



**DOWNSEND
SCHOOL**

Inspiring Young Minds

**SUPERVISED STUDY, MUSIC,
SPORT PRACTICES
AND CLUBS
SENIOR SCHOOL**

AUTUMN 2021



Early Birds and Supervised Study

To assist with our staffing and safeguarding, we ask you to book your child in for the whole term.

Charges will be added to your account on Cognita Connect at the start of the Autumn Term.



Early Birds and Supervised Study will commence from Tuesday 7 September.

Early Birds and Breakfast

7:30am - 8am

£6 per day

Held in the Dining Hall, where Chef Doug and his team will be offering healthy breakfast items from 40p (cash only please).

Supervised Study

Until 5:45pm

£10 per day

Supervised Study is an opportunity for pupils to tackle their homework whilst in the presence of teaching staff.

Sandwiches and a fruit platter are available and included in the price.

Please note if collection is after 5:45pm there is a £20 late charge each time.

There is no Extended Day on the last day of term due to the school closing earlier.

Emergency Ad-hoc

We do understand that there are occasions when booking in advance is not possible.

In the event that you need to book your child for Supervised Study please email seniorschool@downsend.co.uk by 1pm or call the school office.

These sessions will be billed via Cognita Connect as they are incurred.

Clubs

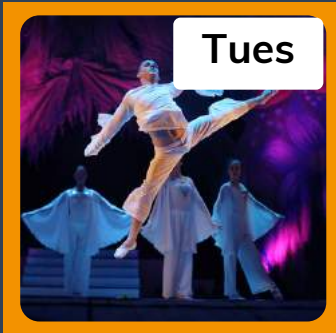
We pride ourselves on the breadth of opportunity we provide for our young people to gain new skills. Through our Clubs programme, we seek to inspire every pupil, encouraging them to pursue and develop their individual interests and abilities, providing them with valuable learning experiences alongside their studies to become independent, mature individuals.

At Downsend we offer over 70 different clubs across the school, to ensure that every child from Nursery to GCSE has a chance to try something to expand their skill set, specifically those that will help them in the future.

- In the 2021-2022 academic year, our clubs will run from Monday 13 September until Friday 10 December.
- There are no clubs during the last week of term. If you need to book Supervised Study for the last week of term, please contact seniorschool@downsend.co.uk nearer the time.
- Charges will be added to your account on Cognita Connect at the start of the Autumn Term, unless the club is externally run, in which case you will be sent further details.



Year 7 and 8



Drama 4:30 - 5:30pm
Mr Bryant

Join your peers to hone your drama skills and build on areas of the drama curriculum.



Astronomy 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 16)
Mr Silva

This is an opportunity to branch away from the curriculum and learn about different types of telescopes, black holes, formation of stars and planets and to explore space in a slightly different way. Come and find answers to all those astronomical questions you've been thinking about.



Engineering 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 16)
Mr Gibbons

Use scientific principles to design and build machines, structures, and other items, including bridges, tunnels, roads, vehicles, and buildings. We will explore a whole range of types of engineering and culminate in a mini project in the second half term.



Squash 4:30 - 5:30pm (£80, 10 sessions. Max 15)
Mr Newland

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Current Affairs and Politics 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 16)
Mr Duffield

A discussion based club exploring ethics and opinion in the current affairs and the week's political events. A range of media will be explored, read and watched including print newspaper, social media, radio and television. Students will have the opportunity to discuss and present on political and current affair issues which they find interesting and engaging.



Lacrosse 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 18)
Mrs Taylor

Come and try a new sport. It's fast and furious and is the "best team game ever"! You will learn new skills and learn how to incorporate them into the game of Lacrosse.



DT 3D Design 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 16)
Miss Hambleton

DT 3D Design club will offer students the opportunity to explore creative and technical skills, using a variety of tools, techniques and materials. Students will have the opportunity to design and make small products such as: mobile phone holders/bookends/clocks/t-light holders/mini speakers etc, with the intention of fine tuning skills and learning to make a product to a high standard, whilst also exploring their individuality and creativity. There will also be possibilities throughout the year when students can explore creating products for sale under the umbrella of 'enterprise', learning the basics of what it is to be a designer, to promote and sell quality products via school fairs and or community projects.

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Target Shooting 7:30 - 8:20am £130 (10 sessions), Max 10
Jeanette Leivers

The class is a mixture of competition and fun!
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www.targetshootingschool.co.uk Classes are suitable for pupils of all abilities in Y7-10. Class sizes are capped to keep coaching and safety at a premium as students are allocated one rifle for the whole session. If you have any questions please ring Jeanette Leivers on 07954 488989 or email jeanette@targetshootingschool.co.uk



Fencing 4:30 - 5:30pm £100 (10 sessions)
Miles and Ales at Inspion Sports

Delivered by Inspion Sports, the highly qualified team, deliver fencing teaching in a way that is exciting and inspiring. Fencing teaches both how to win physically, but also how to tactically outsmart an opponent. All specialist equipment (foil, epee mask and protective bodywear) will be provided for each session.



Table Tennis 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 16)
Mr Dunning and Mr Silva

Opportunity to play singles games, doubles and 'Round the World' and wind down with a few fun games of table tennis at the end of the day. All abilities are welcome. Bring your own bat if you have one, but if not then one will be provided.



Maths Art 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 16)
Mrs Grimmer

'Mathematical art' theme sessions which will help to reinforce many important mathematical skills such as accurate measuring and constructing, visual problem solving and strategic forward planning.

Year 7 and 8



Code Breakers 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 16)
Mr Skitt

Do you like solving word problems and puzzles? If so, then this club is for you. We are going to look at the hidden code behind how languages are built and apply those rules to learning new and exciting languages that none of us have even heard of before! There is even the chance to be entered for the UK Linguistics Olympiad.



Football Debating 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 16)
Mr Younas

In this club we will be practicing debating skills of researching, expressing your point of view, critical thinking, and, importantly, listening to others. The topics will be anchored around current topics in the world of football.



Textile Technique 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 16)
Miss Hambleton

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The club has an organic approach, allowing students to explore their ideas with the techniques they have learnt.



Chess Club 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 16)
Mr Rowden

Chess is an exciting game that provides many educational benefits. Students will be able to improve their focus, attention, memory, analysis, discipline, concentration, spatial awareness and strategic thinking. The game encourages self-assessment, healthy competition, study and preparation to achieve pre-set objectives. For anyone who hasn't played before, we'll be starting with the basics of what each chess piece can do before moving on to playing full games.

Year 7 and 8



Weds

Monopoly Mania (Year 7 Only) - 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 16)

Mrs Mercer

Play and learn the rules of Monopoly in order to then plan and create your own board games with key and important places for you, your family and friends.



Fri

Art Club 1:45 - 2:15pm (No Fee, Max 16)

Miss Aylen

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Tues

Sociology 4:30 - 5:30pm
Mrs Skitt

Have you ever wondered how society works? Why do we have shared or opposing beliefs? Would you like to know more about society and your place in it? If you would like to learn more, please come and join us.



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Fencing is an exciting sport which requires both mental and physical skills. Our classes will help you to reach your full fencing potential because our syllabus has been expertly crafted by Olympians and European Champions. Sign up now to have the opportunity to take on your friends in a duel after school! All specialist equipment (foil, epee mask and protective bodywear) will be provided for each session.



Weds

Girls Fitness 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 16)
Miss Seghal

Try different styles of exercise to get you fit whilst having fun (Circuit Training, Body Combat, HIIT, Running, Strength, Yoga). Learn about aspects of health and Science which contribute to your fitness and wellbeing.

Year 9 and 10



Weds

Creative Writing 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 16)

Mrs Elmas

Being able to write well is an essential life skill. One day, most of you will have to write formal letters, emails, reports, articles and speeches. You might even find yourself needing, or wanting, to write creatively. You will explore a whole range of text forms that consider both the formal and informal use of language. From CVs to song lyrics, we will investigate and create texts of our own to boost your confidence and skill in all things written. With job and university application forms not too far away in the future, this is something that you should definitely be considering now!



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Senior School Music Clubs

Monday

Senior Chamber Choir
8am in the Music Room

By audition - which will take place in the first week of term. Pupils will be notified directly.

Senior Girls Choir

Open to all girls, compulsory for those in Senior Chamber Choir
1:45pm in the Music Room

Senior Boys Choir

Open to all boys, compulsory for those in Senior Chamber Choir
1:45pm in the Drama Room

Tuesday

Senior Percussion Club
8am (week A) with Mr Early in the Drama Room
Max 20

Senior Jazz Ensemble

8am (week B) with Mr Early
Open to all Y7-10 pupils Grade 3 or above.

Senior Rock Bands

1:40pm by invitation only. Details to be provided at the start of term.

Wednesday

String Group
8am with Mr Bayley in the Music Room
Open to all string players grade 2 or above.

Thursday

Bass Group
8am with Mr Boote in the Music Classroom

Friday

Senior Orchestra
8am in the Drama Room

Open to all pupils Y7-10 who play an orchestral instrument. Limited places for keyboard players.

Senior Rock Bands

1:40pm by invitation only. Details to be provided at the start of term.



Senior School Sports Practices and Match Days

Monday

- Y7 and 8 Girls Swim Squad : 4:30 - 5:30pm (trials will be held on Thurs 9th Sept 4:30-5:30pm)
- Y9 and 10 Sports Practice: 4:30 - 5:30pm

Tuesday

- Y9 and 10 Swim Squad: 7:15 - 8:15am
- Y9 and 10 Match Day: Exact timings available via School Sports

Wednesday

- Y7 and 8 Match Day: Exact timings available via School Sports

Thursday

- Y7 and 8 Sports Practice: 4:30 - 5:30pm

Friday

- Y7 and 8 Boys Swim Squad: 4:30 - 5:30pm (trials will be held Friday 10th September 4:30-5:30pm)

