  
French Chateau  
Geographers visit Iceland  
Geography trip to Slapton Sands  
German Exchange  
Holland Hockey Tour  
Independent Schools Alpine Ski  
Championships  
Junior Rugby Tour to France  
Latinists trip to Bath  
Music trip to Italy  
Natural History Museum  
Peru Expedition (2026)  
Politics students visit Parliament  
Physics students trip to CERN  
San Francisco Computing  
Snowdonia School  
South Africa Girls' Cricket Tour  
Spanish  
South Africa Rugby & Netball Tour  
STANTA Training weekend  
Theatre trips  
US Exchange



# Community Relations

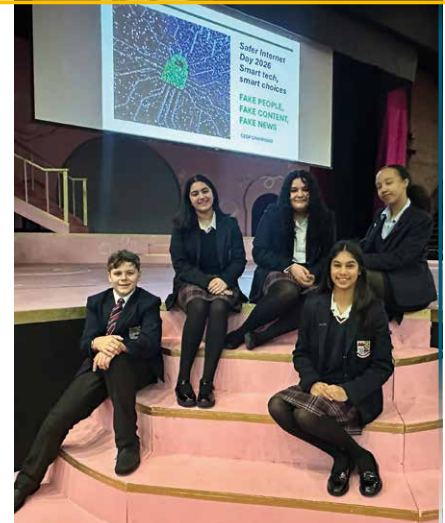
Community spirit is a defining feature of life at Solihull, with pupils of all ages actively engaged in service, outreach, and charitable initiatives.

**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.



## Activities

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 volunteering days, especially supporting the Prep 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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