

Prince Henry's High School

Year 12
Electives
Programme

2016 - 2017

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Year 12 Electives 2016 / 17

As part of our Enrichment, Employability and Pastoral programme you will need to elect an activity from the selection presented in this booklet. The types of activity available include :

- Work related learning
- Personal development
- Learning a new skill
- Gain additional academic qualifications

The Aim of the Electives

The aim is to extend and develop your personal skills in areas such as taking responsibility, organising and communicating. Many of the activities will involve an active contribution to school life or will enhance your personal skills.

The Commitment

Every student will elect an activity and commit at least **one hour** a fortnight. Core Maths and ECDL will meet during the Elective lesson in Week 1 and will have an **additional** lesson during Enrichment in Week 2. Students who study Critical Thinking will have a lesson on Wednesday lunchtime in week 2 in addition to the Elective lesson. **All options that lead to an additional qualification will need you to commit extra time for studying and some will continue to Year 13.**

Designated time

Some of the activities can be timetabled but other electives will need to be completed during private study time or outside the school day. The activities are co-ordinated / supervised by designated members of staff and you may be asked to keep a log of the hours that you commit to your elective. Activities such as Student Mentoring and Reading Buddies will take place at other times in the week. As different activities take place at different times it is often possible to combine more than one elective, students who opt for the Duke of Edinburgh award, for example, will often do another elective as well.

Choosing your elective

You will be choosing your elective alongside your final option choices in August. After you have filled in you're a level choices on the on-line application system you will then select your Elective. We do our best to allocate everyone to their first choice activity, however where an option is popular you may be asked to make another choice.

THE ELECTIVES

Gold / Silver Arts Mark

Member of Staff : coordinator Mrs M Cook

Number of places available : 15

Time commitment : Minimum one hour per week



Arts Award's unique qualifications support anyone up to the age of 25 to grow as artists and art leaders, inspiring them to connect with and take part in the wider arts world through setting personal challenges in the art form of their choice – from fashion to film-making, pottery to poetry.

For Silver Arts Award, you will be given the opportunity to develop your arts skills and lead an arts project to achieve a Level 2 national qualification. You will build up an arts portfolio to track your experiences and show your development, creating and collecting evidence along the way.

The Gold Arts Award is the highest level, through which you can gain a Level 3 national qualification and 16 UCAS points. You will need to research the wider arts sector as well as debate an arts issue.

Critical Thinking AS Course

Member of Staff : Mrs C Webb

Number of Places Available : 15 (you should have at least 5 A* grades at GCSE)

Time Commitment : 2 hrs per fortnight



An AS Course designed to improve and extend your skills of analysis, evaluation and communication. These skills will support your progress in other AS Subjects, as well as earning you an additional AS qualification. If you are considering applying for Oxbridge then this subject will help you to prepare for the thinking skills tests.

Lessons will take place during the elective slot and from 1.00 - 2.00pm on Wednesday of week 2.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (Silver and Gold)

Member of Staff : Mrs J Parnham

Number of Places Available : 40

Time Commitment : Minimum 1 hour per week and time outside school

To support those opting for the Gold Award and for those who wish to finish their Silver Award.



Young Enterprise

Member of Staff : Mr J Martin

Number of Places Available :20

Time Commitment : 1 hour per week and time outside school



This is a nationally accredited scheme designed to encourage young people into business and enterprise. This time slot will be meeting time for groups to plan, discuss and research business ideas and schemes. This will give you a real insight and practical experience of setting up and running a genuine business.

To create a successful business you will need to commit time after school for meetings, and as it is a competition you will need to go to trade fairs some weekends. Last year's team, Henry's Preserves, won a range of awards.



Survival Cookery

Member of Staff : Mrs D. Cox and Mrs H Miles

Number of Places Available : 30

Time Commitment : 1 hour per fortnight

A structured, practical course which will involve the preparation of dishes and meals that will be important student staples. It culminates in a 'Master Chef' final!



Get into Teaching

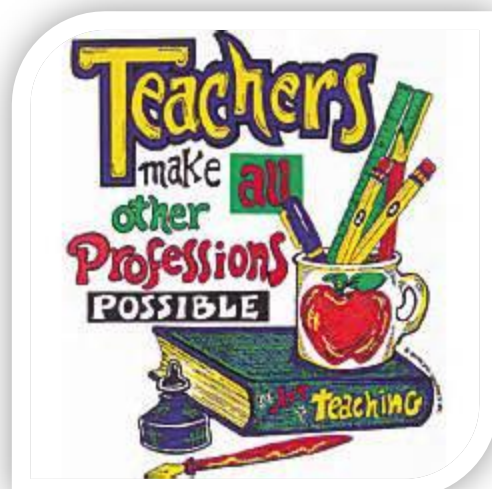
Member of Staff : Mr A Duffy

Number of Places Available : 15

Time Commitment : 1 hour per fortnight.

'Get into teaching' will give you a deeper understanding of the skills, qualities and knowledge underpinning teaching and learning. It will provide a balanced view on what is 'good or outstanding' teaching, combined with applying these skills in a real life context. You will develop a critical awareness of the learning process and how 'Teachers make all other Professions possible'.

Highly recommended for those students wishing to go to University, teaching career or working in Early Years / Care.



Reading Buddies with Year 9 Students

Member of Staff : Mrs R. Bennington

Number of Places Available : 15

Time Commitment: Group can meet initially for training, one registration per week after this.

Reading Buddies are trained initially and then meet up with an allocated year 9 student for 1 registration each week in the LRC. You will give help and support with reading skills and confidence in reading.



Student Mentors for Lower School

Member of Staff : Mrs R Baston

Number of Places Available : 20

Time Commitment : 1 hour per fortnight

Mentors will offer support to students in lessons, initial training will be given. Mentors will be allocated to specific Year 9 students and will work with them in an allocated Private Study lesson.



Core Maths

Member of Staff : to be confirmed

Number of Places Available : 25

Time Commitment :1 hour per week

Do you like maths but don't want to do it at A level? Are you likely to need good maths skills in your choice of A level Subjects or degree? If you think your career might involve some element of maths such as surveying, geology, nursing, teaching etc. then this would be a very useful qualification to have.

This elective will give you a level 3 qualification in Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) worth up to 20 UCAS points (the same as an AS level).

This course will be taught over **two years** for one hour a week. It will include topics such as stats, probability, finance, advanced calculation, and modelling. Taking this course will develop your mathematical thinking and problem solving skills- essential skills for many degrees and careers.



It is particularly useful for subjects like Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, Geography, Business Studies, Economics and Biology which will have some elements of maths in their course.

Multi-Gym Fitness

Member of Staff : Mr C Patterson

Number of Places Available : 25

Time Commitment : 1 hour per fortnight

Following a 16 week basic fitness programme designed to improve cardio-vascular fitness, flexibility and stamina.



The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Member of Staff : Mrs J Tozer

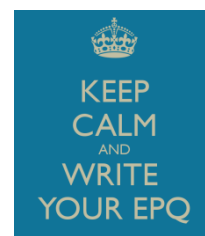
Number of Places Available : 5—10

Time Commitment :1 hr per fortnight plus directed learning



This is a well-regarded Level 3 qualification equivalent to up to 28 UCAS points. The EPQ allows you to develop and extend a specific area of personal interest outside of your academic subjects. If you have a particular passion or area of expertise whether academic or practical, the EPQ could give you an opportunity to explore it further whilst gaining a meaningful qualification. Topics students have studied in the past are varied, e.g.:

- Japanese comic books
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- Drugs in Sport
- The Wright Brothers Flying Machine (model making)
- Film making
- Dance study
- Academic essay on Shakespeare and Ovid
- Impact of the Scottish referendum on devolution
- Training horses for dressage



The potential is endless, it is highly regarded by universities because of the emphasis on Individual Study Skills and gives you UCAS points. However, it should not be undertaken lightly as it requires a big time commitment to produce work to a high standard.

Photography

Member of Staff : Miss L Salter

Number of Places Available : 10

Time Commitment : 1 hour per fortnight

This is a beginners' course for budding photographers. If you are interested in creative photography this course will give you a basic introduction, lots of ideas and help with photo editing and software. You may need to provide your own camera for this.



Holiday Spanish

Member of Staff : Mrs C Retallick

Number of Places Available : 12

Time Commitment : 1 hour per fortnight

A beginners' course which will give you an introduction to Spanish with the emphasis on conversation and useful basic phrases to enable you to get by on holiday in Spanish speaking countries.



BCS Level 3 Certificate in IT User Skills (ECDL Advanced)

Member of Staff : Mr H Parker

Number of Places Available : 16

Time Commitment : 1 hour per week and additional study time. To complete the qualification you will need to continue into Year 13 using private study time.



The aim of this qualification is to recognise the application of a range of IT user skills and knowledge in the workplace, meeting employer workforce demands. This builds upon the work which was completed in the Level 2 ECDL which was completed in Year 11. The qualification comprises five units of work, four of which are examined using an online system, and the final examination (Improving Productivity) which tests all four units, is completed through an offline test.

Successful completion of the ECDL Advanced is also worth 24 UCAS points (equivalent to A Level grade D).

ECDL advanced	
Word processing	Examines the advanced features of word processing applications enabling learners to enhance their work, improve productivity and save time.
Spreadsheet software	Helps the learner develop their spreadsheet skills to expert level and realise the full potential of the spreadsheet application to produce higher-quality management information.
Presentation software	A vital unit for learners who want to use advanced features to create high-impact presentations, and demonstrate expert presentation skills.
Database software	Helps the learner to get more from database applications, by using the many advanced tools available to better organise and manage information.
Improving productivity using IT	Enables the learner to work more effectively with IT. This unit looks at using tools to save time and effort when producing word processed documents, presentations and spreadsheets.

Please note: Resits will be charged at a cost of £10 per exam.

