

Descriptions of HeadStart ECAs: Clubs

Thai Language for All: Early Years / Reception

Non-Thai nationals are welcome to join this class where pupils learn the Thai language through art, songs and play.

Primary Art Club: Years 1 & 2 / Year 3 / Year 4 / Years 5 & 6

In Primary Art club students will be encouraged to explore the formal elements whilst creating different outcomes through a variety of media and new techniques.

Around the World Club: Years 1 & 2 / Years 3 & 4

In this club students learn about a different country each week. Activities may include stories, short video clips, arts and crafts, dances or games, surprise visitors and more.

Story Club: Year 1 / Year 2

In Story Club the teacher will select an age appropriate book to read with the children. This class improves a student's English comprehension and confidence in reading to others in a group setting. Other activities may be included such as games, quizzes, colouring or a simple craft that compliments the theme of the story.

Book Club: Years 3 & 4 / Years 5 & 6

In Book Club the teacher will select an age appropriate book to read. This class improves a student's English comprehension and confidence in reading to others in a group setting. Other activities may be included such as games, quizzes or assignments that compliment the theme of the story.

Board Games: Years 3 & 4 / Years 5 & 6

The Board Games Club will allow children the opportunity to play a wide variety of games from around the world that will challenge them intellectually, linguistically and mentally!

Primary Science Club: Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 3 / Year 4 / Years 5 & 6

Primary students get the chance to explore science through fun and memorable, hands-on 'kitchen science' experimentation and investigation.

Computing Club: Years 4 to 6

Embark on an exciting journey into the world of coding and creativity with our "Computing Club: Years 4 to 6" after school program, where young minds will thrive as they learn to code using the platform Scratch and animate using Pivot Animator. These programs are tailor-made to introduce students to the wonders of computer programming, equipping them with essential problem-solving skills and igniting their passion for technology in a collaborative and engaging setting.

Thai Crafts and Games: Foundation / Years 1 to 3

Pupils learn conversational Thai through immersive play, traditional crafts and games.

Thai Spelling Club: Years 1 to 3 / Years 4 to 6

Join us to level up your Thai writing skills! In our club, we practice spelling through fun activities using different writing formats such as stories, letters, and creative pieces. We also read together to learn new vocabulary and writing techniques.

Whether you're looking to expand your Thai vocabulary or want to write more confidently, this club is for you. Each session introduces new challenges and helps you develop essential skills, making Thai writing grammatically accurate and enjoyable.

Music Club: Years 3 to 6

We will be expanding on our classroom activities, by introducing our students to all sorts of music and musical instruments. They will have a fantastic time making music with their friends, they will improve their social skills by learning to work together, and they will have a chance to be creative in a controlled environment. If your child is interested in music, then this is the perfect place for them.

Mini CAPA: Years 1 to 3

Mini CAPA is a chance for students to develop their acting, singing and dancing skills through Musical Theatre. These classes are fun and interactive with play based approaches used to develop confidence, communication and collaborative skills. This work will culminate in a performance in term 3 where they will showcase their work to a select audience of parents and friends.

Primary Choir: Years 3 to 6

This ECA is where students will get a chance to sing together and have a great time doing it. They will learn how to sing in time and in tune with other singers, and will get opportunities to perform throughout the year! They will get to sing in many different styles including pop, musical theatre, and classical. If you like singing and want to sing with other people, this is the place to go!

Lego Club: Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 3 / Years 4 & 5

In Lego Club students use their imagination to create and build. Each week a challenge is presented encouraging the students to expand their two and three dimensional imagination and introduce basic engineering skills.

Sewing Club: Years 4 to 6

Step into the enchanting world of fabric, design, and creativity with our "Sewing Club: Years 4 to 6" after school program. Tailored for young budding artists, this program invites participants to embark on a sewing adventure where they'll learn the timeless craft of sewing, sparking their imagination and fostering a lifelong love for creating with their own hands.

Making Sustainable Products: Years 4 to 6

Be part of a dedicated team that will make a positive difference towards the future of our planet! Educate others', build products that will help local wildlife to thrive, make products from recycled materials to sell and keep.

Chinese Calligraphy and Painting: Years 3 to 7

Want to create your own Chinese-style paintings using traditional Chinese brushes and ink? How to write simple Chinese characters with a Chinese brush? Come here to create your own calligraphy and artwork! Discover the beauty of Chinese characters and paintings! Use the brush to express your inner thoughts right here!

Secondary Art Club: Years 7 to 9

Students will be encouraged to explore whichever aspect of art they are interested in. They will learn new skills and refine existing ones whilst exploring subjects of their choice.

Product Design Club: Years 7 to 9

Design a product of your choice using Autodesk CAD software and make it using our 3D Printers, Laser Cutter, sublimation printer plus learn some more traditional making processes in the workshop. When your product is completed you will be able to take it home. Everything from printed tee-shirts to coffee tables may be a possibility!

Guitar and Ukulele Club: Years 7 to 13

Come along and develop your guitar and ukulele skills together in this club. Playing a range of popular music, you'll be ready to wow your friends and family in no time and develop solo, ensemble and accompaniment skills along the way.

Music Production: Years 9 to 13

If you like music and technology, this club is for you! In this ECA you will learn how to use music production technology to record, mix and edit music in a number of ways. From setting up microphones, to balancing sound, and creating beats and synth sounds, this club will teach you the basics of what a music producer does and how to access the technology for yourselves.

For the more advanced aspiring producers, you will be able to create and set your own goals and projects, with a view to giving masterclasses and showcasing your work in the school.

Senior Choir: Years 7 to 13

This ECA is where students will get a chance to sing together and have a great time doing it. They will learn how to hold a harmony line, blend their voices, and develop their musical ear to a high level. Styles of songs will vary wildly, from musical theatre to rock and pop and much else besides. If you like singing and want to improve, this is the place to go!

Rockband Workshop: Years 5 to 8

Does your child love music or dream of playing in a band? Whether they play guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, or love to sing, this workshop offers a fantastic space for them to showcase their talents.

Participants will develop ensemble and performance skills, build confidence, and make new friends—with exciting opportunities to perform in the Live Lounge and Battle of the Bands!

Science Investigators Club: Years 7 to 9

The Science Investigators Club is an exciting and practical-based club designed for students with a passion for science. In this club, you will explore various aspects of science that are not covered in regular classroom lessons. Each session offers hands-on experiments and activities that encourage you to try new things and deepen your understanding of scientific concepts. This is a great opportunity to build your confidence in the laboratory environment and enhance your investigative skills. Join us to discover the endless possibilities of science beyond the textbook!

Medicine & Healthcare Pathways: Years 10 to 13

An extracurricular programme for students interested in medicine, healthcare and related careers. Sessions will explore different healthcare professions, university pathways and entry requirements, alongside developing relevant scientific knowledge and skills. Activities may include medical case studies, practical investigations, ethical discussions, guest speakers and university/application guidance, helping students make informed choices about future study and careers.

Mindful Colouring and Creative Wellbeing: Years 7 to 13

A relaxed and welcoming extracurricular activity providing students with time to unwind, be creative and take a break from the demands of the school day. Through mindful colouring and other simple creative activities, students can develop focus, patience and mindfulness while enjoying a calm, screen-free environment. No artistic experience is needed—just come along, choose your colours and enjoy some quiet creative time.

MC, Debating & Forums: Years 7 to 9

Are you ready to see your child truly shine? We are thrilled to offer an exciting new ECA for Years 7-9: MC, Debating and Forums. This isn't just about public speaking; it's about building confident, articulate, and influential young leaders.

Challenging Assumptions! Many think public speaking is just about giving speeches. I'm here to tell you that's simply not true! Every student has a voice, and this program will help them discover its power. It's about being heard, understanding others, and standing strong in any situation.

This dynamic program will equip students with essential life skills through practical, engaging activities. We'll explore:

- Mastering Emceeing: Developing charisma, quick thinking, and the ability to command a stage with confidence.
- Art of Debating: Learning to construct strong arguments, think critically, and defend ideas with conviction.
- Engaging in Forums: How to contribute meaningfully and respectfully in group discussions.

We'll use fun, interactive exercises, real-world scenarios, and supportive feedback sessions to make learning exciting and effective. Sign up and thrive!

CAPA Create: Years 9 to 13

In CAPA Create, secondary pupils work as our backstage crew in preparation for our productions. These young people make and build sets and props, work collegiately to manage the back stage process of moving from page to stage and make creative decisions about what the final performance looks like. These students learn skills including design, making, leadership and collaboration.

Youth, Cyber, Security Committee: Year 7 to 13

Become a Cyber Champion!

Could you spot a scam before it catches you? Outsmart a hacker? Discover how apps keep you scrolling—or uncover what really happens on the dark web?

Join the Cyber Champions Club and explore the hidden side of technology through practical challenges. You'll: learn ethical, white-hat hacking in safe training environments; investigate viruses, malware, scams and online threats; discover the psychological tricks used to make apps addictive; design your own persuasive—and responsible—app; uncover the truth about the dark web; compete in codebreaking and cybersecurity challenges.

Finally, you'll use your new skills to run an interactive cybersecurity event for students and parents.

Don't just use technology. Understand it. Challenge it. Protect others from it. Become a Cyber Champion.

Enterprise Club: Years 10 to 13

This exciting ExtraCurricular Activity (ECA) transforms students into real-world entrepreneurs. Members will not just learn about business, they will actually create one. Students will pitch ideas, manage budgets, and launch real businesses right here at school.

The students will be mentored, offered expert feedback, and share real industry insights. This bridges the gap between classroom learning and the local economy.

Key Skills You Will Learn:

- Financial Literacy: Master budgeting, pricing, and profit tracking
- Teamwork & Leadership: Delegate tasks and collaborate effectively.
- Public Speaking: Pitch ideas confidently to mentors
- Problem Solving: Overcome realworld operational challenges.
- Creative Marketing: Design campaigns to attract customers.

Key Benefits:

- Real Experience: Build a genuine business from scratch.
 - Community Connection:
 - Network directly with local business owners.
 - Resume Booster:
 - Stand out on future college applications.
 - Boosted Confidence: Watch your own ideas come alive.
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International Award (DofE) Silver Club: Year 12

This ECA is for students in Year 12 or 13 who have opted to participate in the Silver International Award towards the Duke of Edinburgh certification. Students will have the opportunity to develop their skills to prepare them for their Adventurous Journey as well as receive coaching and support for the other components of their Award; Skills, Service and Physical. It provides a time for reflection and collaboration to complete required activities.

Descriptions of HeadStart ECAs: Sports

Acti-Fun: Years 1 & 2

In Acti-Fun, students will play a variety of sports from running, to athletics. Come join the fun!

Volleyball: Years 7 to 13

Students are invited to join this Volleyball ECA to learn the basics of games play and then progress to more advanced tactics. We also hope to form new Volleyball teams.

Striking & Fielding: Years 5 & 6

You'll be sure to hit a homerun if you get involved in a range of these bat and ball games such as rounders, cricket, and burnball.

Touch Rugby: Years 2 & 3 / Years 4 & 6

Touch rugby is for every fitness level, from beginners to more advanced players, boys and girls. Come and join the fun, games and tournaments.

Badminton: Years 5 to 13

Learn how to serve, drop, clear and smash your way to victory, playing games such as singles, doubles, divisions, round robin, King/Queen of the court and much more!

Pickleball Years 7 to 11

Pickleball ECA — an energetic racket based sport where students of all skill levels converge to embrace the exhilarating world of pickleball! This fast-paced racquet sport, a combination of tennis, badminton, and ping pong, is the perfect blend of fitness and fun on a smaller court. Led by a passionate instructor, our club is designed to cultivate teamwork, sportsmanship, and a love for physical activity.

This ECA promises an inclusive and welcoming environment, where novices and seasoned players alike engage in friendly competition. Equipped with all the necessary gear, students can focus on refining their hand-eye coordination, strategic thinking, and social skills. From the thrill of the game to the laughter shared on the court, our Pickleball programme guarantees an unforgettable experience. Join us for an active, enjoyable, and camaraderie-filled adventure—where the love of pickleball unites us all!

Throwing and Receiving Games: Years 3 & 4

This beginner-friendly ECA introduces younger students to basketball through high energized movement, games, and basic skill activities. The focus is on developing coordination, confidence, teamwork, and a love for being active while learning the fundamentals of basketball and having fun.

Running Club : Years 4 to 9

Lace up, build confidence, and discover the joy of running! The Headstart Running Club is an energetic, inclusive program designed for students in Years 4 through 9, catering to all fitness levels—from complete beginners to experienced runners to prepare students for competing in the PISAC Cross Country Championship and PISAC Track & Field meet.

- Skill Development: Learn proper running form, effective pacing strategies, and essential injury-prevention techniques.
- Varied Sessions: Enjoy a dynamic mix of track workouts, distance runs, agility games, and team relay races.
- Goal Setting: Work toward personal bests, whether preparing for school cross-country events or building overall endurance.
- Social & Supportive: Train in a fun, non-competitive environment that emphasizes teamwork, mental resilience, and personal growth.

What to Bring: Running shoes, comfortable athletic wear, and a labeled water bottle.

Descriptions of HeadStart VAPPs & AEN

*Extension programmes for our Very Able Pupils

(AEN) Additional Educational Needs

Additional Support

The AEN (Additional Educational Needs) Extracurricular Activities (ECA) are tailored to offer focused support for students needing extra assistance with their studies. Hosted in a structured environment, the AEN ECA enables students to complete their homework, benefit from small group tutoring, and participate in skills-building exercises that reinforce essential academic concepts. Led by the dedicated Learning Support Department, this program not only helps students keep up with their classwork but also fosters crucial learning skills, ensuring they achieve their full academic potential.

Maths VAPPs

Primary Maths VAPP

This ECA is set up for our most able Primary mathematicians and gives them a chance to explore mathematical theories and concepts, through discussion, investigation and problem solving.

Maths VAPP_Junior Maths Challenge: Years 7 & 8

This engaging activity encourages younger students to explore problem-solving and logical thinking beyond the classroom. It prepares them for the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge through fun and challenging questions designed to stretch mathematical thinking.

Maths VAPP_ Intermediate Maths Challenge: Years 9 to 11

Designed for students with a passion for maths, this activity helps develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills in preparation for the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. Ideal for those aiming to strengthen their mathematical reasoning in a supportive environment.

Maths_Accelerated IGCSE Extra practise:Year 10

This session provides Year 10 students on the accelerated IGCSE track with dedicated time to practise and consolidate what they've already learned in class.

English VAPPs

Primary English VAPP: Years 5 & 6

Each term, the Primary Magazine Club will work to produce a magazine, written and designed by our students, informing the HeadStart Community about what's going on in and around school. Students will learn about journalism, how to interview, content, layout, project management and have the opportunity to walk away with a complete product they can be proud of.

English VAPP_World Scholar's Cup: Years 7 to 10

This is an academic competition. But it's different from other competitions, in that it's probably not even a competition. It is a celebration. Instead of focusing on memorising facts, WSC is all about applying them and relating them to the world around us. You don't need to know that Victor Hugo was a realist; you need to know what artwork might have interested him the most. You may learn about the housing bubble, or why Yue Minjun painted five unclothed men laughing in front of five white birds, and debate whether there will be another bubble even when we most expect it, or what a painting of laughing men could mean in a regime that never laughs at itself. Whatever you do, you're celebrating learning, even if you don't think you like learning. Before you know it, you'll be asking for more topics to explore.

I can't believe that I haven't mentioned alpacas yet. You can get different types of alpacas at tournaments, such as furry ones, finger puppets, or even genetically modified alphabears.

You'll have a great experience. You'll make new friends and learn from other people. Even though you'll have to study a lot and research a lot, you'll love doing it.

Is it challenging? Yes. Can it be frightening? Yes. Will it be fun? Absolutely. Welcome to the World Scholar's Cup; welcome to the greatest festival of learning in the world. If you want to take part in any tournaments, which is the aim of this ECA, there will be additional and substantial costs involved for local, regional and possibly international competitions.

Science VAPPs

Primary Science VAPP

This ECA is set up for our most able Primary science students and gives them a chance to explore scientific theories and concepts, through experimentation and investigation.

Science VAPP: Science Scholars: Years 7 to 9

The Science Scholars programme aims to challenge and extend high-achieving students by developing their articulation and expression of scientific ideas. They will be challenged to think about the ethics of real Science, and asked to develop their understanding of, and then present, a complex or controversial idea to their peers. Students will learn to critique information and consider several sources of information. This will link to a mini-conference in Term 3.

Science VAPP: Science VAPP_Communcations club: Years 10 to 13

The Science VAPP Communications Club is for students in Years 10–13 who are interested in communicating science to a wider audience. Students will research current scientific topics and develop engaging content through articles, interviews, presentations, videos and other media, building their skills in scientific communication, creativity, teamwork and critical thinking.

Thai Cultural VAPPs

Thai Traditional Dancing: Years 3 to 6

Join this class to learn authentic, Thai traditional and folk dance. Students will learn the basics and movements of traditional local dance to gracefully showcase an important part of Thai culture. Students will have the opportunity to perform for the school at Thai events in school.

VAPPs led by Sixth Form Pupils

Model United Nations: Years 9 to 13

Model United Nations, also referred to as MUN, is an educational simulation activity where students role-play as delegates representing different countries in simulated sessions of the United Nations. Participants engage in debates, negotiations, and discussions on various global issues, aiming to find solutions and draft resolutions. MUN provides students with a platform to enhance their public speaking, research, critical thinking, and diplomatic skills while promoting global awareness and understanding. It is a valuable opportunity for students to learn about international relations, diplomacy, and the complexities of global problem-solving.

Being part of Model United Nations (MUN) at school offers numerous benefits. Firstly, MUN allows students to develop their public speaking and debate skills. By actively participating in MUN conferences, students learn how to articulate their ideas effectively and engage in constructive discussions. Secondly, MUN provides a platform for students to enhance their research and critical thinking abilities. Through in-depth research on various global issues, students gain a deeper understanding of complex topics and learn to analyse them from different perspectives. Additionally, MUN fosters teamwork and collaboration as students work together to draft resolutions and negotiate with other delegates. This experience helps them develop strong interpersonal skills and the ability to find common ground amidst diverse opinions. Lastly, MUN offers a unique opportunity to broaden one's horizons and gain a global perspective. Engaging with students from different schools and countries exposes participants to diverse cultures, ideas, and viewpoints, promoting cultural understanding and empathy. Overall, being part of MUN at school equips students with valuable skills, knowledge, and a global mindset that can benefit them academically, professionally, and personally.

Humanities VAPPs

iLearn Personal Project: Years 7 to 9

In iLearn students are given the opportunity to research a topic of their choosing and answer a question of their design. They culminate their research in a final artifact which displays their new found knowledge.

Students are supported across this journey with tips and guidance around choosing a research topic, formulating a Driving Question and research question, undertaking effective research, analyzing and presenting data, artifact construction and presentation skills.

The iLearn Personal Project is a condensed version of the A Level EPQ project that our students undertake within the Sixth Form. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop pre A-level EPQ skills and to research a passion or an area of interest.

This VAPP is tailored for the needs of Key stage Three students who are developing the skills of research through Humanities lessons and looking for a way to enhance these.

Students are chosen based on their indicated ability in class and Home Learning activities across Humanities since the start of the academic year.

(CAPA) Creative and Performing Arts VAPPs

Advanced Art VAPP: Years 5 & 6

In Advanced Art, students will explore and refine skills and techniques beyond classroom content. Students will work closely with their teacher to acquire new skills whilst developing existing ones before being given autonomy to explore and creatively apply what they have learnt. This VAPP is ideally suited for students who have shown a keen interest in the subject and would like to explore art in a more complex and challenging manner.

Music VAPP_Production Band: Years 7 to 13

You will work with the Music department to hone your skills and prepare for CAPA Senior's *School of Rock* pit band performances in Term 1.

There is a selection process to join this Music VAPP. If you are new to the school and would like to be involved, please get in touch with Mrs. Howells.

Drama VAPP Theatre Play: Years 7 to 13

You will work with our talented Drama specialists to produce a play, focusing on acting and drama for theatre. The play will take place later in the year and is a new and exciting venture for HeadStart.

Students have been selected to join this Drama VAPP based on their proven ability and experience.

Music VAPP_Advanced Music Ensemble: Years 7 to 13

This is a new VAPP designed to provide opportunities for our talented instrumental musicians. You will work together with the Music department to learn and develop ensemble skills through a range of appropriate and engaging repertoire. As an ensemble, you will perform at school events and possibly more.

Students will be invited to join this VAPP based on their instrumental ability and experience. Notionally, students should be playing their instrument to the equivalent of Grade 4 and above. If you would like to join, please contact Ms. Saffin, Head of Faculty of Performing Arts for further information.
