

HIGHGATE



Junior School

Co-curricular Activities

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At Highgate, time is set aside each week for every pupil to take part in at least one co-curricular venture. Co-curricular activities can create a feeling of fulfilment and achievement, which in turn gives pupils a sense of belonging, and being part of an inclusive community.

The Junior School boasts approximately 80 activities to choose from throughout the school year, so there's sure to be a club to suit every pupil. Pupils can attend during their lunchtime and before and after-school, to try out a mix of clubs to suit their mood, energy level and the changing seasons, with more outdoor activities taking place in the spring/summer terms.

Activities are divided into four categories: Academic, Creative, Music, Sport and Exercise, mostly led by our teaching and support staff, with some additional specialist opportunities to suit a wide range of interests. Pupils can also nominate new ideas for clubs and activities if there's something they really want to try and there is capacity.



Academic

There's an academic pursuit to stretch everyone's knowledge and imagination. For children who love problem solving we have Chess, for competitive minds we have Debating and Maths Quiz Clubs. Languages are also an option with different levels of Mandarin, Spanish and French.

Clubs include:

- Debating
- History
- Maths Quiz
- Oriental Club
- Science



Creative

Creative outlets are perfect for pupils who love art, craft, design, or performing. These clubs also offer a quieter or slower pace if pupils prefer to try something more mindful and restful. Some activities have a pastoral element to them, such as Friendship Club which helps pupils to engage with each other, while others are connected to popular games such as Minecraft, Pokemon or Hama beads.

Clubs include:

- Crafts: crochet, knitting, embroidery
- Calligraphy
- Drama
- Design Technology
- Ornithology

“Coding Club is really fun because I love using Scratch. There is a lot of help and we are able to make exciting games with our coding.”

Year 4 pupil

Something for Everyone



“I enjoy athletics morning club because it wakes you up and gives you an opportunity to see your friends before school.”

Year 6 pupil

Music

Highgate’s wealth of musical pursuits offers pupils the chance to learn an instrument or advance their skills, from trumpet to guitar, or join different bands, ensembles and choirs to express themselves through performing. Some activities are by invitation, depending on the pupils’ abilities and grades.

Clubs include:

- Choirs
- Brass
- Woodwind
- Jazz band
- West African Drumming

“Our co-curricular programme provides countless opportunities for pupils to have fun, make friends and develop their own individual interests and enthusiasms, beyond the classroom.”

Philippa Studd, Junior School Principal

Sport & Exercise

Children who love to be active or want to improve their sporting skills can enjoy everything from fencing to skateboarding, martial arts like karate and judo as well as popular sports such as football (girls and boys), netball and swimming. Pupils can also try different dance classes or even cheerleading!

The school’s extensive indoor and outdoor sports facilities are located on the same road as the Junior School, with access to the Mallinson Sports Centre’s 25-metre pool, gymnasium, pitches, courts and dance studios. We are fortunate to be located near to Hampstead Heath and Highgate Wood which offers an opportunity for pupils to go on supervised walks or cross-country running.

Clubs include:

- Athletics
- Gymnastics
- Dance
- Table Tennis
- Squash

Paid Clubs

Some of the clubs on offer are run by external specialists either before or after school, and will include a fee for pupils to participate, these include advanced level language classes. A list is provided by the school at the start of term and aren’t compulsory.



Holiday Camps

Holiday camps are run by Highgate’s Mallinson Sports Centre and offer a wide range of group activities that take place in the school holidays and run from Monday to Friday. Highgate parents and carers get first notice when these open for bookings, the price of the camps varies depending on the activity and includes all activities, tuition, equipment and lunches.

Full details can be found here: highgateschool.org.uk/mallinson

Community, Charity, Environment



"If you donate to a food bank you will feel good that you are helping many people have a better life."

Year 6 pupil and Charity Council rep

Community & Charity

As part of our commitment to serve our community, we arrange some of our co-curricular activities for pupils to help out and volunteer with projects or organisations in our local area, with pupil representatives on the school's Charity Council.



Recent activities include:

- Collecting donations for Food Bank Aid and visiting their centre to make a film
- Visiting residents at Hammerson House to chat, perform and play games
- Helping younger pupils at The Willow School with reading and cooking



Eco Council

The pupil-led Junior School Eco Council meets regularly to discuss activities and actions that support Highgate's aim to be a more sustainable school. Pupils can volunteer to join the group and participate in environmental campaigns inside and outside school.

Recent activities include:

- Planting bulbs and trees to increase biodiversity across our school grounds
- Working with Catering to learn about, and help reduce food waste in the canteen
- A clean air campaign to promote more sustainable travel to school
- Encouraging more re-cycling, such as clearer labelling for bins
- Stopping the use of plastic water bottles and cling film wrapping on food



"I like being on the Eco Council as I want to help stop climate change and global warming as the world is getting hotter because of the pollution and gases."

Y4 pupil



West African Drumming



Table Tennis



Skateboarding



Dance



Cricket



Brass Band



Girls Football



Guitar



Walks on Hampstead Heath



Oriental Club



Gardening



Rock Band