



## ***St. Francis' College*** ***Extra Curricular Activities Policy (Senior)***

### **Introduction**

The 'College' refers to all the staff and pupils of the Prep Department and Senior School which includes Early Years Foundation stage (EYFS), Pre-Prep (Key Stage 1), Prep (Key Stage 2), and Senior School (Key Stages 3-5).

### **Purpose**

St. Francis' College offers a range of extra-curricular activities for its pupils. In particular, the College is seeking to:

- enrich their lives by exploring interests outside their normal school curriculum;
- develop a student's full potential;
- increase social awareness, social skills, group responsibility, empathy and leadership skills;
- foster individual talents and interests.

Extra-curricular activities are offered all year round. Clubs take place during lunch time or after school either on College premises or at facilities local to the College.

The Deputy Head co-ordinates all school clubs and collates the proposed programme for the school term, and we are able to introduce pupils to an exciting range of pursuits. Indoor and outdoor, practical and creative, mentally and physically challenging, there is a rich variety of activities to choose from. These are updated termly and in response to student feedback. Students can choose lunchtime clubs every day and after school clubs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The College offers a free supper to those staying late on these days.

### **Activities**

Alongside a full programme of sport, music, drama, and academic clubs and societies, all pupils are given the opportunity to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme from Year 9; many complete their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Completing the Award at any level is a great achievement and contributes to the pupils' all-round experience at St. Francis' College. Tennis coaching is available from Year 7 at extra cost.

Older pupils may also take part in specialist expedition educational adventure experiences and expeditions overseas. This can involve a diverse range of exciting activities and destinations.

## Health and Safety

Safety is an absolute priority for all activity providers. Codes of conduct set by the relevant bodies are followed. Staff members do their own risk and health and safety assessments for the clubs and activities they run, while external providers provide their own risk assessment.

All pupils in Key Stages 3 and 4 are required to attend at least two extra-curricular activities each week, one of which must be a physical activity.

Tutors monitor pupils' choice of activities.

## Activity Schedules

For Years 7 to 11, a schedule of activities is published at the start of every term and emailed directly to students and parents. Staff are also made aware of the variety of options running. It is expected that ALL departments will offer an enriching extra-curricular experience at some point in the academic year.

Sixth Form activities are advertised by Form Tutors, with details are published on the Sixth Form Information Board and shared by email Activities include:

- Sixth Form Society (once per term)
- Team building events, including at Stanborough Lakes at the beginning of the Autumn Term.
- Recycled Fashion Show organisation – all lunchtimes leading up to shows, for separate groups.
- Senior Council Meetings (fortnightly)
- Student Council Meetings
- Sixth Form Revue organisation
- UCAS Workshops – weekly during Autumn Term
- Interview preparation – as applicable.
- Tenner Challenge – Autumn Term
- True Adventure and Kanyike Fundraising – ongoing
- Model United Nations
- European City Visit

This policy is supported by the College Educational Visits Policy and HASLOC (Health and Safety of Learners Outside the Classroom) guidance available from <http://www.lotc.org.uk/>

## Covid-19 Addendum

Please note that extra-curricular provision is subject to Government advice and guidance. The College will follow this advice and adapt or cancel its provision accordingly.

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