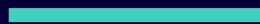


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ELECTIVES

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Electives are unexamined, five-week courses that pupils choose to attend, with an optional independent project offered at the conclusion of some courses. Electives offer pupils the opportunity to explore areas of study beyond their Sixth Form subjects, broadening engagement and developing their academic curiosity. Pupils may opt to attend courses which complement with their A level and vocational subject options, or contrast with them.

Electives play an integral part in the Worksop College Diploma, which is earned by pupils participating in, and engaging with, a variety of super-curricular activities. Pupils earn credits for each super-curricular activity they engage with, with the number of credits based on duration and challenge of the activity. Sixth Form pupils are expected to engage with at least one Elective every two series, with 30 credits earned after a full attendance to an Elective. Four Elective Series run each year.

The Four Elective series for the 26/27 academic year are:

- First series of Electives: Mon 14th Sep - Fri 16th Oct
- Second series of Electives: Mon 2nd Nov - Friday 4th Dec
- Third series of Electives: Mon 11th Jan - Friday 12th Feb
- Fourth series of Electives: Mon 22nd Feb - Fri 19th March

The Worksop College Diploma cannot be earned without completion of at least four Electives over the two years of their Sixth Form study.

Below is the list of Electives available for students to attend for the first two series of the 26/27 academic year.

Programme co-ordinator: Mr D Jordan (Head of Sixth Form)

Series 1

**MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER
– FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER**

Politics Discussion

Monday 12.20-12.45

Lead Member of Staff: Mr Axelby

Contribute to group discussion and lively debate on the current issues dominating in the world of Politics.

Key Skills: Cognition; Interpersonal; Global Awareness

The Natural History Elective

Monday 12.45-13.10

Lead Member of Staff: Miss Dalby

Five sessions exploring our natural history, looking out our longest living residents and asking: How can Nature helps us find our way, both literally and metaphorically?

Key Skills: Cognition

The Making of England, 871-1016

Monday 12.45-13.10

Lead Member of Staff: Miss Sealey

Explore the reigns of Anglo-Saxon kings, from Alfred the Great to Aethelred the Unready, and examine how they responded to the Vikings through warfare, diplomacy, alliances and political manoeuvring. We will consider questions such as: How did the Anglo-Saxons survive the Viking invasions? Was Alfred really 'Great'? Did the Vikings ultimately destroy or strengthen Anglo-Saxon England?

Key Skills: Cognition



Introduction to Urban Design

Tuesday 12.45-13.10

Lead Member of Staff: Mr Dane

Cities aren't just a mass of buildings; they are carefully crafted around social policy, consumerism and capitalism. During this elective, you'll design your own area of a city, using scaled buildings and 21st-century urban design ideologies.

Key Skills: Cognition; Digital

Psychology's Quirkiest Case Studies

Wednesday 12.20-12.45

Lead Member of Staff: Mr Jordan

Step into the fascinating world of human behaviour through a series of extraordinary psychological case studies. Explore how consciousness adapts after the loss of half a brain, discover the neurological conditions behind bizarre behaviour, and learn how one man could genuinely mistake his wife for a hat.

Key Skills: Cognition

Tea Appreciation - World Tea Cultures

Thursday Period 8

Lead Member of Staff: Father Matthew

Explore the vast variety and riches of world tea cultures, including famous teas from China, Japan, Taiwan, India and Turkey. We will explore and make authentic teas using traditional methods and utensils and then drink them.

Key Skills: Interpersonal; Global Awareness

Pages of America: Exploring the Nation Through its Novels

Friday 12.45-13.10

Lead Member of Staff: Mrs Bailey

In this elective, we'll dive into chapters and extracts from landmark American novels to explore key periods and turning points in the nation's history. Along the way, we'll examine how literature reflects and shapes American culture, identity, and values.

Key Skills: Cognition; Global Awareness



Series 2

**MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER –
FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER**

Politics Discussion

Monday 12.20-12.45

Lead Member of Staff: Mr Axelby

Contribute to group discussion and lively debate on the current issues dominating in the world of Politics.

Key Skills: Cognition; Interpersonal; Global Awareness

Travel Survival - French and Spanish

Monday 16.40-17.20

Lead Member of Staff: Miss Rodriguez

Students will learn practical French and Spanish language needed when travelling to French and Spanish-speaking destinations. The focus is on speaking and listening for real-life situations, with students practising useful phrases they can use in hotels, restaurants, shops and while travelling.

Key Skills: Cognition; Interpersonal; Global Awareness

The History of Food

Tuesday 12.35-13.00

Lead Member of Staff: Mrs Scoular

Explore the fascinating History of Food! From hunter-gatherers and the birth of farming to ancient civilisations, global trade, industrialisation and the future of food, this five-part lesson series explores how what we eat has shaped—and been shaped by—society, culture, technology, economics and global events.

Key Skills: Cognition; Global Awareness

The Physics of Superheroes

Tuesday 12.45-13.10

Lead Member of Staff: Mr Smith

Could Spider-Man survive his own web-swinging? Is the multiverse actually a thing - or just Marvel's way of making the plot even more confusing? "The Physics of Superheroes" lecture series puts some of the biggest superhero moments under the microscope of real physics. With Avengers: Doomsday just around the corner, come and discover which superpowers obey the laws of physics...

Key Skills: Cognition



The Othured Gaze: Women, Space and Empire

Wednesday 12.20-12.45

Lead Member of Staff: Mrs Skelton

A five-week seminar exploring how nineteenth-century literature and visual art constructed and confined women marked as exotic, foreign, or "other," using paintings, novels, and travel writing as primary historical evidence for how race, sexuality, and space shaped Western ideas about gender and power.

Key Skills: Cognition; Global Awareness

Ready for the Real World: Habits, Productivity, and Organisation

Time Thursday 12.40-13.10

Lead Member of Staff: Mr Bailey

This elective will help pupils develop the habits, routines and executive-function skills they need to thrive beyond school. Through practical activities and real-world challenges, pupils will explore organisation, time management, goal-setting, resilience, communication, self-discipline and problem-solving, while considering what employers value and how to prepare effectively for the world of work.

Key Skills: Professional

Student TED-style Talks on a variety of Topics

Thursday 12.45-13.10

Supervising Member of Staff: Mr Jordan

This series features TED-style talks presented by students on a wide range of topics, showcasing their perspectives, ideas, and research.

Key Skills: Cognition; Interpersonal; Global Awareness

Who Do You Think You Are? A Beginner's Guide to Genealogy, Tracing Your Ancestry and DNA.

Friday 12.45-13.10

Lead Member of Staff: Dr Standen

Discover the stories hidden in your family history through a practical introduction to genealogy, ancestry research and DNA. This fascinating elective will guide you through tracing family connections, interpreting historical records and exploring how modern DNA testing can unlock the past.

Key Skills: Cognition; Digital





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