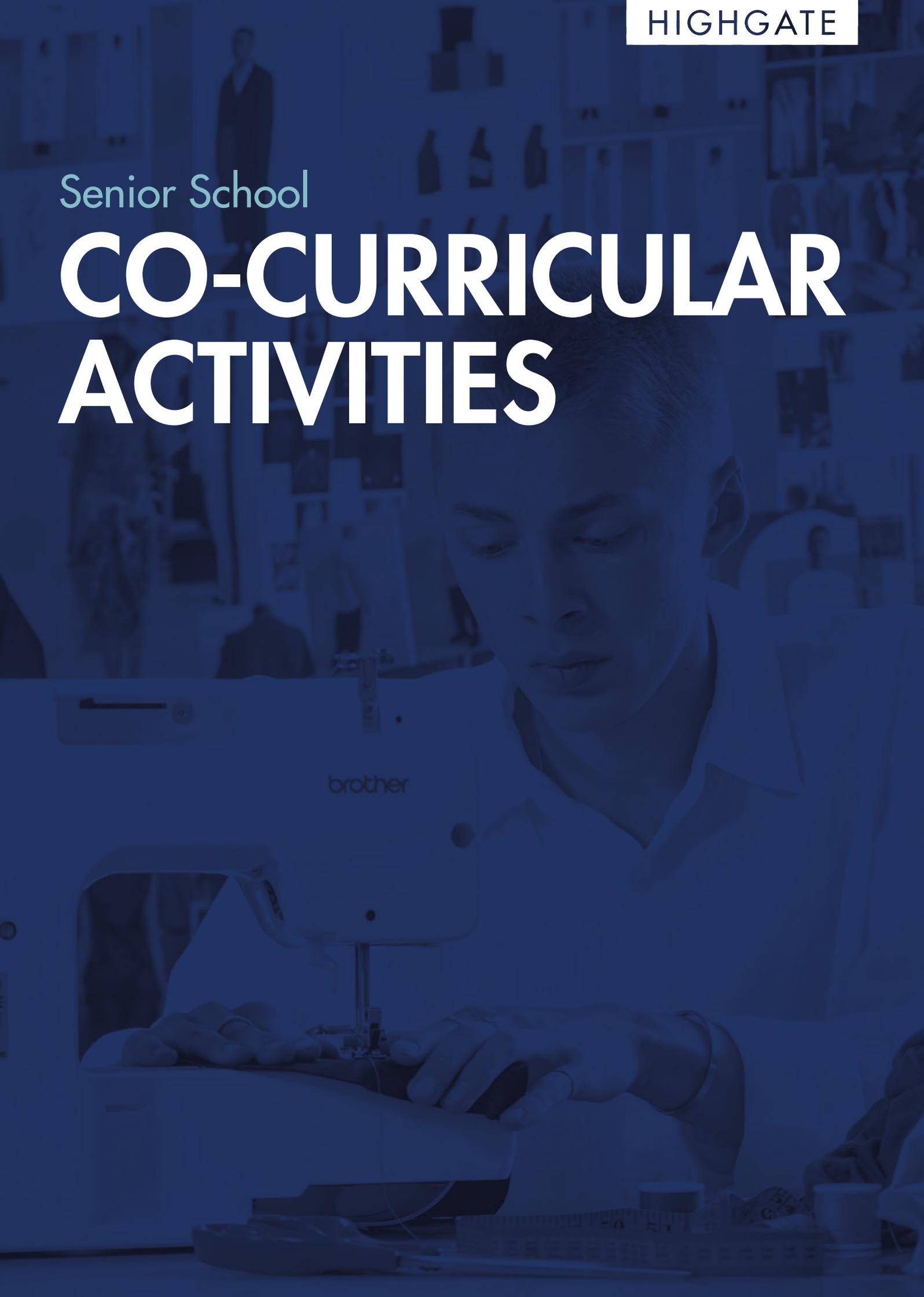


Senior School

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES





Co-curricular Activities

In the Senior School, pupils have a plethora of over 100 co-curricular activities, clubs and societies to take part in at Highgate.

So, whether you have a penchant for puzzles, like to burn off some steam via a heated game of squash, fancy penning a poetry anthology, or want to hone your medical skills in preparation for a career in medicine, there's a group waiting to welcome you!

There's a club for everyone!

The termly lists of all Thursday Lunchtime Activities (TLAs), Tuesday Afternoon Activities (TAAs) and Lunchtime Clubs and Societies, are shared during the first week of every term for pupils to make their selections.

As part of timetabled activities, it's compulsory for pupils to select at least one activity per term. Some of our clubs have been uniquely founded or coined by pupils, and if there's a club that isn't on the list, we

welcome pupils to launch new specialist activities with a following of their own. We will always make sure there's a space for pupils on their choice of co-curricular activity, even if that means we need to invite an extra member of staff (or two!) or run an additional club to help. It's our aim for all pupils to feel included in their choice of interest.

Different levels for different ages and abilities

You'll notice that we split some of the clubs and activities into different categories. For example, we have both Junior Robotics Club and Senior Robotics Club, so that pupils can progress with confidence onto the next stage, and set themselves rewarding personal challenges!

"I used to have a black and green snake called Fred at home. We had to buy mice to feed it! I come to this club because I still love snakes and I get to help look after them here instead."

Stanley, Y7



Reptile Society: meet Red, one of the seven rescue snakes kept in the Science Block



Highlights

We've curated a list of the most popular and regularly hosted activities, but this does indeed change termly. Here are some highlights from across the Senior School, featuring some of the enriching hobbies pupils have benefitted from – academically, emotionally and practically.

Outdoor Education

For those who love camping and the spirit of adventure, we have Outdoor Education TLA. Pupils are taught some of the primal skills needed for surviving in the wild, such as fire and den-making – and of course enjoying the simple pleasure of toasted marshmallows over a campfire.

Masaryk Society

For those who feel passionately about current affairs, this is Highgate's oldest society for the Senior School. Pupils gather together to discuss and debate politics.

Cookery Club

If learning how to make a light and airy sponge, or a fabulous supper dish made with a delicious combination of exotic herbs tickles your fancy, then Mrs Robinson's online Cookery Club will be of interest.

Gardening

Many of our pupils are particularly interested in growing and sustaining the greenery around School, from nurturing flower beds to planting trees to support biodiversity, to harvesting their own produce. The latter offers the exciting prospect of being able to make a nutritious supper with the fruits of their labour. This club is taught by our expert botanist and Head Gardener Mr Duke.

Vinyl and Philosophy

Those who love music from garage and hip hop through to jazz and classical, will be keen to join this club which is frequently attended by visiting musicians, an example being Mike Skinner, English rapper, songwriter, musician, and record producer.

Digital Photography Club

For budding photographers, we also run a Thursday afternoon Digital Photography Club. Mr Eltman, our School Graphic Designer, leads this group, which not only involves helping pupils understand lighting and perspective to capture that perfect image, but also how to edit it with Photoshop tutorials.

Chess Club

This club, which has categories for all ages and abilities, takes place on Wednesday lunchtimes at 1pm. Pupils get to compete with other schools to test their problem-solving skills and ability to stay calm under pressure.

Reptile Society

Set up over twenty years ago by two pupils, this Thursday lunchtime Society continues to attract a dedicated group who congregate at the reptiles' school home: the science department. Members meet each week to help look after our resident scaly pets: five rescue snakes!

"Pupils really enjoy exploring techniques to capture compelling photographs. Hands on practise of editing software allows their imaginations to run free, often producing visually captivating, digitally manipulated imagery through experimentation."

Mr Eltman, Digital Photography TAA

Modern Languages

As with each department, there's a collection of connected clubs to broaden knowledge and horizons. Our Modern Languages department is no exception; pupils can choose to learn conversational Italian, find out more on current affairs in French News Club, swot up on the structure of language in Linguistics or join the Hispanic Society to name but a few options.



RAOK SOC

Random Acts of Kindness Society was founded by two Y7 pupils back in 2018 and is held every Wednesday lunchtime; this collective of pupils actively plans and delivers gestures of kindness all around Highgate. Activities have included bake sales, food bank donations and collecting for the homeless.



Co-Curricular Timetable

As each new term commences, pupils are able to select from their choice of clubs and activities or resume their favourites.

"I enjoy getting involved with different activities that I wouldn't have done before, like taking part in Radio Highgate."

Maddie, Y10

Co-Curricular Societies

Art, Design and Creativity

- Anime
- Calligraphy
- 3D Animation Club
- Art History Society
- Art portfolio extension
- Life Drawing
- Drawing Skills
- Open Studios
- Photography Club

Science and Technology

- Engineering Society
- Astronomy Society
- Meteorological Society
- Chemistry Experiments Club
- Medical Society
- Science Reading Society
- DTE
- Automobile Society

Maths, IT and Problem Solving

- C++ PROgramming Club
- Brain Games
- Cardistry
- Vaccaro Society
- Bridge Club
- Computer Science Club
- Chess Club
- Dungeons and Dragons Club
- Warhammer Club
- Problem Solving for Y7-8
- Problem Solving for Y9-11
- Family History & Genealogy

History, Politics and Economics

- Debating
- Economics Society
- Junior Politics Society
- History Society
- Masaryk Society
- Philosophy and Theology Society

Geography, Nature & the Environment

- Environment Committee
- Beekeeping
- Geography Society
- Greenpower F24
- Outdoor and Environmental Education

Film, Theatre and Music

- Film Society
- Technical Theatre Club
- Theatre Studies Enrichment
- Opera Society
- Vinyl and Philosophy
- Rap Club

Literature, Classics and Writing

- Creative Writing
- Classics Club
- Junior Classics Society
- Hopkins Society
- Junior English Society
- Creative Writing Society
- Minimus Project
- Women in Poetry '*The Women's Voice*'
- Windhover Society (Creative arts and writing pupil-led magazine)

Modern Languages

- Chinese Singing Club
- French News Club
- Junior Russian Society
- Linguistics
- Oriental Studies Society
- Society of Hispanic Studies

Community, Wellbeing & Lifestyle

- African and Caribbean Cultural Affinity Group
- Charity and Community Action Committee
- Cookery Club
- Explore Christianity
- Feminist Society
- Mindfulness
- Jumma Friday Prayers
- Pride Society
- Random Acts of Kindness
- Rossetti Betjeman Society
- Sign Language
- Yoga

Sport

- Duke of Edinburgh
- Indoor Cricket
- Commercial Dance
- Gymnastics – Acrotrix
- Sports Discussion Group
- Sports Society
- Juggling
- Hockey
- Fives
- Squash
- Touch Rugby
- Ultimate Frisby
- Basketball

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