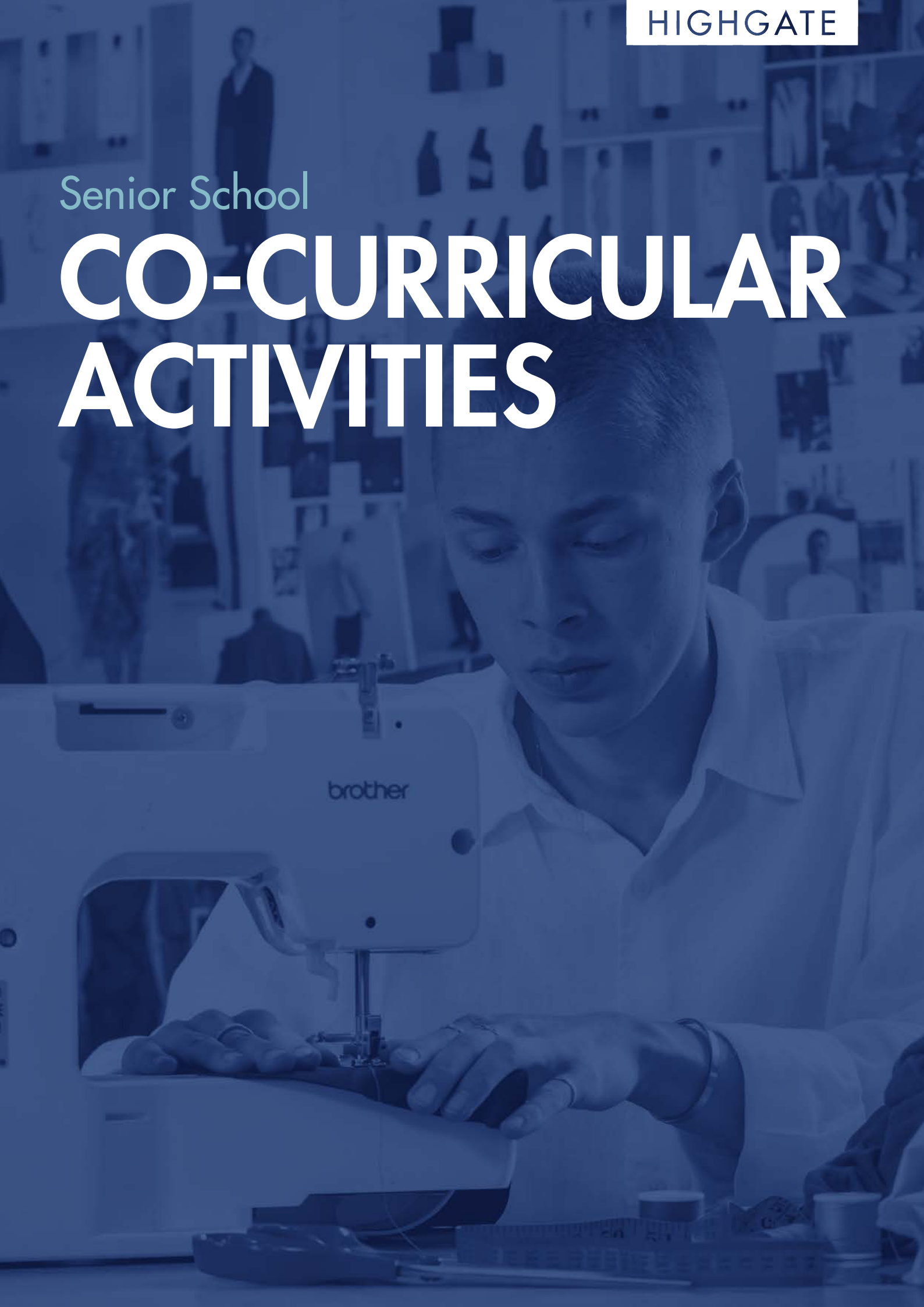


Senior School

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES





Co-curricular Activities

In the Senior School, pupils have a plethora of over 70 co-curricular activities, clubs and societies to take part in at Highgate.

So, whether you have a penchant for puzzles, like to banish tension with 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!

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 Problem Solving Club and Senior Problem Solving Club, so that pupils can progress with confidence onto the next stage, and set themselves rewarding personal challenges!

There's a club for everyone!

The termly lists of all TLAs, TAAs and Lunchtime Clubs and Societies, are shared during the first week back 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.

"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, Year 7



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



Highlights

Before you read through the timetables list of activities, 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 the 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 Tuesday afternoon Cookery Club will be of interest.

Gardening

Highgate runs a total of five gardening clubs. 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.

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 figureheads, a recent 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 as well.

Chess Club

This club, which has categories for all ages and abilities, takes place on Wednesday lunchtimes at 1pm, and 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!

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

Madeleine, Year 9

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 with Dr Repetto in Italian Club, 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 Year 7 pupils and is held every Wednesday lunchtime; this collective of pupils actively plan and deliver gestures of kindness in and around Highgate. Activities have included bake sales, visiting the elderly and donating to the homeless. The group has also launched a *Star of the Month* initiative, to recognise lesser known figures in the School and commend them for their own kindness.



Co-Curricular Timetable

Michaelmas Term 2020

As the Michaelmas Term commences, pupils are able to select from their choice of new clubs and activities or resume their favourites!

Although Covid has meant pupils need to stay social distanced in the Year Group bubbles, we have made sure that activities are available, even if that means meetings are virtual should they need to be. In fact, during the pre-Summer lockdown, we offered a few extra clubs that have become firm favorites such as e-Sport (with quizzes!) and Radio TLA.

"I enjoy the Monday after school sports zoom call with Mr Kenmir and the whole football team. We talk football, training and have an ongoing quiz."

May, Year 6

Co-Curricular Societies

Art, Design and Creativity

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

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- 3D Animation Club
- Art History Society
- Art portfolio extension

Science

- Astronomy Society
- Meteorological Society
- Chemistry Experiments Club
- Medical Society
- Science Reading Society

Maths, IT and Problem Solving

- Brain Games
- 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

Community and Kindness

- Charity and Community Action Committee
- Random Acts of Kindness

History, Politics and Economics

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

Geography, Nature & the Environment

- Environment Committee
- Beekeeping
- Geography Society
- Greenpower F24
- Train Society

Film and Theatre

- Film Society
- Technical Theatre Club
- Theatre Studies Enrichment

Literature, Classics and Writing

- Classics Club
- Junior Classics Society
- Hopkins Society
- Junior English Society
- Creative Writing Society
- Minimus Project

Modern Languages

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

Wellbeing, Lifestyle & Religion

- Equality Society
- Explore Christianity
- Feminist Society
- Mindfulness
- Culture Society
- Jummah Friday Prayers
- Pride Society
- Yoga
- Zen Society
- Sports Discussion Group
- Rossetti Betjeman Society
- Vinyl and Philosophy

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