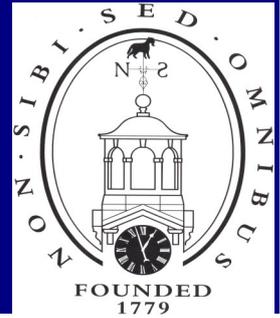


AUTUMN TERM 2015

Ackworth School Society News



CLUBS & SOCIETIES – OVER 60 ON OFFER!

From our literature, you will be aware that we offer an extensive extra-curricular programme. We very much encourage active involvement in clubs and societies. However, you may not be aware of what exactly is on offer—as this is conveyed (or not) via the students! This term's publication will give you an insight into our programme.

Please encourage your son or daughter to become involved.

Any evening when staying after school we expect all **1st-5th year** students to participate in a club or activity. We encourage **4th and 5th year** students to participate in at least two clubs/activities per week, most are involved in many more.

There is a space in the Student Organiser for recording the week's activities, so please check that you son or daughter is making the most of their opportunities.

Natural History Society

This club is suitable for anyone who is interested in the natural world. We will carry out a range of activities during the year, looking at living things such as fungi, plants, birds, mammals, and insects. We will also investigate other aspects of the natural world, such as fossils, geology and astronomy.

The Natural History Society is a long-established club, more than 150 years old! There is a popular award scheme by which you can gauge the development of you knowledge and you should aim to move up through the awards during your time at Ackworth:

- The Naturalists' Award (For young or new members.)
- The Advanced Naturalist's Award (For more experienced members.)
- The Natural History Society Award (The ultimate achievement!)



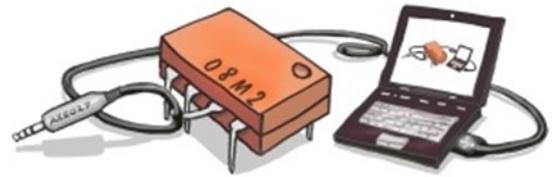
Electronics & Computing Club

Electronics and Computing Society

In this society, we will use electronic microcontrollers to do interesting things by connecting the controller to input and output devices. Output devices include LEDs, buzzers and motors and there are many projects that can be completed using these. To begin with you might make a simple electronic pet but you could, with experience, go as far as making a vehicle suitable for "Robot Wars".

You will:

- learn how to solder components onto an electronics board.
- devise applications for your microcontrollers.
- write computer code to make the controller perform whatever task you need it to carry out.



DT Clubs

- **Junior DT Club** - come and design and manufacture products in resistant materials.
- **GCSE & IGCSE Resistant Materials Catch-Up Session**
- **Design, Make & Race: Scalextric Cars (1st-4th Years)** - (Max. 15 students)



Gardening Club



Open to all. If you're not afraid to get your hands dirty and would like to 'eat' the rewards of your labours, then come and join us in the school allotment!

TARGET 2.0

Target Two Point Zero - the Bank of England and The Times Interest Rate Challenge - gives teams of students age 16-18 the chance to take on the role of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee, assess economic conditions and the outlook for inflation and tell panels of judges what monetary policy they would set to achieve the Government's inflation target of 2.0%.

Open to 6th Form Economists Only



Model Railway Club

Model Railway Club is open to all who are interested in building and operating a model railway, based on real-life.

Using Mr Swales' layout in the Barn, pupils can learn how to operate a railway realistically, and how to build all that goes in to a layout – track, scenery, electronics, wiring, signals.



Chess Club

Chess is a fascinating challenging game played by millions. It's a game that combines relaxation with intellectual exercise. As with all games, if you learn to play it properly you will enjoy it more. The Chess Club meets for an hour a week when we look at some classic games of the past, tackle chess problems, generally delve into the wonders of chess or just learn to play!



Maths Workshop

Do you sometimes need help with your maths work?

Do you occasionally need to sort out problems or check that you are on the right track with your Maths work?

Last year pupils from all year groups, including sixth form, attended the workshop.

If you would like support, help, guidance or advice about your work, then come along.



Cipher Challenge

Do you enjoy codes and solving messages written in code? Do you enjoy working on the computer?

Then this is the club for you!

Teams of pupils join a nationwide challenge run by the University of Southampton to crack codes.

Science Club

The main objective of the Science Club is to make science exciting and fun. The club will provide opportunities for pupils to develop a stronger interest in science through fun practical work outside the curriculum, with students choosing their own extended projects in areas they are interested in.



If you want to become a scientist of the future, come and join us!

Digital Photography Club



Mr Bootyman shares his expertise with this group. Students are given a basic knowledge of photography on a variety of themes including - portrait, landscape and sporting. So whether you just want to improve your snaps or become a top media photographer, you can start here. The club is open to all ages, beginners and more experienced photographers.

If you are interested, please come along. Those doing Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme may note that this has been the hobby component for some students.

ESL Drop-In

This club meets once a week. If you are a student for whom English is a second language, this club will give you extra support and guidance with your studies.



Business Competition Opportunities

Open to all students in the Fifth and Sixth forms.

Young Consumer Competition (Autumn & Spring terms)

Every year the Trading Standards Institute run a competition in the form of a quiz to find the 'Young Consumers of the Year'. The competition is open to all schools and once again this year we plan to enter a few teams from Ackworth. A cross between 'University Challenge' and 'Watchdog' the competition is a fun and engaging opportunity for young people to learn about their rights and responsibilities.

The winning team from the West Yorkshire region will be invited to a weekend away at the National Finals.

The main topics included in the quiz are: Money and Finance, Europe and Travel, Keeping Safe, Keeping Healthy, Food and Drink, Social Responsibility and the Environment, Consumer and Legal Issues so there is something for everyone! Please come along and have some fun and learn how to be successful young consumer.



Curiositea

For anyone in the 5th or 6th Form interested in applying for Medical Sciences (Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry), or in applying to Oxford or Cambridge. This will be good preparation for the types of interviews you might encounter when making a university application - reading interesting, but challenging, articles which can then be discussed as a group.



Psychology Support



Both L6th and U6th students are welcome to come for help and support with their A Level Psychology work, or to discuss the Psychology films and books available to borrow.

Mindfulness Meditation

This club is open to 5th, Lower 6th and Upper 6th

Please see Mr. Stephenson



Sci-Fi Club

Open to those in 4th-6th Form.

Please see Mr. Stephenson for more details.



Cookery Clubs

Junior Club (1st-3rd year) - We handle a variety of ingredients and appliances in a safe and friendly environment – aiming to foster good practice, as well as enjoyable results! You sign up for an 8 week block.



IT CLUB
ALL WELCOME



European Cinema Club

Open to 2nd Form upwards. We will be watching a variety of films and cartoons from France, Spain, Italy and Germany. Non-linguists are more than welcome.



Spanish Club

Are you doing Spanish? Are you interested in Spanish culture and history?

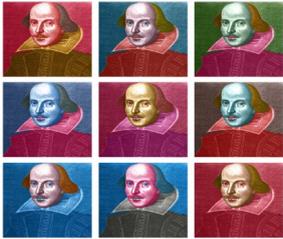
This club will be a mixture of learning more about Spain and having opportunities to practise and learn more of the language in an informal setting. Everybody is welcome, whatever your level and bring along anyone else who has an interest in Spain too!

We will do different activities depending on people's interests, starting with watching a series about a little girl living in Spain in the 1930's, Celia. It's funny and through it we can learn about that time in Spain (don't worry if you might not understand it because you are a beginner - we can talk about it in English and you can get some practise at listening and read the subtitles). We will do some cooking or learn Spanish recipes. We will develop connections with regions in Spain that we know and are interested in. We can invite people to come and talk to us about things Spanish... And so on.

ALL LEVELS AND AGES WELCOME

VAMOS ¿TE APUNTAS?





English Support Drop-In

Open to all those from 1st to 6th Form. Come regularly or with your own agenda. Support is available for you as and when you need it.

Book Club

Once every half term, a whole bunch of people get together and decide they're all going to read a book (the same book; you'll get your own copy!) Even though there tend to be about a dozen or so attending, who these people actually are is very broad ranging: some are Ackworth School students from Coram to 1st form to upper 6th; some are parents, some teachers. Some old scholars and old scholars' parents have even wanted to turn up! I don't know what books we read. I choose one or two, to get things rolling, but people soon want to pitch their own ideas in, and we run with them. Ideally, they would be books no one has read before. The only rule, if there is one, is that the book has to be accessible and appropriate for all ages. Our tastes are nothing if not eclectic – in style, and country, and culture, and content! Some people loved these books, and we have had some wonderful, insightful, emotional conversations about our responses to it. Some people couldn't stand these books, and had a thoroughly enjoyable time ripping into them and explaining their vehement reactions. Both extremes and everything in between are welcome! Every meeting is accompanied by a liberal sprinkling of tea and coffee, cakes and biscuits, and squash. Everyone is encouraged to



A-Level Lunchtime Literature

Quaker Club

**WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO BE A QUAKER TODAY?
Let's think about this and discuss it**

*Is it about the values?
Is it about the silence?
Is it about being accepted and cared for?
Is it about its spiritual openness and non-dogmatism?*

The world around us has changed and is changing so quickly. We want to live well and in general we want others to live well too, but in today's times, when we are made so aware of the conflicts and violence taking place in so many places and on different levels, in our countries and societies too, sometimes it is difficult to know how to listen and act according to our conscience.

This club is aimed at being a discussion group, open to anyone who enjoys thinking and talking about ideas, the past, present and future and the way we find meaning in the world.



"This isn't what I thought Quakers were like at all!"

We will look at particular moments and aspects of Quaker history and discuss what these might mean for us today.

Through what Quakers call the testimonies – to peace, to simplicity, equality and truth - we will explore what these have meant to Quakers in the past and most of all, what they might mean for us today.

Manga Club

Manga are comics which are written and drawn in a Japanese style and are very popular around the world. At Manga club pupils read, draw and talk about this fascinating subject in a very informal way. Lively discussions about the favourite new Manga and the most informative websites are a regular part of the club along with recommendations for new anime films. Help and encouragement is given to all beginners and much of the work is displayed in the Library. The club is open to all year groups and everyone is welcome!

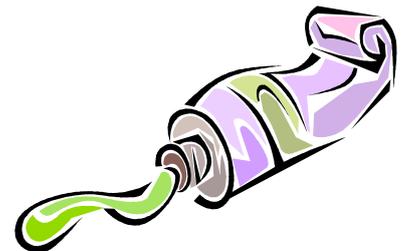
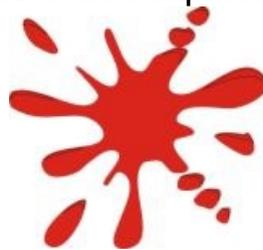


ARTS & CRAFTS



ART CLUBS

Come along for support with your prep and the opportunity to develop your skills and experience in art.



Crochet Club

Feel like doing something crafty? Come to Crochet and make a toy, a fridge magnet and much more.



SEWING & KNITTING CLUB

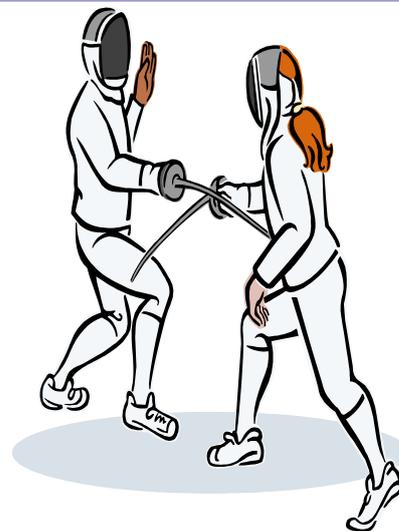
Experienced or beginner? Come and join us and



SPORT

Fencing

The sport of fencing has a long history extending back many hundreds of years. Modern competitive fencing follows three weapon disciplines, Foil, Sabre and Epee and is enjoyed equally by male and female fencers. The Club is open to all members of the school who will join in the weekly training sessions. All equipment will be provided at these sessions which will teach from basic skills to competitive tactics.



The British Fencing Association Proficiency Award scheme will be our measure of progress in the early stages and most beginners should gain their bronze award in the first term. Competitive fencing could involve matches with other local clubs and ultimately participation in national events. Those people of a less competitive nature will be able to enjoy fencing at club level purely as an exercise that has been described as 'Athletic Chess'. Since starting fencing 14 years ago we have already had four students selected to represent Yorkshire in national competitions, and two have fenced for Great Britain.

There is a termly charge for Fencing club and a permission slip for the following term is enclosed in each end of mailing pack.

Archery

This club is now well established. All equipment has been provided by the PSA so you don't need to bring anything along other than yourselves.

There is a termly charge for Archery club and a permission slip for the following term is enclosed in each end of mailing pack. However if you want to have a go mid term, then just come and see the Sports Centre Manager and he will organize this for you.

We have a qualified Archery coach and sessions are held outside, weather permitting in the summer and held in the Sports Hall during the winter on Fridays at 6.30pm.

We offer our own certificate Scheme, U15s and U18s run on the same scoring system as the AAS. You are welcome to come and have a go. There is a charge per term for this club. Older pupils are expected to help set up and to help at the end of the sessions.

Tae kwon do

This club is held after school on Wednesdays in the Sports Hall.

It is run by Terry Frost, 5th Dan and he is well experienced in this form of non-contact martial art. He has been with us for 20 years and also runs clubs nearby so pupils who live locally can attend during the holidays.

Tae kwon do encourages children to be disciplined and self controlled rather than aggressive. It helps with mental and physical co-ordination and builds up strength. Safety is a priority and pupils are expected to obey instructors' commands.



There is a termly charge for Tae kwon do club and a permission slip for the following term is enclosed in each end of mailing pack. Pupils are expected to attend weekly until the end of the school year and enter the twice yearly grading exam. Some charges will be incurred: £25 for the annual license and the twice year grading fee of £25, which includes a belt. This is a private charge and cannot be put onto the school bill. It is a challenge to go forward and work towards a different belt.

If you are not sure about this activity but would like to watch before making up your mind then just come along to the first session and speak with Mr. Frost.

Eco Club

In Eco Club we will explore environmental issues and encourage the school community to be responsible citizens in their use of the world's resources. We will be looking at trying to achieve the Eco school awards scheme.

We are going to look at recycling, growing our own fruit and vegetables, where our food comes from, how to save energy and much much more.....



Team Fitness



Basketball (Seniors & Juniors)



Girls' Sports—Autumn & Spring Terms

HOCKEY

In Girls' Hockey, teams have represented the school at all levels from U12 upwards. Also teams may participate in the Wakefield District Tournaments and players may attend district and West Yorkshire trials, as well as regular fixtures. New members who wish to commit themselves either to gain experience or for pure enjoyment are always welcome.



NETBALL (JUNIOR & SENIOR)

Netball is played at all levels. This is a very popular activity and the girls enjoy the competitive matches against other schools. All levels participate in the Wakefield District Tournaments and we were delighted with recent performances.



Girls' Sports—Summer Term

ATHLETICS

This is a popular club that has been extremely well attended. You may try all of the field and track events or just specialize on your favourite. It is a great opportunity to work individually but also in House Teams in preparation for Inter - House Athletics.



TENNIS

Everyone is welcome to play tennis whether you want to improve your singles or doubles games and play in fixtures or work towards the schools'

ROUNDERS

Rounders is a fast, exciting game which provides players with the opportunity to develop running, batting, bowling and fielding skills. There are regular opportunities to play matches against different years, houses and schools.

Boys' Team Sports



HOCKEY TRAINING Autumn & Spring Terms

Weekly introduction to hockey, with emphasis on techniques. The rules of games are explained. Training for all year groups

FOOTBALL TRAINING Autumn & Spring Terms



Senior Badminton Club



The Badminton Club is held in the Sports Centre so that four courts can be in operation at once. Shuttles and rackets are provided, generally by a grant from the PSA, although some people prefer to have their own rackets. During the last year quite a few people played on a regular basis and some just now and again. This has given plenty of opportunity for mixing and everybody enjoyed themselves, whether experienced players or those just learning the game. Usually the sessions involve doubles; boys, girls and mixed, and occasionally there is time for some singles. The club is open to 4th year and above, from beginners to experienced players. Even if you can't come every week, come along and enjoy the game of badminton.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh Award continues to be popular with Ackworth pupils. A large number of 4th year students undertake bronze award and many go on to do silver and gold throughout the 5th year and 6th form. This is a challenging award but all who undertake it enjoy and gain valuable life skills.



Swimming



Over the course of the year all the major strokes are covered, skills are practiced and stamina levels raised. We are hoping to have some competitive galas this year. There is also a leisure swim on Friday evenings where the emphasis is on having fun!

Running

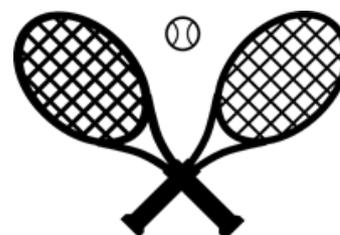


Basketball Coaching

Improve your passing, dribbling, shooting, footwork, tactics and match play in these fun coaching sessions.

Open to all on Saturday mornings
10am-12.30pm

Squash

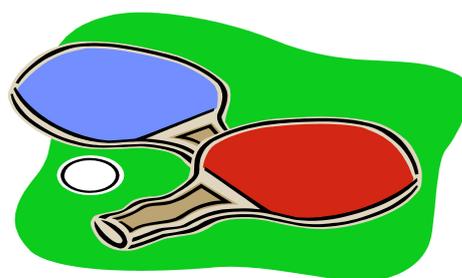


Fitness Centre



Open Monday to Friday for pupils in 4th year upwards. A signed Parental Consent Form is required.

Table Tennis



Shed Court Clubs

BOARD GAMES

Choose a board game to play with one of the older Shed Court pupils
Please see Mrs



Ward for further details of both clubs.

CAR INTEREST CLUB

Search for, admire and discuss your interest in cars with one of the older Shed Court pupils



Squash

Kayaking

You can probably walk in a straight line, may be even run in a straight line but can you paddle a kayak in a straight line? Would you like to learn how to paddle a kayak forwards, backwards, sideways or upside down?



We visit Pugneys on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Autumn and Summer Terms. You will need to get your parents/ guardians to complete a consent form if you wish to come. See Christopher Bailey for more information.

Sailing

Rigging, reaching, tacking and gybing may be familiar to you or you may have never sailed before, either way, you are most welcome to join the sailing club. You will sail in a Wayfarer in groups of three with an RYA qualified instructor guiding and reminding you.

We visit Pugneys on various Tuesdays. Thursdays and Sundays in the Autumn and Summer Terms. You will need to get your parents/ guardians to complete a consent form if you wish to come. See Christopher Bailey for more information.

Indoor Climbing

The climbing club is for new and experienced climbers. You will learn and be reminded how to climb safely. If you are new to climbing, you will be surprised how quickly your confidence develops. You will soon be able to fit a harness and helmet correctly, tie a figure of eight knot and a stopper knot, and belay others. You will climb in groups of three with a climber, a belayer and a tailer. Climbing well involves developing your balance and flexibility as well as your strength. We visit The Leeds Wall on Tuesdays and Saturdays throughout the year. You will need to get your parents/ guardians to complete a consent form if you wish to come. See Christopher Bailey for more information.



Ackworth Choir

Mixed repertoire of classical, modern and gospel songs

Ackworth Ensemble

For players who have already achieved Grade 5 on their instrument, giving them the opportunity to play in a higher level ensemble setting

Music Theory Clubs

Wind Ensemble

PERCUSSION CLUB

String Ensemble Guitar Club

Orchestra

Open to all players Grade 2 and above

We will be playing a repertoire of classical music, film music and much more

ACKWORTH BAND

A chance to play together in a band.

Music includes pop, rock and jazz and much more

Pop Rep

Less of a choir and more of a singing group that performs songs from the popular repertoire

Chamber Choir

If you can read music, please come and join a very select group of singers who will be performing some of the most beautiful vocal music, spanning four centuries.



Autumn Term
Drama Production

*Shakespeare
In Love*

Auditions & Rehearsals



Listen for announcements in
Morning Meetings and keep an eye on
the Drama notice board!