

St Joseph's Electives Programme 2023-24

Summer 2

Unlocking Belief in All

Introduction

At the very heart of this programme is our intent to enhance your opportunities and unlock your abilities in a wide range of pursuits. Every Wednesday Period 5 every pupil at St Joseph's will be taking part in the Electives Programme which entails an extracurricular/enrichment activity. Pupils will rotate onto another elective roughly every half term.

Selecting your Elective

For selection, the electives have been grouped into 6 Elective blocks (labelled A-F) with a particular House assigned to an elective block. There is also an Open Block which every house can select from. On the online Electives Preferences Form you will rank the electives within your assigned block. We will then distribute pupils to their elective taking into account preferences as much as possible.

Your top preferences are not guaranteed however we would encourage you to see the Electives Programme as an opportunity to acquire new skills, friendships and opportunities.

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Scrap-Book	Guitar			Games		KS3 (fixed)			
Football	Board	Debating	Coding	Clay	Candle	Catholic Ethos			
	Games	Society		Modelling	Making	(KS4,KS5 only)			
Italian	Business	Film	Cookery	Crochet	Chess	Swimming			
	Enterprise	Director's							
		Club							
Sew Easy	Magazine	Hurling	First Aid	Darts	Electronics	Polish GCSE Prep			
	Creation					(fixed)			
St	Make It	Micro-	Football	Golf	Mandarin	Prop Design &			
Ethelbert's		Biology				Construction			
Learning						(fixed)			
Support									
Web Design	Judo	Mindfulness	Japanese	Turkish	Basketball	Sustainability			
						(Eco Club)			
World	Netball	Resin		World	St Anthony's				
History		Making		Cultures	Reading (6 th				
					Form only)				
Jerome	Cecilia	Veronica	Teresa	Peter	Mark				

In order to assist you in selecting your preferred Electives, this brochure provides key information on what each elective entails and we strongly recommend you read it carefully before filling in your Electives Preference Form.

Have fun, be active and curious in your pursuits and we hope you enjoy the Electives!

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Art Club - 'Scrap-Booking'



Students will tap into their inner creativity and apply it to various artistic forms.

Students will be learning about different types of 'Drawing for Design'

They will explore Architectural and Fashion illustration

What you will learn during the elective:

- Drawing for Design What is drawing for Design?
- Developing your Design drawings using 'Frank Lloyd Wright' and is his futuristic designs for buildings as stimuli Falling water (Kauffman House)
- Developing your Design drawings using 'Frank Lloyd Wright'
- Designing buildings for the 'Future' Buildings/Environments and Nature
- Learning to sketch like Santiago Calatrava
- Creating Fashion illustrations

Cross Curricular Links:

Design Techno	logy, History,	Music, Eng	lish	

Links to Careers:

Architecture/Fashion Design		

Football



Students will show teamwork, leadership, determination and resilience.

Develop skills in hand/foot coordination, the different roles and responsibilties for the various footballers in a game and how to maximise their position in a game of football.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Ball control: Effective use of ball control and apply different types of control into a competitive scenario
- Dribbling: Dribble with both feet and apply dribbling into a game
- Passing: Pass competently with both feet. Expand passing catalogue for game use.
- Shooting: Discover different methods of shooting and apply into a game scenario
- Defending tactics: discover different styles of defending and apply defensive tactics into a game
- Attacking tactics: discover different styles of attacking and apply attacking tactics into a game.
- Game Play: Implement different learned into practical play

Cross Curricular Links:

Biology, Maths, Health and Social Care	

Links to Careers:

Sports coaching, PE teaching

Italian



Italian language and culture is central to the study of the Humanities.

Knowledge of another culture broadens your horizons, and changes you in a profound way.

Attributes: eloquent, curious, patient, intentional Knowledge: Italian language and culture Skills: sensitivity to language, sharp analytical skills, good critical thinking, and strong communication skills.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Italian food and drinks
- Italian fashion
- Italian Art
- Turism
- Italian music
- Italian popular gestures
- Common misconceptions ☺

Cross Curricular Links:

Italy is one of the centers of Western Civilization. Knowledge of Italian is essential for the study of other fields like history, literature, music, art, business, economics, and political science. From the 13th-16th centuries, Italy was the wealthiest area in Europe, and therefore it was the birthplace of Western culture, capitalism and banking, science, philosophy and world exploration.

Links to Careers:

Italian is for musicians, historians, archeologists, cooks, fashion designers, artists.

Sew Easy



Attributes include attention to detail, eloquence as well as creativity.

Skills and knowledge entail the core skills in hand stitching developing this onto using a sewing machine to create a piece of accessory.

What you will learn during the elective:

- To learn a number of basic stitches, tacking, running, backstitch and hemming.
- To learn how to sew in a button
- How to cut and pin fabric using a simple pattern
- How to thread the machine and wind a bobbin
- How to sew straight seams and how to finish them.
- How to create a fabulous covered button
- Understanding and demystifying sewing patterns including their mysterious language and symbols
- How to correctly take measurements for a required item of clothing.

Sessions will entail projects that cover making your own tote bag or cushion cover.

Cross Curricular Links:

Design and Technology, Art and Design	

Links to Careers:

Careers in design, fashion

Community: Learning Support at St Ethelbert's



Attributes include being faith-filled in your commitment to giving back to the younger Catholic community through supporting the learning of primary school pupils.

What you will learn during the elective:

- You will spend time with the primary students in a variety of subjects.
- You will support pupils with their reading. You will read to them and they will read to you. You will be given a list of questions to ask during the reading session which will help to build confidence in their own literacy skills but will also help you to develop relationships with the children.
- You will develop your mentorship skills through supporting primary school pupils in their current learning.

This elective is offsite and will run past the end of the day therefore you will need to have a completed Offsite Activities form with parental consent.

Cross Curricular Links:

English, Maths, a variety of other subjects depending on what subjects the pupils are learning. Health and Social Care

Links to Careers:

Teaching and Education, Social Work,

Web Design



Attributes: To allow students to be compassionate, active and curious learners. Knowledge: to be able to create a basic website Skills: To be able to use creative and design thinking skills along with being able to problem solve and utilize their technical ability.

What you will learn during the elective:

- To be able to create a graphic (Logo) to represent yourself/company/business.
- To know and understand the purpose of various HTML tags.
- To be able to use the various HTML tags correctly.
- To be able to debug errors/syntax errors.
- To be able to format text and images.
- To be able to create a basic webpageTo be able to design basic webpages

Cross Curricular Links:

Selling a product, promoting a service, links to Media Studies and Business

Links to Careers:

Web developer, Web designer, Graphic designer,

World History



Students will be curious, active, truthful, eloquent, hopeful and faithful.
Students will be carrying out archaeological tasks, as well as identifying and using evidence, analysing, evaluating and making judgements.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Know and understand what work an archaeologist carries out
- Who the Aztecs were, where they came from and what they are
- Mummifying an orange know and understand the process of mummification
- The importance of the stars in different cultures and civilisations
- How Mexico celebrated the afterlife with el Día de los Muertos
- How Victorians decorated their homes for Christmas

Cross Curricular Links:

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Links to Careers:

Archaeology, Graphic Designer, Journalist, Historian



Guitar (Beginner's Course)



Students become determined and resilient in learning something new that is challenging and academic as well as more creative as their skill improves. Students will develop understanding of chords, scales and how to play the acoustic guitar independently and in a group.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Open strings, tuning, fretboard and notes in a scale
- How to form Major chords
- How to form minor chords
- Major scale and Minor scale
- Riffs and playing your first song
- Power chords, bar chords & pentatonic scales

Cross Curricular Links:

Links to Careers:

A passion for music can lead to careers in songwriting, music production and working in the music industry

Board Games



Students will improve eloquence in certain games that require explaining what moves they are making and why.

Students will also improve their skills of discernment as they will have to make careful judgements throughout certain games.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Boardgame: Pandemic To work as a team to prevent a global crisis.
- To make discerning decisions in order to succeed in a games.
- To be able to win and/or lose with grace and sophistication.
- To share tips and experience with each other to be able to become better players.
- To try a game that you haven't played before.
- To clearly articulate the decisions you are making to succeed in a game.
- To be able to explain why you are making decisions in order to succeed.

Boardgames played include, Pandemic, Catan, Risk, Scrabble, Codenames, Monopoly

Cross Curricular Links:

English: Communication skills and boosting vocabulary. Maths: Numeracy Geography: Pandemic will teach students where countries are and involves themes of human geography

Links to Careers:

Any career that requires teamwork, articulation and patience. (e.g. Teaching, Law, Marketing)

Business Enterprise



Students will develop their curiosity and intentionality through observing an aspect of society that could benefit with a business opportunity. Students will then acquire the core knowledge and skills to develop their business idea and proposal.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Develop the skills and expertise required to set up your own business and the entrepreneurship required by organisations.
- Students in teams come up with an idea for running a business in school and put together a proposal that includes details of start-up costs, pricing and projected sales/profit.
- Students to put forward their proposal in a Dragon's Den Competition and get feedback and ways to improve their business project.
- Students will have the opportunity to enter national Business Enterprise competitions where if successful will see their business idea become a reality!

Cross Curricular Links:

Business Studies, English, Maths, Product Design, Art

Links to Careers:

Entrepreneurship, Marketing and Advertising,

Magazine Creation



A fantastic opportunity to learn the sport that a number of esteemed Alumni have flourished in!

Attributes: truthful, curious, attentive, learned, intentional

Knowledge: An amazing oppurtunity to learn how to compose magazine articles and create a magazine!

Skills: Ability to write a feature article and develop transactional writing skills.

What you will learn during the elective:

- The rules of feature writing
- Transcribing skills
- Adobe Suite
- Photography
- Article writing

Cross Curricular Links:

English e.g. learning the form of an article, develop your writing skills Art eg. Using in design& photoshope to curate the magazine

Links to Careers:

Journalist, Author, English Teacher, Publisher, Marketing

Make It (Design and Technology club)



In this exciting and skills building elective, all designers will get to create original, visually impressive and commercially viable design pieces.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Design first ideas using technical drawing in 2D transposing to 3D.
- Measure and mark out components to scale
- Construct your first model using card and found materials
- Measure and mark out components to scale
- Construction work to make their design idea a reality.
- Assembly/reinforcement techniques
- Presentation and feedback your designs may be published in our St Joseph's Newsletter!

Cross Curricular Links:

Art, Science, Maths			

Links to Careers:

Designer, Engineer, Carpenter, Architect, Product Designer

Judo



Get fit, build confidence, and learn the art of selfdefense in our exciting judo course! Join us on the mat and discover the many benefits of this dynamic sport.

What you will learn during the elective:

During our judo lessons, students will learn how to use their body and mind in harmony to develop physical skills and mental focus. They will learn how to throw and pin opponents using efficient techniques that require minimal effort. They will develop coordination, balance, and flexibility, which can help them in other sports and activities. They will also learn how to respect and support each other, how to face challenges with courage and determination, and how to set goals and work hard to achieve them

Cross Curricular Links:

During our judo lessons, students will learn how to work with others, building teamwork skills, and developing a strong sense of sportsmanship. Plus, it's a great way to stay fit and healthy. So come join us on the mat and discover the many benefits of judo!

Links to Careers:

Did you know that learning judo can have cross-curricular links with other subjects and even future jobs? For example, the study of biomechanics is an essential part of judo training, which can lead to a greater understanding of physics and engineering. Judo also teaches students about nutrition and exercise science, which can be applied to careers in the health and fitness industry.

Netball



Teamwork, leadership, determination, resilience Develop skills in hand-eye coordination, upskill their teamwork and tactics required to succeed in a given match.

What you will learn during the elective:

- The rules of the game and what it entails to be successful.
- Hand-eye coordination: this is really important for successfully catching, passing and bouncing the ball in a game of netball.
- Team-work: players must trust each other and work together to win the game. With only minor footwork allowed and players being designated to particular areas, they must rely on each other to keep the ball moving towards the goal.
- Footwork: with one of the key rules of the game being no running allowed with the ball, it's important that footwork techniques are well-rehearsed.
- Attacking and defending skills: to keep the ball in your favoured places towards the goal, these netball skills are incredibly important.

Cross Curricular Links:

PE, Dance, Musical Theatre			

Links to Careers:

Coach, Fitness Coach, Teacher



Chess



Attributes in building resilience and passion with patience and strategy.

Skills and knowledge in strategy play and probability.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Deepening focus and improvement of memory
- Elevation of mathematical creativity
- Boosting planning skills
- Remaining Calm Under Pressure
- Developing problem solving skills including useful tactics in different scenarios.
- Visualising your opponents potential future moves so that you can be prepared with your own future strategic play.

Cross Curricular Links:

Mathematics, PE			

Links to Careers:

Mathematician, engineer, accountant, judge

Debating Society



This Elective will help develop skills and knowledge in debating, cultural affairs and the art of oracy and persuasiveness.

You will analyse and scrutinise classic and modern thinkers in politics and philosophy.

What you will learn during the elective:

- How does democracy help you to make your voice heard?
- What issues make you angry? What things do you want to change?
- Elections, Voting, and Parliament: What it is, how does it work? Voting systems the difference between Political Parties
- What are Human Rights? When can we use them? Why do we think they are criticised? Would you want to live in a society without Human Rights? Is it democratic?
- Choose an issue explore both sides to an issue. Take part in formal debates.

The sessions will work towards competing in regional debating competitions.

Cross Curricular Links:

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Links to Careers:

Lawyer, Teacher, Politician, Activist,

Film Director's Club



A great opportunity to engage in a variety of films and exploring media forms from behind the lens.

Attributes: Attentive, Active, Learned, Discerning Knowledge: Media Language, codes and conventions of cinema.

Skills: Ability to dissect films and language, explore representations and conceptualise deleted scenes.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Codes and conventions of cinema
- How do directors use mise-en-scene and different techniques to communicate different meanings
- The use of sound: diegetic and non-diegetic for effect
- The importance of representation how does media language promote different representations
- How to use media codes and conventions to sequence film stills and scenes

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Links to Careers:

Director / Producer (Film, Music Video, TV, Advertising), Videographer, Cinematographer, Studio Technicians, Scriptwriter

Hurling/Camogie



A fantastic opportunity to learn one of the quickest land sports in the world!

Attributes: Attentive, Active, Learned, Compassion.

Knowledge: A fantastic opportunity to learn rules and the technical strategies of Hurling/Camogie Skills: Ability to puck the sliotar, developing skills in estimation, accuracy, pivot and point scoring.

What you will learn during the elective:

- The rules of the sport strategies that maximise your performance
- How to grip and stance
- Ability to swing a hurley/camogie both left and right handed
- To be able to score a point and goal in hurling/camogie
- Half swing and Full swing
- Play a 5-a-side hurling/camogie match

Cross Curricular Links:

Maths e.g. knowing distances, applying the correct club to distance, angles. Links to PE and Science

Links to Careers:

Sports Coach, PE teachers, Jobs within sports

Microscopy



The Microscopy club will give you the opportunity to plan, execute and troubleshoot work with microscopes.

The Club intends to develop analytical and curious students who question and understand aspects of the world around them by applying their scientific skills.

What you will learn during the elective:

- You will fine-tune microscopy techniques learned in class and have the opportunity to take your classroom microscope work to the next level, from basic observations used in Year 7 to preparation of slides in GCSE, and on to more advanced techniques used in A-level.
- You will broaden your scientific experience by attempting techniques beyond the normal curriculum.
- Topics may include:
 - Using a microscope confidently and exploring different types of microscopes.
 - o Understanding depth of field, inversion of the image and making a permanent mount.
 - Looking at your own cells and making a wet mount.
 - o Understanding how different stains can make different structures in a cell visible.
 - Looking at xylem in a squash preparation.
 - Estimating size under the microscope.
 - Observing living organisms in a well slide.
 - o Determining the best sucrose concentration to get pollen tubes to develop.
 - Using microscopes in chemistry (crystal structures).
 - Using microscopes in geology (in development).

Cross Curricular Links:

Microscopy techniques are used in all sciences, from observing Brownian motion in physics, to chirality in the crystal structure of enantiomers (mirror-image molecules) in chemistry, to a wealth of applications in biology. We can also link to food technology, and design and technology through material science and material structure (in development).

Links to Careers:

Researcher in any of biology, chemistry or physics, geology, engineering, architecture and material science, zoology, botany, horticulture.

Mindfulness



Mindfulness is an opportunity to develop practices and skills that will lead you to greater well-being and attitude to life.

Attributes: Patience, trust, acceptance, non-

judging, gratitude

Knowledge: Understanding and strengthening

mental health and wellbeing Skills: Mindfulness exercises

What you will learn during the elective:

- You will learn different ways to cope with stress, anxiety, fear, anger etc.
- You will be able to celebrate your unique skills and ways to develop a growth mindset
- Looking at changing the ways we think about problems and how to deal with failure
- Look at how we nurture relationships and ensuring that we avoid toxic relationships that affect our wellbeing
- Identifying harmful habits and developing a healthier lifestyle
- Think about your goals and visions for your future that will lead to a happier and healthier you ☺

Cross Curricular Links:

Mindfulness has links to all subjects but mainly; Music, PE, Psychology, Art, RE, English

Links to Careers:

Coaching, Therapist, Social Worker, Counselor

Creative Epoxy Resin



A fantastic opportunity to learn how to create epoxy resin products.

Attributes: Attentive, active, grateful, learned, intentional.

Knowledge: A fantastic opportunity to learn the technical strategies for making epoxy resin.

Skills: Ability to design and create your own products, including: stationary, jewellery, coasters, keyrings.

What you will learn during the elective:

- The health and safety of the craft- including the use of a heat gun.
- How to effectively design a product.
- The chemical balance of epoxy resin and hardener.
- How to use colour and decorations to create unique products.
- How to create specific products: keyrings, jewellery, coasters, stationary, decorative flowers.

Cross Curricular Links:

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Links to Careers:

Plumbing and sealing (a use of resin), furtniture making, entrepreneur to create your own business of products (e.g. keyrings, stationary, coasters), home design.



Portuguese for beginners



A fantastic opportunity to learn one of the most spoken languages in the world!

Attributes: Eloquent, Active, Learned, Curious **Knowledge:** A fantastic opportunity to incorporate elements of history, culture and grammar

Skills: Ability to communicate

What you will learn during the elective:

- The culture and history of Portugal.
- Basic phrases and grammar
- Be able to have to basic conversation in Portuguese.
- Connect the language to other European Languages
- Explore the food and drink that is popular in Portugal.

Cross Curricular Links:

Romance languages, History, Linguistics

Links to Careers:

Linguist, translator, interpreter, pilot, flight attendant, teacher, international relations

Coding



Attributes: Teamwork, curious, active, innovative, resilience

Skills: Programming techniques, problem solving, algorithmic thinking, coding, critical thinking, Hardware skills, collaborative skills Knowledge: 3 programming constructs, functions, cybersecurity strategies

What you will learn during the elective:

- Introduction to Python: Variables
- Loops and functions
- How to use lists, dictionaries
- How to use files to create charts
- How to create models and artwork
- Cyber security strategies

You will create tangible links between coding a variety of professions to gain insight into how in demand the skill is within the labour market!

Cross Curricular Links:

Art, Technology, Science, Maths

Links to Careers:

Programmer, Software Developer, Cyber security consultant

Cookery



Attributes: generous, loving, attentive Knowledge: To explore cuisines of different countries and cultures and the links between them.

Skills:Basic cookery skills and apply these to varied cuisines. Learn how to independently cook meals suitable for life beyond school.

What you will learn during the elective:

- To upskill in the methods involved in cooking including the relevant equipment used and their benefits as well as key issues in cooking.
- To Learn, Demonstrate and Understand complex chopping techniques for a stir fry
- To Learn, Demonstrate and Understand how to use the creaming method effectively for a cake
- To Understand and Demonstrate the rubbing in Method for chocolate shortbread

Cross Curricular Links:

International cuisine (Stir Fry) Maths (weighing and measuring), History (victoria sponge)

Links to Careers:

Hospitality, chef, cafes, food and beverage, food development, nutritionist

First Aid



Attributes: patience, empathy, compassion, eloquent.

Knowledge: how to treat another person/

perform basic first aid.

Skills: communication, basic first aid skills

What you will learn during the elective:

- Understand how to help someone who is having an allergic reaction.
- Recognise the signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction.
- Understand how to treat someone having an asthma attack and recognise the signs and symptoms.
- Understand how to treat someone who is bleeding.
- Understand how to treat someone who is choking.
- Recognise common signs and symptoms of head injuries.
- Life support understand how to treat an individual.
- Recognise life threatening injuries and know what to do.
- CPR: Evaluate when to conduct CPR and understand what a defibrillator is and how to use it.

Cross Curricular Links:

Science/ PE- cardiovascular and respiratory system. Maths: calculating heart rate, BPM. English key words

Links to Careers:

Paramedic, Doctor, nurse, sports coach, teacher

Football



Students will show teamwork, leadership, determination and resilience.

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What you will learn during the elective:

- Ball control: Effective use of ball control and apply different types of control into a competitive scenario
- Dribbling: Dribble with both feet and apply dribbling into a game
- Passing: Pass competently with both feet. Expand passing catalogue for game use.
- Shooting: Discover different methods of shooting and apply into a game scenario.
- Defending tactics: discover different styles of defending and apply defensive tactics into a game.
- Attacking tactics: discover different styles of attacking and apply attacking tactics into a game.
- Game Play: Implement different learned into practical play

Cross Curricular Links:

Biology, Maths, Health and Social Care	

Links to Careers:

Sports coaching, PE teaching

Beginner's Japanese



A chance to have a taste of the charming, picturesque and unique language that is Japanese.

Attributes: Learned and wise, eloquent,

intentional, curious

Knowledge: The basics of Japanese letters and grammar will be taught as well as the fascinating

culture of the country

Skills: Metacognition, communication, adaptability, resilience, problem solving,

intercultural awareness

What you will learn during the elective:

- Hiragana alphabet system and symbols for native Japanese words
- How to write your name in Japanese
- How to introduce yourself in Japanese
- Basic phrases and greetings in Japanese
- How to count to 100 in Japanese
- Unique Japanese phenomena and words
- The main tourist spots and cultural facts of Japan

Cross Curricular Links:

MFL, Geography, History, Cultural studies, Literature, Linguistics, Media and Communication

Links to Careers:

Translation, Teaching languages, Tourism/hospitality, journalism, diplomacy/international relations, cultural exchange programs



Board Games



Students will improve eloquence in certain games that require explaining what moves they are making and why.

Students will also improve their skills of discernment as they will have to make careful judgements throughout certain games.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Boardgame: Pandemic To work as a team to prevent a global crisis.
- To make discerning decisions in order to succeed in a games.
- To be able to win and/or lose with grace and sophistication.
- To share tips and experience with each other to be able to become better players.
- To try a game that you haven't played before.
- To clearly articulate the decisions you are making to succeed in a game.
- To be able to explain why you are making decisions in order to succeed.

Boardgames played include, Pandemic, Catan, Risk, Scrabble, Codenames, Monopoly

Cross Curricular Links:

English: Communication skills and boosting vocabulary. Maths: Numeracy Geography: Pandemic will teach students where countries are and involves themes of human geography

Links to Careers:

Any career that requires teamwork, articulation and patience. (e.g. Teaching, Law, Marketing)

Clay Modelling





Unleash Your Creativity with Air-Dry Clay!

Discover the Joy of Sculpting and Creating Art
Attributes: Creativity, Imagination, Patience,
Perseverance, Self-Expression, Communication,
Compassion, Appreciation for Art and Culture,
Confidence, Attention to Detail, Evaluation
Knowledge: Dive into The World of Clay! Gain A
Deep Understanding of Clay Properties,
Techniques, And Applications, Unlocking Endless
Creative Possibilities.

Skills: Fine Motor Skills, Problem-Solving, Collaboration, Time Management, Adaptability, Reflection and Improvements.

What you will learn during the elective:

- During this elective course, you will learn a wide range of valuable skills and acquire knowledge that will inspire and enrich your artistic journey. Through hands-on exploration and creative expression with air-dry clay, you can expect to:
- Develop Fine Motor Skills: Refine your coordination and dexterity while moulding clay into intricate designs
- Cultivate Creativity and Imagination: Explore your creative potential by transforming clay into unique works of art
- Master Problem-Solving: Overcome challenges and discover innovative solutions in your clay creations.
- Foster Collaboration and Communication: Exchange ideas, provide feedback, and learn effective communication in a creative team setting.
- Enhance Attention to Detail: Sharpen your observation skills and precision with a focus on small details and textures.
- Develop Confidence: Build confidence in your artistic abilities, embracing your unique style and expressing yourself through clay creations.

Cross Curricular Links:

Mathematics: Explore symmetry and geometric shapes in clay designs. Measure and compare dimensions and proportions of clay creations.

Science: Explore the properties of clay and its behaviour during the drying process.

Social Studies: Investigate the historical and cultural significance of clay art across civilization.

Physical Education: Engage the students in activities that promote hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills while working with clay

Links to Careers:

Ceramic artist, Art teacher, Product designer, Art therapist, Museum curator

Crochet



You'll learn how to do some basic crochet stitches in order to make a hat (and maybe more!)
Attributes: Attentive and discerning, active and curious.

Knowledge: how to follow crochet patterns in order to create different items.

Skills: making a granny square, making a hat.

What you will learn during the elective:

- We'll start with the basics: how to create basic knots and the essential stitches.
- Then we'll make a granny square to practice you can use these as coasters, or sew them together to make a blanket.
- Using the skills that we've practiced, we'll use the remaining sessions to make a hat.
- If there's time, we will move onto other simple accessories/ items.

Cross Curricular Links:

Art, design			

Links to Careers:

Fashion design, creative industries, craft sectors.

Darts



Learn numeracy skills whilst playing darts! Learn through a variety of different fun and engaging darts activites and then learn how to score a game, add up your own score, how to check out correctly and your times tables.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Introduction to Darts learn to throw, how to stand, how to aim, the terminology used and about the different scores. Play a game of highest wins!
- **Rules** learn how to set up a game, how to score correctly.
- **Half It and Killer** In Half It, there are different scores and colours you have to hit on the dartboard. If you hit the correct item, your score goes up, but if you miss, your score is halved! In Killer, everyone gets a number unique to them, no one else can share that digit. The aim of the game is to be that last person standing!
- Round the Clock This is super fun! You can play as a team or against each other. You have to hit every number on the board, then outer bull and bullseye to win. The quickest person or team is the champion. To make this more difficult, you can try it only allowing doubles or triples!
- **Tournaments** We will be playing a singles competition, then doubles and then a team tournament. There will be prizes for the champions of the day!

Cross Curricular Links:

Numeracy – multiplication, division, subtraction, addition

PE – team building, rules, scoring, skills

Links to Careers:

Alternative sports, resilience, collaboration and problem solving skills

Golf



A fantastic opportunity to learn the sport that a number of esteemed Alumni have flourished in!

Attributes: Attentive, Active, Learned,

Compassion, Etiquette

Knowledge: A fantastic opportunity to learn the

technical strategies at play in golf.

Skills: Ability to swing the golf club, developing

skills in estimation, accuracy, pivot.

What you will learn during the elective:

- The rules of the sport strategies that maximise your performance
- How to grip and stance
- Chipping action
- To be able to hit a basic golf chip
- Half swing and Full swing
- Mid Irons and Long Irons

Cross Curricular Links:

Maths e.g. knowing distances, applying the correct club to distance, angles. Links to PE and Science

Links to Careers:

Sports Coach, PE teachers, Jobs within Golf.

Turkish Language



A fantastic opportunity to learn the basics of Turkish language and its culture over the course of 6 weeks.

Attributes: Wise, curious, attentive and loving

learned

Knowledge: An opportunity to experience

learning a new language!

Skills: Being able to introduce yourself in Turkish

as well as write/read out.

What you will learn during the elective:

Week 1 - Introduction to Turkish alphabet and new Turkish sounds and greetings

Week 2 – Numbers and how old are you?

Week 4 – Months and Birthdays

Week 5 – Introducing your family

Week 6- Introducing important holidays in Turkish culture

Week 6 – Putting everything together!

Cross Curricular Links:

MFL – Improving language learning skills

Geography – Learning more about Turkiye and its culture

Links to Careers:

Translator, Travel agents, languaged-focused business careers

World Cultures



To develop cultural connections, instill civic commitment, problem solving, group development, presentation and public speaking. To become culturally competent and build empathy for others.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Define culture and types of culture.
- Explore the variety of cultures present at St Joseph's.
- Describe how the concept of culture relates to their own experience.
- The definition of cultural identity and values.
- Languages around the world Understand how different countries speak different languages
- Learn common phrases in a chosen language
- Traditional Foods From Around The World. Identify and describe a typical dish from their country

Cross Curricular Links:

World cultures is linked to religion, history, geography, languages, music and Food Tech.

Links to Careers:

Teaching, HR-People and culture, Lecturer in psychology, Lecturer in global culture, cultural studies



Art Nouveau



Attributes:

Skills and knowledge: Students will explore churches stain glass windows and the arts and crafts movement. Students will produce a stain glass window painting.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Students will produce a stain glass window painting.
- Will learn the skills for the layered method of painting
- Develop skills in building a composition
- Be able to develop and convey a personal response with reference to the Arts and Crafts movement
- Explore pattern in Art noveau movement and relevance to contemporary interior design

Cross Curricular Links:

Mathematics, RE, History.		

Links to Careers:

Interior Design, Art teaching, Theology.

Candle Making



Attributes: Creativity, Resilience, Focus, Calmness Skills: Candle Making, Melting and Heating, candle design and graphic design.
Knowledge: history of candles, types of wax and importance of bees, safety, design ability.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Students will learn the safety of the process and begin to implement this into their designs.
- Students will understand what a pillar candle is and learn the skill of frosting which will then be implemented in the creation of a frosted pillar candle.
- Students will know the history of candles, specifically their importance in culture and religion.
- Students will design candles for the chapel.
- Students will begin to create their candle jar for the chapel and alongside this use molds to create their own shapes.
- Students will understand how gel wax differs from soy wax and create gel candles.

Cross Curricular Links:

Art, Product Design, Design and Technology, History and Religion, Science (Bunsen burner use).

Links to Careers:

Career links: Product designer, Craft worker, Entrepreneurs, Teacher of Art and Design.

Chess



Attributes in building resilience and passion with patience and strategy.

Skills and knowledge in strategy play and probability.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Deepening focus and improvement of memory
- Elevation of mathematical creativity
- Boosting planning skills
- Remaining Calm Under Pressure
- Developing problem solving skills including useful tactics in different scenarios.
- Visualising your opponents potential future moves so that you can be prepared with your own future strategic play.

Cross Curricular Links:

Mathematics, PE			

Links to Careers:

Mathematician, engineer, accountant, judge

Electronics



Attributes include curiosity and problem solving. They will gain knowledge with radios, and how audio is transmitted, what makes a radio work, different frequencies and the history of the radio. Circuitry and construction.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Design brief, how the radio works and transmitting and receiving signals.
 Development of the radio, the future of radio, initial ideas for the project.
- How to put a circuit board together and how to solder all the components onto the board.
- Case design and initial circuit construction design development
- Product development and Evaluation

Cross Curricular Links:

Physics, DT, Maths,			

Links to Careers:

Electrical Engineering, Computer design, Electronics Engineer

Mandarin Chinese



A fantastic opportunity to learn the basics of Manadarin over the course of 6 weeks.

Attributes: Wise, curious, attentie and loving

learned

Knowledge: An opportunity to experience

learning a new language!

Skills: Being able to introduce yourself in

Mandarin Chinese as well as write/read out some

characters (Pinyin).

What you will learn during the elective:

Week 1 - Introduction to Chinese tones and greetings

Week 2 – Numbers and how old are you?

Week 3 – Holiday Lesson: Chinese New year activities and introducing some animals

Week 4 – Months and Birthdays

Week 5 – Introducing your family

Week 6 – Putting everything together!

Cross Curricular Links:

MFL – Improving language learning skills

Geography – Learning more about China and its culture

Art – We will be doing some creative activites during the Chinese New Year lesson!

Links to Careers:

Translator, Travel agents, languaged-focused business careers

Basketball



Attributes are developed in being Compassionate, Eloquent and Active. Pupils will acquire skills in tactical play and working in a team to effectively succeed in a game.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Pupils will develop their skills in dribbling, passing, shooting, defending, defensive strategies.
- Pupils will build upon their skills in offensive strategies, gameplay and officiating.
- Pupils will apply their skills to play in inter house competitions as well as moving to competitions outside St Joseph's

Cross Curricular Links:

Maths, Biology.			

Links to Careers:

Basketball Coach, Basketball Official, PE teacher.

St Anthony's Reading (6th Form only)



Attributes include being faith-filled in your commitment to giving back to the younger Catholic community through supporting the learning of primary school pupils.

What you will learn during the elective:

- You will spend time with the primary students in a variety of subjects.
- You will support pupils with their reading. You will read to them and they will read to you. You will be given a list of questions to ask during the reading session which will help to build confidence in their own literacy skills but will also help you to develop relationships with the children.
- You will develop your mentorship skills through supporting primary school pupils in their current learning.

Cross Curricular Links:

English, Maths, a variety of other subjects depending on what subjects the pupils are learning. Health and Social Care

Links to Careers:

Teaching and Education, Social Work,



Catholic Ethos



Students will play an active role on leading community cohesion at St Joseph's. Students will lead charity and House initiatives throughout the year as well as developing the core faith and understanding of the words of Jesus Christ across the school.

What you will learn during the elective:

- Students will contribute ideas into House and charity initiatives to lead and coordinate throughout the year.
- Students will enhance the environment around St Josephs as a place of worship and reflection. This will entail taking part in planning, designing and creating a Bible/prayer garden outside the Chapel.
- It will be both practical and reflective, thinking about the care for creation as well as the plants and herbs that were present during the time of Jesus.
- It will be a time of building community, sharing in conversation, but also building a place for all to use.

Cross Curricular Links:

RE, Science, English, Philosophy and Ethics, History, PSHE

Links to Careers:

Wellbeing coach, Careers linked to Religious Education, Politics, Teacher

Swimming



Students will take an active part in learning how to develop their skills in the basic strokes. They will be compassionate in learning the skills of how to save the lives of others and how to reduce the risk of the dangers of open water.

What you will learn during the elective:

Students will develop the basic techniques for: Breaststroke, Backstroke and Front Crawl

Students will learn how to enter deep water safely, how to retrieve an object at the bottom of deep water and how to bring a struggling swimmer to safety.

This elective is offsite and will run past the end of the day therefore you will need to have a completed Offsite Activities form with parental consent.

Cross Curricular Links:

Development of the components of fitness

Decision making

Links to Careers:

Swimming instructor, life guard, fitness instructor

Sustainability (Eco Club)



Welcome to Eco Club! We are excited for you to join and learn about biodiversity, the environment and how to live more sustainably. You will learn about how people interact with the world, particularly UK's wildlife.

Attributes: Grateful and Generous, Intentional and Prophetic, Faithfilled and Hopefull, Learned and Wise

Knowledge: biodiversity, sustainability, climate

change, UK species.

Skills: Problem Solving, Creativity, Presentation,

What you will learn during the elective:

- The native plants and animals of the UK
- Threats to wildlife in the UK
- The impacts of Climate Change
- How to live sustainably

Cross Curricular Links:

Science, Biology, Art, History

Links to Careers:

Sustainable development, ecologist, biodiversity officer, conservationist, climate scientist, environmental consultant, park ranger

