

Activities at Leighton Park



Ask any pupil about their favourite part of the day and for the majority, unsurprisingly, it will be the time after lessons end. However at Leighton Park, this is when pupils are eager to enjoy the huge range of activities or simply have fun relaxing in the houses with their friends. The whole community, both day pupils and boarders, has a wealth of opportunities to develop interests and skills outside the classroom.

Pupils take part in activities at 4.30pm before tea. Some activities also take place after tea, or at lunchtime. Fryer pupils, in Year 7 and 8, are encouraged to take three activities a week, and those in Year 9 and above, two. There is a programme of activities on a Saturday, for the boarders, that day pupils are welcome to join too. Parents enjoy peace of mind knowing that their children are safely and productively occupied, while the pupils simply enjoy themselves.

Music, drama, art and sport are all areas where the pupils can get involved, in regular productions, concerts or matches. The level of skill is not the main issue, but enthusiasm to have a go, and also to commit regularly, certainly are important. In the Sixth Form, as students prepare their applications for university, the activities they have been involved in can make a major difference to the strength of the all-important personal statement.

Most activities are included in the fees: if there is an additional charge, for example with activities off-site or requiring specialist tuition, a form will be sent home for parents to sign to authorise payment.

Extra-curricular activities available during the year are likely to include:

- Aerobics
- Agora society
- Art (from Oil painting, Expressive
- Art to Figure drawing)
- Athletics conditioning
- Badminton
- Ballroom dancing (Sixth Form)
- Basketball
- Book club
- Brass and woodwind ensembles
- Ceramics
- Chess
- Chemistry club
- Chinese culture
- Choirs
- Circuit training
- Community service

- Computer club
- Cricket
- Dance
- Debating & discussion groups
- Drama
- DT workshop
- Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme
- Environment club
- Facing history
- Film society
- Football
- French club
- Fryer newspaper
- Girls' football
- Golf
- Guitar
- Handwriting
- History
- Hockey
- ICT club
- Jazz
- Kayaking
- Knitting and jewellery making
- Maths club
- Media club
- Music technology
- Netball
- Orchestra
- Photography
- Pool Polo
- Pottery
- Riding
- Rugby
- Sailing
- Sonic Art
- Stage technical
- Save the planet
- Strings group
- Swimming
- Table tennis
- Textile arts
- Trampolineing
- Theatre trips
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Weight training
- Yoga
- Young enterprise
- And even much more!

