



MARINE ACADEMY

DAILY SOCIETIES PROGRAMME

FIND YOUR THING

2026 – 2027

Aim High • Be Kind • Don't Give Up

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WELCOME

A word from our Vice Principal

Welcome to the Marine Academy Daily Societies Programme for 2026–2027.

I am genuinely proud of what is on offer this year. This programme has grown not because we decided it should, but because students, staff and families kept asking for more – and we kept saying yes. Many of the societies in these pages exist because a student raised their hand and told us what they wanted.

This year our societies are organised around five areas, so that every student can build a genuinely well-rounded experience: **Civic Engagement; Arts & Culture; Nature, Outdoors & Adventure; Sport, Physical Activity & Wellbeing; and Wider Life & Future Skills.** Whatever you are into – and whatever you have never tried – there is something here for you.

Something every family should know is how seriously we take this. Alongside these daily societies, our students also access enrichment through **timetabled elective curriculum time** – protected hours within the school day, not bolted on around the edges. Very few schools can say that. It makes enrichment here an entitlement for every child, not a bonus for the few.

My ask of every student is simple: try one. Try something you wouldn't normally try. The students who get the most from Marine Academy are almost always the ones who got involved.

Alex White

Vice Principal

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Recognising you

Badges, awards & celebrating participation

Shaped by you

Student voice & you said, we did

My societies log

Track your clubs & tell us what to add next

How our societies work

01

Pick something

Browse the five categories in this booklet and choose a society that interests you. Try to pick across different areas across the year – a sport, an art, something outdoors, something that stretches you.

02

Just turn up

Most societies are open to all – simply arrive at the right place at the right time. A few run by selection or by pass; these are clearly marked, and staff will let you know how to join.

03

Three cycles a year

Our year runs in three cycles. Each society card shows which cycles it runs in, so you can plan ahead and try something new when a cycle changes.

04

Get recognised

Taking part earns you MAP value badges, and outstanding commitment is celebrated at our Awards Evening. Turn to the back of this booklet to see how.

Reading a society card

MAP values — the values you'll show by taking part:

Aim High

Be Kind

Don't Give Up

Cycles — which of the three cycles it runs in:

Yes

From Cycle 2

No

01



Civic Engagement

Voice, leadership and the world beyond the gate

Civic engagement is about finding your voice and using it well. These societies give students the chance to debate, lead, perform and shape the world around them — from the classroom to the wider community. They were a clear request in last year's student voice survey, where students told us they wanted more opportunities to speak, be heard and represent the school.

4 societies in this category



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Debate Society

RUN BY

TBC

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Skills

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

From Cycle 2

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Debate returns in Cycle 2 by popular demand — it was one of the most requested societies in last year's student voice survey. Students learn to build an argument, think on their feet and respond under pressure, then put it to the test in regional, Trust-wide and national competitions. You don't need experience, just the confidence to share a view and the willingness to have it challenged. It is one of the most valuable things a young person can learn to do well.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Public speaking & oracy

Critical thinking

Research & evidence

Resilience under pressure

MAP VALUES

Aim High



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Climate Council

RUN BY

Geography Team

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Volunteering

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Climate Council is where geography meets action. Students work with real data, news and debate to understand what is happening to the planet, then develop their own proposals and awareness campaigns for the school and local community. It grew from students telling us they wanted to do something about the issues they care about, not just learn about them. If you care about the future — and you should — this is the place to be.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Active citizenship

Data literacy

Campaign & project planning

Teamwork

MAP VALUES

Aim High

Be Kind



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Poetry By Heart

RUN BY

Miss Obern

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Skills

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Poetry By Heart is a national competition that asks students to learn, perform and love poems. Miss Obern's sessions are about far more than memorising words — they're about understanding what a poem does, how it sounds, and how to make an audience feel something. Students who take part consistently tell us it's one of the most surprising and rewarding things they've done at Marine Academy, and several asked us to keep it running this year.



National competition — Poetry By Heart

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Performance & confidence

Memory & focus

Interpretation

Public speaking

MAP VALUES

Aim High



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Student Parliament

RUN BY

Mr Storer

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Volunteering

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

This is your society — quite literally. The Student Voice Forum is where students help shape what Marine Academy offers, from societies to wider school life. Members gather the views of their peers, bring ideas to staff and help review what's working. Much of this booklet exists because of student voice, and this forum is how we keep listening. If you've ever thought "the school should do this", this is where you make it happen.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Leadership

Consultation & listening

Communication

Decision making

MAP VALUES

Be Kind

Aim High

02



Arts & Culture

Music, performance, film and the written word

The arts are where character is discovered as much as it is expressed. From a full school production to a steel band, from foreign cinema to a quiet reading group, these societies open doors to culture students might never otherwise encounter. Several of these grew directly out of what students asked for — you said you wanted more music and more reading, and we listened.

8 societies in this category



ARTS & CULTURE

School Production

RUN BY

**Performing Arts
Team**

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Skills

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

From Week 4

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Every year Marine Academy puts on a full production, and this is where it all begins. From acting to set design, sound, lighting, costume, props and front of house, there is a role for every student who wants to be part of it. Sessions build towards a performance for families and the wider community. Previous productions have been a genuine highlight of the school year — and a firm favourite when we asked students what they wanted to see continue.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Collaboration

Performance & stagecraft

Commitment & reliability

Creative problem solving

MAP VALUES

Aim High

Be Kind



ARTS & CULTURE

Rock Band Club

RUN BY

Mr Eglinton

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Skills

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Drummers, guitarists, bassists, vocalists, keyboard players — if you want to be in a band, this is where it starts. Mr Eglinton brings student musicians together, helps form groups and gets everyone playing as one. You don't need to already know other musicians; you just need to want to play. Expect noise, real progress and a very good time. Students asked for more chances to make music together, and this is one of our answers.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Musicianship

Listening & ensemble skills

Confidence

Perseverance

MAP VALUES

Aim High

Be Kind



ARTS & CULTURE

MAP Steel Band

RUN BY

Mr Storer

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Skills

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Our newest musical venture, run in partnership with Plymouth Steel Band, brings the bright, joyful sound of the steel pan to Marine Academy. No prior experience is needed — the steel band tradition is one of the most welcoming in all of music, built on playing together and lifting each other up. Working alongside professional players from the city, students learn an instrument that is pure fun to play and unforgettable to hear.



In partnership with Plymouth Steel Band

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Musicianship

Rhythm & coordination

Teamwork

Cultural awareness

MAP VALUES

Be Kind

Aim High



ARTS & CULTURE

Foreign Movie Club

RUN BY

Mrs Marquis

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

No

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Film is one of the most exciting ways to encounter another culture, and Foreign Movie Club is all about great cinema from around the world — subtitled, watched together and talked about afterwards. Mrs Marquis chooses films from different countries and eras, and students are encouraged to share their reactions. No knowledge of any language is needed, just an open mind and a willingness to read subtitles.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Cultural awareness

Critical discussion

Empathy

Reading fluency

MAP VALUES

Be Kind



ARTS & CULTURE

Just Dance

RUN BY

Mr Eglinton

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Physical

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Exactly what it sounds like, and one of the most-requested additions from students who wanted something joyful and pressure-free. Mr Eglinton sets up Just Dance in the theatre and everyone is welcome — no skill required, no audition, no embarrassment. Just music, movement and a very good laugh. It's the perfect way to shake off the week and burns far more energy than you'd expect.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Coordination & fitness

Confidence

Joy & wellbeing

Inclusion

MAP VALUES

Be Kind



ARTS & CULTURE

KS3 Reading Group

RUN BY

Miss Lee

OPEN TO

Years 7, 8 & 9

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Volunteering

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

The KS3 Reading Group meets to read, share and talk about the books students are actually enjoying. Miss Lee guides the choices and the conversation, but this isn't a lesson — it's a chance to talk about books with people who genuinely want to. Best of all, members work in partnership with our local primary schools, visiting to read with younger children and share their love of stories — brilliant for the community and a real confidence-builder. Bring whatever you're reading at the moment.



In partnership with local primary schools

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Reading for pleasure

Leadership & mentoring

Community partnership

Discussion

MAP VALUES

Aim High

Be Kind



ARTS & CULTURE

Rise & Read

RUN BY

Miss Benson

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

No

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Rise & Read meets before school in the Nest. Bring a book — any book — and read quietly before the day begins. Miss Benson is there to welcome you, and there's no pressure to do anything other than sit and read. It's a lovely, calm way to start the morning, especially if home is busy or you simply need ten quiet minutes before lessons.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Reading habit

Calm & focus

Routine & self-regulation

MAP VALUES

Aim High



ARTS & CULTURE

Nest Reading Group

RUN BY

Miss Mes

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

No

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

The Nest Reading Group is a cosy, informal space to read and discuss books together. Miss Mes leads sessions that encourage students to share opinions, recommend titles and explore a wide range of genres and authors. All reading levels are welcome, and the emphasis is always on enjoyment first. Sharing stories builds empathy and understanding as much as it builds knowledge.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Reading confidence

Discussion

Recommendation & critique

Belonging

MAP VALUES

Aim High

Be Kind

03



Nature, Outdoors & Adventure

Time outside, hands in the soil, eyes on the horizon

Getting outside changes how students feel, think and work together. These newest additions to our programme give students time in the fresh air, a connection to the natural world and the chance to take on a challenge. They directly answer feedback from students and families who wanted more outdoor, hands-on opportunities during the school day.

2 societies in this category



NATURE, OUTDOORS & ADVENTURE

Eco & Grounds Crew

RUN BY

TBA

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Volunteering

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

The Eco & Grounds Crew gets students outside and hands-in-the-soil, transforming corners of the school site into something greener. Across the year the crew plants and tends raised beds, builds habitats for wildlife, runs a biodiversity survey of the grounds and leads the school's recycling and litter campaigns. It's practical, satisfying and genuinely makes the school a better place to be — and it answers a clear call from students who wanted more time outdoors and more chance to act on what they care about. Hours here can count towards the Duke of Edinburgh's Award volunteering section.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Environmental stewardship

Practical & teamwork skills

Project leadership

Responsibility

MAP VALUES

Be Kind

Aim High



NATURE, OUTDOORS & ADVENTURE

Trailblazers Outdoor Club

RUN BY

TBA

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

**Yes — Physical /
Skills**

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Trailblazers is our lunchtime gateway to the outdoors. Right on the school site, students learn the real skills of adventure — map and compass navigation, knots, shelter-building, outdoor first aid, the Country Code and how to plan an expedition properly. It's the perfect foundation for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and for a lifetime of getting outside, and it was designed in direct response to students and families asking for more adventure in the school day. No kit and no experience needed — just bring your curiosity and a coat.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Navigation & orienteering

Outdoor first aid

Expedition planning

Resilience & independence

MAP VALUES

Aim High

Be Kind

04



Sport, Physical Activity & Wellbeing

Move, compete, belong and look after yourself

Sport and wellbeing sit at the heart of how well students learn, feel and grow. This is our largest group of societies, offering everything from competitive team sport to calm, supported spaces to decompress. We shaped this offer around what students play, what they wanted to try, and where they told us they needed support.

12 societies in this category



SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & WELLBEING

Football

RUN BY

Mr Cole & Mr Atkins

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Physical

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Football runs throughout the week at lunchtime, with year-group sessions across the year. Whether you play for fun or you're pushing to make a school team, all abilities are welcome. Coaching focuses on technical skill, teamwork and match play. Just turn up in suitable kit and bring your enthusiasm — it remains, year after year, one of the most popular things on the timetable.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Technical skill

Teamwork

Fitness

Sportsmanship

MAP VALUES

Be Kind

Aim High



SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & WELLBEING

Football – Years 7 & 8

RUN BY

Miss Drewery

OPEN TO

Years 7 & 8

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Physical

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Dedicated football sessions for Year 7 and 8 students, a great chance to develop your game in a smaller group, work on individual skills and represent the school in fixtures. Miss Drewery runs sessions on the 3G pitch — trainers or boots both welcome. A brilliant first step if you want to be considered for a school team.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Ball mastery

Positional play

Teamwork

Confidence

MAP VALUES

Be Kind

Aim High



SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & WELLBEING

Football – Years 9 & 10

RUN BY

Miss Drewery

OPEN TO

Years 9 & 10

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Physical

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Football for Years 9 and 10, focused on developing technical ability and match fitness. Sessions are on the 3G pitch and include competitive play wherever possible. If you want to be considered for school teams at this age group, this is exactly where to start.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Advanced technique

Match fitness

Tactical awareness

Leadership

MAP VALUES

Be Kind

Aim High



SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & WELLBEING

Netball – Years 7 & 8

RUN BY

Miss Yeomans

OPEN TO

Years 7 & 8

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Physical

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Netball is fast, tactical and great fun. Sessions in the sports hall cover positional play, passing, footwork and game situations. Whether you've played before or you're completely new, Year 7 and 8 students are very welcome. Fixtures against other schools are planned across the year, and communication and trust sit right at the heart of everything we do.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Passing & footwork

Communication

Teamwork

Tactical play

MAP VALUES

Be Kind



SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & WELLBEING

Dodgeball

RUN BY

Sports Coach

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Physical

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

If you haven't played dodgeball properly, you're in for a treat — it's chaotic, energetic and brilliant. Sessions are open to all year groups and run by our sports coach. It's perfect for students who want a sport that's low on pressure and high on entertainment, and it's a guaranteed way to end a session laughing.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Agility & reactions

Teamwork

Fair play

Fun & fitness

MAP VALUES

Be Kind



SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & WELLBEING

Badminton

RUN BY

Sports Coach

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Physical

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Badminton looks simple until you try to play it properly. Sessions in the sports hall cover footwork, technique and match play, with beginners very welcome. Students who already play will get the chance to develop longer rallies and compete against others. It rewards patience, practice and precision in equal measure.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Racket technique

Footwork & agility

Focus

Match play

MAP VALUES

Aim High



SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & WELLBEING

Table Tennis

RUN BY

Mr Watmore

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Physical

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Quick to pick up and endlessly competitive, table tennis is a lunchtime favourite. Mr Watmore runs sessions in the gym covering technique, spin, serve and match play, with mini tournaments throughout the year. All abilities are welcome, from first-timer to serious player — it's all about fast reactions and sharper focus.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Hand-eye coordination

Reactions

Strategy

Resilience

MAP VALUES

Aim High



SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & WELLBEING

Trampolining

RUN BY

Mr Goodman

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Physical

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Trampolining is brilliant exercise and one of the most enjoyable sessions of the week for the students who get involved. Sessions in the gym build from basic bouncing through seat drops, front drops and progressively more advanced skills. Safety is always the priority, and every session is properly coached and supervised. It's a sport about pushing your limits in a safe space — literally aiming high.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Core strength & control

Confidence

Body awareness

Progression

MAP VALUES

Aim High



SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & WELLBEING

Sport Club (Rotating)

RUN BY

Miss Yeomans, Mr
Watmore & Mr

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Physical

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

A different sport every few weeks. This rotating club is one of the most varied things we offer and a chance to try activities you might never have considered — previous rotations have included volleyball, basketball, rounders and more. It came straight from students who told us they wanted variety rather than committing to one sport. Check the board in the sports hall to see what's coming up next.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Versatility

Trying new things

Teamwork

Broad fitness

MAP VALUES

Be Kind

Aim High



SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & WELLBEING

Achievement Academy

RUN BY

Miss Yeomans & Mr
Watmore

OPEN TO

Years 10 & 11

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

No

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

For students taking GCSE PE or Health & Social Care, Achievement Academy is dedicated time to work on coursework with staff who know exactly what the mark scheme is looking for. Bring your current drafts, ask your questions and use the time well — it genuinely moves grades. This is coursework support that counts directly towards your final qualification.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Coursework mastery

Independent study

Exam technique

Self-management

MAP VALUES

Aim High



SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & WELLBEING

Heartspace

RUN BY

**Anti-Bullying
Ambassadors**

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Volunteering

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Heartspace is a warm, mixed-year lunchtime space and the home of our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and staff Bullying Champions. It's somewhere to come if you need a friendly face, want to talk something through, or simply fancy a calmer corner of the day. The team here are always ready to listen, and the message is simple: everyone belongs, and kindness comes first.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Empathy & kindness

Peer support

Belonging

Confidence to speak up

MAP VALUES

Be Kind



SPORT, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & WELLBEING

Wellbeing Zone

RUN BY

Inclusion Team

OPEN TO

All year groups —
by pass

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

No

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

The Wellbeing Zone is a calm, low-stimulus space in the immersive classroom, open at lunchtimes to students who hold a Wellbeing Zone pass. It offers a gentle, supported environment away from the busyness of the day, with the immersive technology used to create relaxing, regulating surroundings. It's a space to breathe, reset and feel safe. Speak to the Inclusion Team if you think a pass would help you.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Self-regulation

Calm & focus

Sensory wellbeing

Confidence

MAP VALUES

Be Kind

05



Wider Life & Future Skills

Curiosity, ambition and the skills for what comes next

These societies build the knowledge, habits and ambition that carry students into sixth form, university and working life. Some sharpen academic skills, some open up careers and aspiration, and some simply give students a calm, supported place to work. Each was designed with a clear outcome in mind — and several came directly from conversations with students and families about what they wanted next.

12 societies in this category



WIDER LIFE & FUTURE SKILLS

The Breakfast Hub

RUN BY

Duty Staff

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

No

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

The Breakfast Hub opens every morning in the canteen. Come and have something to eat, settle in before the day starts and take a moment before lessons. It's free, friendly and open to everyone. A good breakfast makes a real difference to how the day goes, and we want every student arriving ready to learn — whatever the morning has thrown at them.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Routine & readiness

Belonging

Healthy habits

MAP VALUES

Be Kind



WIDER LIFE & FUTURE SKILLS

Sparx & Maths Challenge

RUN BY

Mrs Sneddon

OPEN TO

Years 7 & 8

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Skills

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Think you've got what it takes? Each week you'll tackle competition-style maths problems building towards the Junior and Intermediate Maths Challenge papers, and become a Sparx ambassador helping to raise the profile of maths across the school. Whether you're chasing a personal best or a gold certificate, this is where it starts. Mrs Sneddon makes it genuinely good fun.



UK Maths Challenge

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Problem solving

Mathematical reasoning

Leadership as an ambassador

Resilience

MAP VALUES

Aim High



WIDER LIFE & FUTURE SKILLS

Science Journal Club

RUN BY

Miss Wannell

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Skills

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Ever wondered how scientists actually work? In Science Journal Club we read real research, question the findings and debate what they mean. It's part book club, part science lesson and completely unlike anything else on the timetable. Perfect for anyone thinking about science beyond school — or anyone who's simply nosy about how the world works.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Scientific literacy

Critical analysis

Discussion

Curiosity

MAP VALUES

Aim High



WIDER LIFE & FUTURE SKILLS

Forensics Club

RUN BY

Miss Davies

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Skills

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Dust, fibres, fingerprints and footprints — forensic science is part detective work, part biology and chemistry, and entirely fascinating. You'll work through crime-scene scenarios, learn how evidence is collected and analysed, and develop the kind of logical thinking that pays off well beyond the science lab. It was one of the standout requests in our student survey, so we made it happen. No prior knowledge needed, just curiosity and a sharp eye.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Analytical thinking

Attention to detail

Scientific method

Logical reasoning

MAP VALUES

Aim High



WIDER LIFE & FUTURE SKILLS

Essay Clinic

RUN BY

Mrs Rogers

OPEN TO

Years 10 & 11

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

No

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Extended writing can feel like a mountain. This clinic breaks it down. Bring a piece you're working on — for any subject — and get structured feedback, planning support and guidance on developing your arguments. Mrs Rogers helps you understand exactly what examiners are looking for and how to give it to them. Open to any Year 10 or 11 student who wants to write better.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Academic writing

Argument & structure

Self-editing

Exam readiness

MAP VALUES

Aim High



WIDER LIFE & FUTURE SKILLS

Cooking: Takeaway Tasters

RUN BY

TBA

OPEN TO

**Rotates by year
group each cycle**

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Skills

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Year 9

CYCLE 2

Year 8

CYCLE 3

Year 7

One of the most-requested new societies of the year. Takeaway Tasters is a hands-on club where students cook a fakeaway favourite from scratch — healthier, cheaper and tastier than the real thing — and the best bit is right there in the name: every session you take your food away to enjoy at home. Along the way you'll pick up the everyday cooking and kitchen skills that set you up for adult life. To keep groups small and hands-on, it rotates by year group across the year: Year 9 in Cycle 1, Year 8 in Cycle 2 and Year 7 in Cycle 3.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Cooking & nutrition

Budgeting basics

Independence

Following a recipe

MAP VALUES

Be Kind

Aim High



WIDER LIFE & FUTURE SKILLS

Learning Café

RUN BY

Homework Team

OPEN TO

Years 7–9

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

No

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Sometimes you just need a quiet place to get things done. The Learning Café is exactly that — a calm, supported space to complete homework, catch up on reading or get help with something you didn't quite follow in class. Staff are on hand, laptops are available, and there are no silly questions here. Getting homework done properly and on time is a skill, and this is where we help students build it.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Independent study

Organisation

Help-seeking

Time management

MAP VALUES

Aim High



WIDER LIFE & FUTURE SKILLS

French Club

RUN BY

Mr Storer

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Skills

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

French Club is for anyone who wants to take the language a bit further. Mr Storer mixes vocabulary games, conversation practice and a taste of French culture into sessions that are fun, informal and a great supplement to lessons. You don't need to be a top-set linguist — just enthusiastic and curious. Learning a language is one of the most valuable things you can do for your future.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Language skills

Cultural awareness

Confidence speaking

Memory

MAP VALUES

Aim High



WIDER LIFE & FUTURE SKILLS

Chess & Warhammer Club

RUN BY

Miss Mullen

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Skills

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Two great games, one great club. Come to play chess — from absolute beginner to seasoned player — or to get into Warhammer, the tabletop strategy game with its own world of painting, building and battle. Miss Mullen caters fully for both, and our Warhammer players are supported through a partnership with Warhammer Plymouth. Whether you want serious competition or simply something brilliant to do at lunch, you'll find your people here. Both games reward patience, strategy and learning from defeat.



In partnership with Warhammer Plymouth

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Strategic thinking

Patience & focus

Planning ahead

Graceful competition

MAP VALUES

Aim High



WIDER LIFE & FUTURE SKILLS

Music Practice

RUN BY

Mr Eglinton

OPEN TO

All year groups

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Yes — Skills

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

The music practice rooms are open at lunchtime and before school for students to use. If you play an instrument, sing or produce music, Mr Eglinton can help you make the most of the time. Bring your own instrument or use what's available. Whether you're preparing for a grade exam, a performance, or just working on something for yourself, you are welcome here — regular practice is simply how musicians improve.

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Instrumental progress

Discipline & routine

Creativity

Self-direction

MAP VALUES

Aim High



WIDER LIFE & FUTURE SKILLS

The Brilliant Club

RUN BY

By selection

OPEN TO

Selected students

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

No

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

The Brilliant Club is a national university-access programme that places selected students with a PhD researcher to study a topic at degree level, culminating in a university-style assignment and a visit to a top university. It's a genuine taste of what higher study feels like and a powerful boost to aspiration. Places are offered to selected students, with targeted invitations to make sure the opportunity reaches those who will benefit from it most.



In partnership with The Brilliant Club

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

University-level study

Academic writing

Aspiration

Independent research

MAP VALUES

Aim High



WIDER LIFE & FUTURE SKILLS

Your Future Story

RUN BY

By selection

OPEN TO

**Selected high-
attaining students**

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

No

RUNS IN

CYCLE 1

Yes

CYCLE 2

Yes

CYCLE 3

Yes

Your Future Story is our partnership with The Colyton Foundation, supporting high-attaining students to raise their sights and plan ambitiously for the future. Now in its second year, the programme grows to include both our continuing cohort and a new intake, sitting within Marine Academy's wider work around high attainment, disadvantage and progression. Places are offered through selection, with targeted invitations to ensure the programme reaches the students it is designed to support.



In partnership with The Colyton Foundation

WHAT YOU'LL BUILD

Aspiration & planning

Academic ambition

Progression awareness

Self-belief

MAP VALUES

Aim High

Every bit of effort counts

At Marine Academy, taking part is something we notice and something we celebrate. Throughout the year, students earn recognition for getting involved, sticking with it and going the extra mile.



Aim High

Earned by stretching yourself – trying something new, working towards a goal or representing the school.



Be Kind

Earned by supporting others, welcoming newcomers and helping your society and your peers thrive.



Don't Give Up

Earned through commitment and resilience – turning up week after week and pushing through the hard bits.

Celebrated at Awards Evening



Participation is logged across the year, and our annual **Awards Evening** recognises students who have shown **outstanding participation** and the **most improvement** through their societies. It is one of the proudest nights in the school calendar – a chance for families to see their child's effort and growth properly celebrated.

A society for everyone

We are committed to making sure every student can take part, whatever their starting point. Alongside our open-to-all societies, we use **targeted, personal invitations** to encourage students who might not otherwise sign up – so that the opportunities in this booklet genuinely reach everyone. If your child would benefit from support to take part, please do get in touch.

You said, we did

This programme belongs to our students. Every year we ask for your views through the student voice survey, our Student Parliament and everyday conversations – and every year your ideas change what we offer. Here are just some of the societies that exist because **you** asked for them.

"Can we have something to do with crime scenes and science?"



Forensics Club

"We want more time and space to just read for fun."



KS3 Reading Group

"Bring back debating – we want to compete."



Debate Society

"Could we learn to cook proper meals ourselves?"



Cooking & Life Skills

"We want something fun and active with no pressure."



Just Dance

Your idea here...



What should we add next?

We don't stop there. We keep reviewing every society with students, staff and families across the year, so the programme keeps getting better. The last page of this booklet is yours: use it to tell us what you'd like to see next.

My societies log

Keep a record of the societies you've tried this year. Bring this to tutor reviews and to Awards Evening – it's the story of everything you've thrown yourself into.

SOCIETY	CYCLE	WHAT I GOT OUT OF IT



Tell us what to run next

Got an idea for a society we don't offer yet? This is how the next one gets made. Write it below and hand it to your tutor, or drop it in to the Student Parliament.

A society I'd love to see: _____

Why it would be brilliant: _____

I'd be happy to help run it: Yes ☐ No ☐