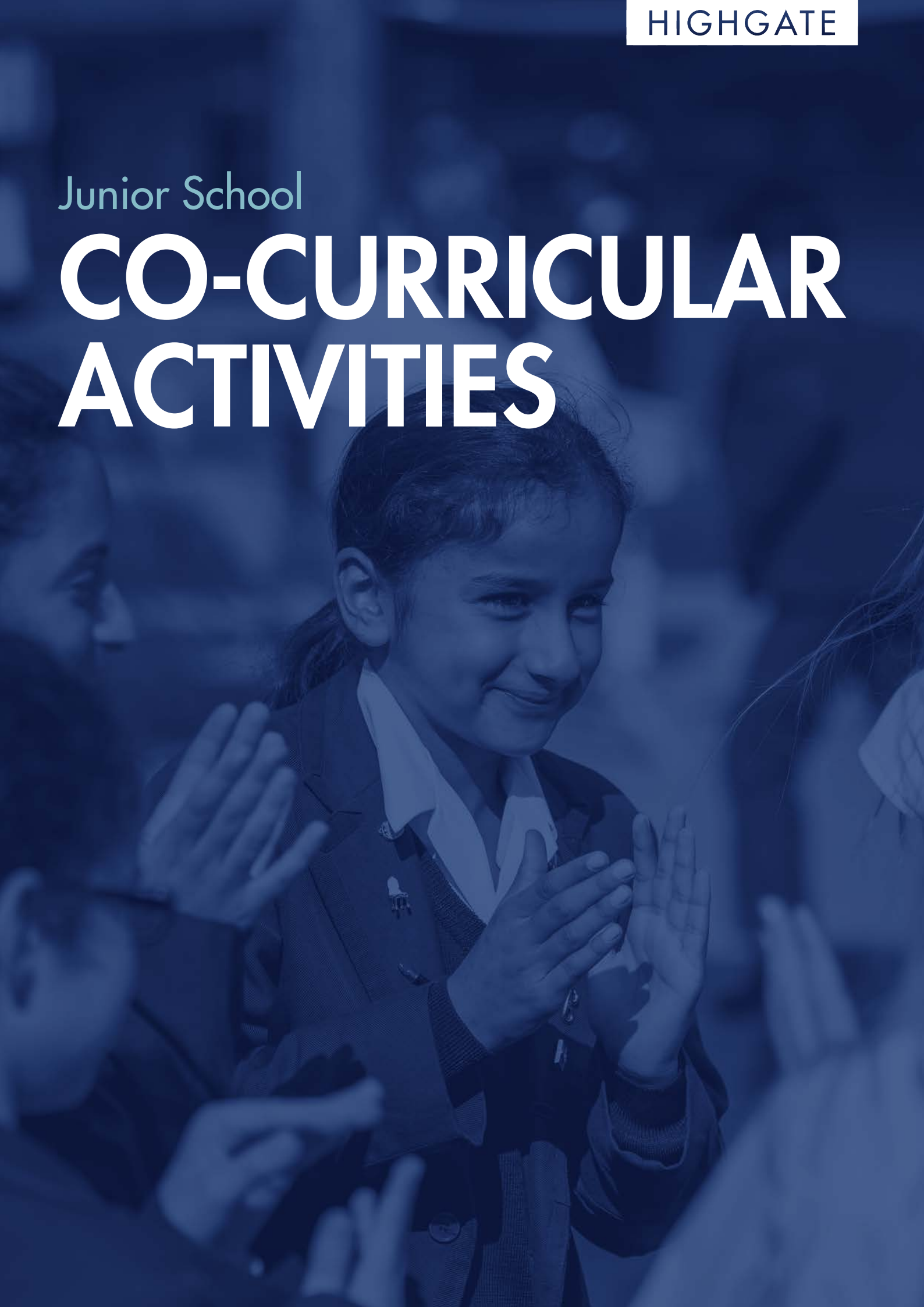


Junior School

# CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES









# Co-curricular Activities

At Highgate, time is set aside, each week, for every pupil to take part in at least one co-curricular venture.

"I love that I can take part in all sorts of fun clubs, it means I get to make new friends and find new hobbies, such as gardening!"

Y6 pupil



Our co-curricular offering continues to evolve and develop in response to the changing needs of our pupils and the world around us.

Our Junior School pupils can attend a variety of clubs during lunchtime and after-school. Some of the most popular examples are Running Club, Minecraft Club, Gymnastics and Debating Society.

## Music and Singing

A wide range of clubs segmented by year group and ability are on offer for pupils to explore the joys of making music, from Ukulele Club to Jazz Band through to multiple Choirs and Orchestras.

- Year 5-6 Buccina Brass Club
- Year 3 Junior Strings Project – a one-year programme for all Year 3 pupils who want to explore learning a bowed string instrument or learn one already.
- Year 5-6 Symphony Orchestra open to wood wind, string or brass players
- Year 3-6 Girls' Chapel Choir and Year 3-6 Boys' Chapel Choir: an auditioned choir for Junior and Senior pupils
- Year 4-6 Chamber Choir: a small auditioned choir
- Small music ensemble groups include: Jazz Band, Samba Group, Flute Ensemble, Guitar Ensembles, Year 5 Villa Lobos Guitars, Piano Group, Brass Club, Chamber String
- Year 4 String Ensemble
- Year 3-6 Chorus Groups
- Year 5-6 Ukulele Club

## Sport and Exercise Clubs

We are lucky enough to have expansive facilities and a large, specialist team of sports coaches, many of whom also play professionally in their fields, to train our pupils from age 4-18. There's a sport for everyone, from the more traditional Football and Netball through to contemporary offerings such as Street Dance, Basketball and Gym Squad.

- Year 3-6 Squash
- Year 4-6 Hockey Clubs (Beginners Club and Invitation Only Club)
- Year 3-6 Table Tennis Clubs
- Year 3-6 Beginners Fencing, Intermediate/Advanced Fencing
- Year 3-6 Gym Squad
- Year 3-6 Gymnastics Club
- Year 3-6 Football Training (Clubs split by age and ability)
- Year 3-6 Fives Training (Clubs split by age and ability – lunchtime and afterschool options)
- Year 4-6 Contemporary Dance
- Year 5-6 Street Dance
- Year 4-6 Early Morning Sports Club (7am, strength and core sports skills training)
- Year 4-6 Heath Fun Social Run (cross country 2-3 mile all-weather run)
- Year 3-4 Basketball
- Year 4-6 Tag Rugby
- Year 5-6 Netball
- Year 4-6 Athletics Club
- Year 4-6 Cricket Clubs (Clubs split by age)





# A New Hobby for Everyone!

## Academic Clubs

For children who love to solve a problem during Chess Club, through to budding masters of code in Digital Leaders Club, and curious minds that need to know why we exist in Philosophy Club, there's an Academic pursuit to stretch everyone's knowledge.

- Year 3-6 General Knowledge Quiz (split by Year 3-4 and Year 5-6) for pupils to brush up on facts, figures and have fun – in preparation for the House Challenge.
- Year 5-6 Digital Leaders: a club for pupils knowledgeable on all things digital to practise leadership on this subject throughout the Junior School
- Year 4-6 Chess Clubs (split by age and ability)
- Year 5-6 Book Club: contemporary and classical reading group for those who love books
- Year 5-6 Philosophy Club: a place for pupils to explore life's big questions
- Year 3-4 Science Club
- Year 5-6 The Art of Science: science club with an artistic twist – making natural dyes, plaster of Paris casts and other exciting creative projects.
- Year 3-4 Coding Club: pupils with an interest in digital coding can expand their knowledge and skills
- Year 5-6 Debating Club: pupils practising debating skills with other schools in North London
- Year 6 VEX Robotics (Invitation Only): a Design, Technology and Engineering club

## Creative Clubs

Imaginative and enthralling creative outlets and opportunities for pupils to enjoy as wide ranging as cultivating a vegetable patch in Gardening Club, swapping gaming skills in Minecraft Club and launching a business plan in Safi Coffee Enterprise Club.

- Year 3-5 Fun Problem Solving: from making spaghetti or marshmallow constructions through code cracking, this fun spin on problem solving is firm favourite club!
- Year 3-6 Gardening Club: pupils grow plants, flowers, fruit and vegetables from seed and learn more about the importance of our environment along the way
- Year 3-6 Safi Coffee Enterprise Club: working with senior school pupils to promote sustainably sourced Ugandan coffee beans. The club will involve pitching to potential clients and raising funds for Uganda.
- Year 3-6 Knitting Clubs (separated by age, ability and times)
- Year 4-6 Sewing and Textile Club
- Year 3-6 Calligraphy Club
- Year 3-4 Musical Theatre
- Year 5-6 Drama Club
- Year 4-6 Puzzles
- Year 3-6 Minecraft Club: challenge peers with knowledge and play this popular computer game

"I love the fact that you can go to the forest and explore around"

Y5 pupil

- Year 4-6 Trivial Pursuits Club
- Year 3-5 Lego Club: built a range of constructions with this famous building block brand
- Year 4-6 Drop-in Origami Club
- Year 3-4 Film-Making Club: in conjunction with the BFI and INTO FILM examining film techniques and script before acting and filming a production to perform at the end of term.
- Year 5-6 Film Review Club
- Year 4-6 Drop in Kahoot Club
- Year 4-6 Relaxation Club: mindfulness, guided meditations and yoga
- Year 4-6 Meditation Club: emphasis on expanding consciousness and relaxing the mind with positive affirmations and visualisation to achieve goals
- Year 4-6 Card Games: pupils can learn a range of card games and play with peers
- Year 4-6 Colouring in Club
- Year 4-6 Ghost Story Club: ghost story readings!



# Junior School Eco Council

Alongside our Co-Curricular Club offering, our pupil-led Junior School Eco Council meets regularly to discuss activities and actions that support Highgate's aim to be a sustainable school.

Recent work includes:

- growing more flowers to increase biodiversity across our School grounds
- saving energy and reducing waste within our building
- initiatives to encourage re-cycling, such as clearer labelling for our re-cycling bins
- keeping our School grounds litter-free
- rethinking use of plastic across our School, eg ending use of plastic water bottles and cling film wrapping on food
- encouraging healthy food choices and the importance of physical activity amongst all pupils

"I like being on the Eco Council as I want to help stop climate change and global warming as the world is getting hotter because of the pollution and gases. I usually get the bus to school."

Y3 pupil

## Lockdown Co-curricular Activities

During the lockdown period of Covid-19, the School continued to offer a number of Clubs run remotely via Highgate@Home, or in School for keyworkers' children and those who gradually returned at the end of Summer Term.

Here are some of the highlights:

### **Kahoot Club**

A virtual quiz run by staff for pupils to participate in to test everybody's general knowledge and provide lots of entertainment!

### **Junior School Reporters Club**

Pupils were still able to take part in providing news reports, from opinion pieces based on facts they gathered on Covid-19 and the many connected themes surrounding lockdown.

### **Live Meditation Club**

Taught remotely and in School, pupils were able to benefit from clearing their minds and finding inner calm through the unusual circumstances of school closures and not being able to meet with family and friends in the same way.

### **Calligraphy Club**

A world away from smart phones and keypads, this club teaches the traditional art of writing with pen and ink – and is run across the Senior School too. It helps pupils present creative writing in artistic formats from gift cards through to poetry and understand the joy of writing by hand. During lockdown pupils enjoyed writing letters to family and friends they weren't able to visit.

### **Maths Extension - Reasoning and Fluency Activities Club**

Pupils who enjoy refining their problem-solving skills continued to take part in co-curricular mathematics lessons to challenge themselves and develop better logic.

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