

ELECTIVE PROGRAMME 2024-25



Key information

1. Elective choices will be timetabled for 1 period a week (Thursday P5 or Friday P5)
2. You may not get your first choice due to numbers
3. It is highly unlikely you will be able to change electives once you start as spaces will become full and the course is very short, therefore too much will have been missed (Most electives stop after easter, EPQ/Sports Leaders continue until June)
4. EPQ and Sports Leadership – these courses finish with an award/qualification however take the most commitment. — — — — — — — — — —

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Why do we run Electives as part of our Y12 Curriculum?

1. Electives **enrich** your learning and experience beyond the specifications of you're A-Levels
 2. Extend and develop a richer set of skills
 3. Pursue passions beyond you're A-Levels which may support you with university, interviews, careers
 4. Be part of a different community of students
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ELECTIVES OVERVIEW



EPQ

Sports
Leadership

Medical
Health &
Social

Criminology

P4C

Ethics

Knowing
Europe

Public
Speaking

Journalism

Inspiring
Engineer
Scheme

Dissection

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Signing up to an Elective:

Please read through each of the elective offers before making your decisions. Consider what is going to be the most interesting for you and which elective you will engage with and be motivated to attend/complete work. Do not pick an elective your friend is doing... Think about any future career/degree aspirations, will the elective support with this. Will you engage with something that will develop skills needed in the future or in the wider world.

CRIMINOLOGY (MRS HACKIN)



Are you **interested in Crime**? Are you interested in why people commit crime or how the criminal justice system works? Do you think certain types of people are over-represented in official crime statistics? Are you interested in going on to study **Law**, **Criminology**, **Sociology** or **Psychology** at university? Is yes, then Criminology is for you!

Criminology is the scientific study of crime and as part of this elective you will develop your cultural awareness by understanding how the definitions of crime and deviance are dependent on time and culture, you will develop an understanding of **how the criminal justice system works** and have a chance to develop your communication skills by taking part in a **mock trial**. Alongside this you will develop your confidence in expressing opinions by comparing different theories of crime and debating a range of explanations as to why people commit crime.

DISSECTION (MRS ALMEHAIDEB)



Unlock your passion for **hands-on** Biology! Immerse yourself in our captivating dissection course, where you'll journey deep into the fascinating world of **animal anatomy**. From **dissecting** simple organisms to unravelling the mysteries of complex organ systems, our course is tailored to elevate your grasp of anatomy and indirectly enhance your understanding of physiology.

Ideal for aspiring professionals in life sciences, medicine, dentistry, or veterinary fields, this course caters to a wide range of backgrounds. While A-level Biology experience is advantageous, it's not a prerequisite. Unleash your curiosity and embark on an exciting voyage of discovery with us today!

ETHICS (MRS BOCHENSKI)



The Philosophical Study of **Morality**

How should we live? What makes an action right or wrong? What makes for a fair and just society? Is morality nothing more than a human construct? Is cultural appropriation wrong? Is it ever right to end the life of another human being? Should we all be vegetarians?

Are you interested in the **answers** to these questions? Well we certainly are and can't wait to explore them with you on an epic journey that will include a **galaxy of great minds** and influential thinkers that have contributed to the study of ethics.

INSPIRING ENGINEERS (MRS GALLAGHER)



The Inspiring Engineers Scheme has been running very successfully for a few years now. It has been very popular for students who are considering a career in **engineering** or who just want to apply their **theoretical knowledge** from **Maths**, **Physics** or **Geography** in a realistic **engineering project**. Over the course you will be working in small groups with a mentor from Mott MacDonald.

You will gain experience in **research**, **team working**, **presentation** and **communication skills** and you will be using the D&T workshop to make your prototype. Your team will present all their work, to a panel of engineers at the Mott MacDonald head office in Croydon at a celebration event. An added bonus is the fact that your work from this course will be submitted for a Gold Crest Award.

JOURNALISM (MRS WILLIAMS)



Interested in learning more about **journalism**? Thinking about a future career that has a **writing** element to it? Or, do you simply want to keep your writing skills sharp because you have a love of writing generally? Then this elective is made for you! We will cover:

- Different styles of writing including travel writing, editorials, reviews, news reporting, sport journalism (not an exhaustive list, with scope to adapt depending on the interests of the group).

You will gain:

- Experience in **working together** to create different types of journalistic pieces.
- Awareness of **tone and language** across different articles.
- Understanding of the different ways in which people read articles across different platforms e.g web/ social media/ print etc.
- Experience in **writing** in different styles.

Most importantly, you will have the opportunity to flex those writing muscles and simply enjoy writing!

KNOWING EUROPE (MRS SILMAR)



This project will allow you to open yourself to the world by playing the role of **tour operator** and discover the different countries of Europe, the geographical space in which we live through its **history** and **art** in order to encourage others to visit these wonderful places. The discovery of European countries will also allow you to develop a European identity, values and a common culture.

By carrying out this project you will have a sense of **belonging** to a community beyond national borders. While enriching your **language skills**, you will know and understand the history we share with our neighbours, you will discover the **diversity** and richness of the peoples of Europe. This will open your curiosity and help to strengthen tolerance and understanding among other Europeans.

If you are ready to broaden your horizons and get to know Europe, all its diversity and at the same time enrich your language skills, then do not hesitate for a second. At the end of this project you will have the opportunity to **create a blog** and share your ideas with young people like you. _ _ _ _ _

MEDICAL HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (MRS WHITELY-BECKFORD)



Health and social care encompasses the many services offered by related providers in both the public (NHS) and private sector. Are you interested in learning how to **improve patients well-being** through **building positive relationships**, team work, **analysing theories and legislations**? Then this elective is **right for you!** This can make for an *interesting learning experience and build confidence through discussions, independent research, presentations and being creative.* You'll learn all about how individuals in the health sector are impacted by issues such as poor communication, poverty, inequality, stereotypes, gender as well as important aspects like human rights, the law and **contemporary issues** in social policy. You will have the ability to extend your learning to healthcare and/or legal settings to carry out a **project-based activity** that will showcase the **skills** you will develop throughout the course with an opportunity to extend your **character building and cultural -social capital.**

PUBLIC SPEAKING (MISS JAVAID)



“What do you really think about the world as it stands now? Do the ideas being expressed in the Media make your blood boil? Do you know who inspires you and how to change the world? The ability to **communicate** well with others is one of the most powerful tools we can own, both at work and in our everyday lives.

This elective will focus on Public Speaking, both studying the **speeches** of others and considering how to develop skills for use as a Public Speaker in the workplace and the wider world. There will be a mixture of:

practical workshops, lectures, presentations and formal political **debates** discussing issues you feel are important to your world.

The course is mainly practical and participants should be happy to offer ideas and opinions to others, work both as part of a group and independently, and learn how to become a public speaker through practice.

If you love to express yourself, or you would like to become more **assertive**, this Elective might be of great benefit to you.

P4C (MRS ETHERINGTON)



Explore issues in philosophy, society and life in an interesting and discursive way; question others, question yourself, **question everything**, through the P4C elective! You will continue to develop the P4C skills you have worked on throughout your time at WHSG becoming a more critical, caring, creative and collaborative thinker while discussing **philosophical issues** and answering the big questions. If you love discussing ideas, **challenging others** and thinking deeply about philosophical issues this is the elective for you. Come along to have your mind blown!

SPORTS LEADERS (MRS BATES)



Develop **confident**, healthy leaders through sport and **physical** activity.

By choosing this elective you will not only gain a **qualification** in Sports Leadership, but you will also learn and demonstrate important life skills such as effective **communication** and **organisation**. These skills are developed whilst learning to lead basic physical activities to younger people, your peers, older generations and within the community. The course involves both guided & peer-to-peer learning and supervised leadership to ensure that learners have all the skills they need to lead basic physical activities to other people.

The **Level 2 Qualification** in Community Sports Leadership (CSL2) is a formal qualification, recognised in personal statements. It teaches you how to adapt your sessions depending on your audience e.g. Primary children or Disability groups both within and outside the school Community.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)



What is the EPQ?

It is a Level 3, AQA qualification, consisting of taught lessons (around 5 hours) and a minimum of 100 hours independent work to produce the final submission **which is at the end of January**. All candidates must complete for submission the following;

A 5000 word essay **or** an artefact with a 2000 essay.

A production log detailing how the project was completed from start to finish and your reflections during the process.

A 15 minute presentation to audience of students and staff.

This is a very independent project. You can choose whichever topic you like (as long as it doesn't overlap with you're A Levels) and as long as you meet the various deadlines set then how you complete it is up to you. Throughout the process you will have a supervisor who will advise you how your project is going but should not expect the level of direct instruction that you may receive in other subjects. If you miss deadlines, do not take on advice or leave it all to the end this will be reflected heavily in your final mark.

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Why do an EPQ?

The EPQ is an excellent project to bridge the gap between A Levels and future study. Study at university is much more independent and completing an EPQ is good practice for extended pieces of work, like dissertations that you may do in the future. It gives you excellent planning, researching and reflection skills and most importantly allows you to study in depth something that really interests you.

How to apply?

Every year we have more people wanting to do the EPQ than we have spaces. Undertaking this project is a lot of hard work and we are only looking to recruit students that are serious about tackling this qualification.

Securing a place on this prestigious elective requires demonstrating commitment: To be considered for this elective you will need to attend a session on Thursday 5th Sept at 9.50am in the Sports Hall



SELECTING YOUR ELECTIVES



To select your Elective please scan this QR code.

You must rank the Electives 1 - 11.

1 is the Elective you most want to do and 11 being the Elective you least want to do.

We cannot guarantee that everyone will get their first choice, where possible we will try to ensure all students get at least their first and second choice.

This form must be completed today!

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