

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.

Thai First Language: Early Years / Reception

This Thai class is for first language speakers only. Usually this would be Thai nationals.

Thai Crafts and Games: Early Years & Reception / Years 1 to 3 / Years 4 to 6

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

Thai Traditional Dancing: Years 1 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 at Thai events in school.

Fun Phonics: Years 1 / Years 2

This small, supportive group is designed for children who would benefit from extra practice in their phonics progression. Through lively songs, engaging games, and hands-on activities, we will reinforce the phonics skills taught in class. It's a fun and collaborative way to build confidence and become a stronger, more fluent reader.

Maths Games: Years 1 & 2

Join us for a fun-filled maths adventure! Through exciting games, puzzles, and challenges, children will practise and strengthen their number skills, problem-solving, and logical thinking. A playful, hands-on way to boost confidence and enjoy maths together.

Free Flow Fun: Years 1 & 2

Free Flow Fun is a club where children can play collaboratively alongside their peers in a supportive and playful environment. During these sessions, they will develop essential skills such as communication, open-mindedness, and kindness. Their natural curiosity will be nurtured as they explore a variety of games and challenges. Each week, children will have the freedom to choose their own activities from a rotating selection of resources—such as building blocks, art materials, Playdough, real-world toys, and more. The club encourages independence and creativity while fostering a love for learning through play.

Art Clubs: Year 1 / Year 2 / Years 3 & 4 / Years 5 & 6 / Years 7 to 9

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

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.

Making Sustainable Products: Years 5 to 9

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.

Lego Clubs: Years 1 & 2 / Years 3 & 4 / Years 5 & 6

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.

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: Years 1 & 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 Clubs: 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!

Science Clubs: Year 2 / Year 3 / Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6

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

Mini CAPA: Years 1 to 4

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.

Music Club: Years 1 & 2

In our year 1-2 music club, 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.

HeadStart Choir: Years 3 to 9

Do you love to sing and make music with others? Singing together is great fun, uplifting and good for our well-being. You will learn a range of different types of songs in a group and showcase your talents in events and celebrations. We'll develop the use of harmonies and part-singing, which improves children's listening, communication and collaboration skills as well as their vocal techniques.

Drama Club: Years 3 & 6

The Primary Drama Club is a chance for primary students to have a lot of fun while learning the basics of acting skills, culminating by the end of terms 1 and 3 with a presentation of what they have been learning for family and friends.

Computing Club: Years 4 to 6

Embark on an exciting journey into the world of coding and creativity with our "Coding 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.

Computing Club: Years 7 to 9

Have a laptop? Want to know how to program mobile apps? Come and join this club!
Be ready to take your coding to the next level!

Photography Club: Years 4 to 6

This is a pre- enrol ECA, please contact Ms. Rachel Engel to get more information and sign up.

Our goal is to teach students the fundamental skills of photography, including understanding camera functions, effective composition, the manipulation of light and color, and exposure to the works of master photographers. To achieve this, we would require students to bring their own cameras that feature an SLR dial to access key settings and functions.

Rock Band Workshop: Years 7 to 9

Have you ever wanted to play in a band? Or maybe you already have a band? Maybe you play guitar, bass, drums, keyboards or you're a singer without a place to strut your stuff? Either way, this ECA is for you! With the opportunity to perform in the Live Lounge and Battle of the Bands, unleash your inner rockstar and enjoy this great opportunity to make new friends and learn fabulous performance and ensemble skills.

DT Club: Years 7 to 9

The KS3 Design and Technology Club is a fun, creative and practical club for students in Years 7–9. It gives students the opportunity to develop their designing and making skills while working on interesting projects that may not always be possible during normal lessons.

Students will learn how to turn their ideas into real products by exploring different materials, tools and manufacturing techniques such as 3D printing and laser cutting. Projects could include designing and making small wooden products, mechanisms, models, electronic projects, textiles or sustainable products.

The club will encourage students to be creative, solve problems and experiment with different ideas. They will develop important skills such as measuring, marking out, cutting, joining, evaluating and improving their designs. Students will also learn how to work safely and responsibly when using tools and equipment.

As well as practical skills, the club will help students develop confidence, teamwork, resilience and independent thinking. Students will be encouraged to learn from mistakes and improve their designs rather than simply aiming for a perfect first attempt.

The KS3 Design and Technology Club is therefore an opportunity for students to design, make, test and improve while having fun and developing useful skills that they can use both in school and in everyday life.

Descriptions of HeadStart ECAs: Sports

Playground Games: Years 1 to 3 / Years 4 to 6

A fantastic opportunity for students to learn the basic skills needed to understand how to play a wide variety of fun games and activities.

PISAC_Running Club: Years 4 to 9

For students who are wanting to compete in the PISAC Track & Field Championships (30th March).

Students will work on the different track and field events in preparation for this competition as well as their own development through running, jumping and throwing.

Triathlon Training: Years 4 to 6

Each week students will need to bring: swimming kit (swim suit, hat, goggles), a water bottle, clothes for running (PE kit), running shoes (which might get wet when students practise transitions from swimming to running).

Swim and Run....can you push yourself to the limits!

For students that love to move and enjoy the shared camaraderie of competing together.

For safety reasons, students **must** be able to comfortably swim at least 50m front crawl (without stopping).

We will be working specifically on swimming and running on a weekly basis and will be on the lookout for competitions locally for students to compete in. Currently there will be no road cycling during this ECA.

Badminton: Years 4 to 6

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!

Volleyball: Years 7 to 9

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

Racket Sports Pickleball & Badminton: Years 7 to 9

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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.

English VAPPs

Primary English VAPP: Years 5 & 6 / Years 7 & 9

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.

(CAPA) Creative and Performing Arts VAPPs

Art VAPP: Years 5 & 6 / Years 7 to 9

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.

Maths VAPPs

Maths VAPP: Years 5

This ASP 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_ Maths Olympiad: Years 7 to 9

Maths Olympiad VAPP is a chance for confident mathematicians to challenge themselves beyond the classwork and hone their problem solving skills. In this VAPP we will look at a variety of Maths Olympiad and UKMT Maths Challenge questions and develop strategies to find solutions. We will also train for both individual and team maths competitions which we will enter in conjunction with Headstart Chaofah Campus. Maths is to the brain what exercise is to the body; this VAPP is a chance to grow and flex those brain biceps in a team atmosphere!

Science VAPPs

Science VAPP: Year 5

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: 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.

Language VAPPs

French VAPP_Preparation for DELF Junior: Years 1 & 2 / Years 3 to 6 / Years 7 to 9

DELF preparation course is specifically crafted for young learners in primary and secondary school . Through engaging and interactive activities, your child will build essential language skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The curriculum, aligned with the A1.1 to B2 levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), emphasizes practical exam techniques, including strategies for handling typical exam questions and managing time effectively.

A key focus of the course is on interactive scenarios, where your child will practice speaking and listening in real-life situations similar to those they will encounter in the exam. This hands-on approach ensures that they are not only familiar with the exam format but also confident in their ability to communicate in French.

The DELF (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française) certifications are globally recognized and serve as a valuable asset for your child's educational and professional future.

Humanities VAPPs

Humanities VAPP: Years 7 to 9

Our Humanities VAPP offers students the chance to explore topics such as history, geography, politics, philosophy, and culture in greater depth, beyond the regular curriculum. Through discussion, debate, and collaborative projects, pupils will be encouraged to think critically, make connections across disciplines, and develop their own informed perspectives on global issues. The program is designed to stretch and challenge, while nurturing curiosity and creativity. Over time, the skills gained may also open the door to future opportunities such as taking part in academic competitions like the World Scholar's Cup.
