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IGNITE HANDBOOK

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ACADEMIC YEAR

Welcome to Huddersfield Grammar School's IGNITE programme.

IGNITE takes place on Wednesday afternoons for all students in years 7 - 11. It is a chance for you to customise a lesson a week in your timetable to suit your interests by choosing from a plethora of activities!

We hope that you thoroughly enjoy your IGNITE experiences and perhaps discover a hidden talent!

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

The following activities will run for a **full term** (September to Christmas):



Stop Motion

Love movies, animation or art? At Stop Motion you will learn how to bring your storyboards to life using clay, paper and more! You will learn animation techniques, collaborate on short films, and prepare for your first screening! Whether you're Nick Park or just starting out this is an activity where creativity meets animation.



Microsoft Office Certification

Want to boost your tech skills and earn certifications that impress colleges and employers? In this activity you will learn to master Word, Excel, Powerpoint and more and have the opportunity to receive a recognised qualification (additional cost of £45 for exam). Complete the exams to a high standard and in record time and you have the chance to become a Microsoft Office World Champion winning an all expenses paid trip to Disneyland California!



British Sign Language

Want to learn a new language without saying a word? At BSL you will learn how to communicate using BSL and have fun with activities and challenges with the opportunity to perform at Christmas! Whether you are a beginner or know some signs already, everyone is welcome as we work to make our school even more inclusive, one sign at a time.

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

The following activities will run for a **half term**:



Percussion Group (max 10 students)

Come and make music using percussion instruments. Explore different sounds from World Drumming, perform with others and create your own pieces. You don't need any musical experience just a willingness to give it a go and have some fun!



Paper Engineering

Are you into design, construction, or just love building cool things with your hands? In Paper Engineering you will build bridges, towers, domes, and more... using only paper and creativity! Explore the basics of engineering, test your designs in fun challenges, and even compete to build the strongest or tallest paper structures! Bring your curiosity — and maybe a glue stick!



Card Games

Love games that challenge your mind where strategy meets fun? This club is all about learning classic and modern card games; building friendships and good sportsmanship; boosting memory, focus, and strategic thinking and having fun in a relaxed, inclusive environment. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out – everyone's welcome!

WHAT'S ON OFFER?



Creative Writing Competition Club

Do you have a story to tell, a voice that needs to be heard, or a passion for words that won't quit? Whether you're a seasoned writer or just starting to explore your creative side, the Creative Writing Competition Club is your space to shine.



Origami

Looking for a relaxing, creative break from your busy week? In Origami learn how to fold amazing paper art — from cranes and flowers to animals and boxes! You'll create beautiful displays, handmade paper gifts, and even seasonal decorations for the school. Whether it's for creative expression, mindfulness or gifts, let's fold something beautiful together.



Boxing

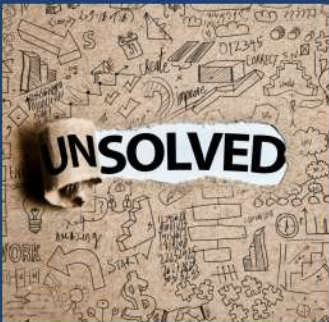
Ready to punch up your potential? Discover a fun, safe, and exciting way to stay active and build confidence! Improve fitness & coordination, focus & discipline, respect & teamwork, self-confidence & resilience. No contact – just skills, drills, and plenty of energy!

WHAT'S ON OFFER?



Macrame Crafts

Love crafting? Want to create beautiful things with just knots and string? At Macrame we'll be making cool projects like wall hangings, bracelets, plant holders, and more — no experience needed. It's relaxing, fun, and you'll take home something handmade and awesome. Come get knotty with us!



Unsolved Case Files

Step into the shoes of a cold case detective and dive deep into real (or fictional) unsolved mysteries. There will be a variety of cases to crack—full of clues, red herrings, suspects, and suspense. Perfect for fans of true crime, mystery novels, puzzles, and investigative drama. No experience required—just a sharp mind and a curiosity that won't quit.



Fashion Upcycling (max 10 students)

Turn old clothes into new creations! Do you love fashion? Want to help the planet and get creative at the same time? At Fashion Upcycling you will give old clothes a brand new life! No sewing experience needed—just bring your ideas and a piece of clothing to transform!



Chess

Think ahead. Make your move. Have fun! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, the Chess Club is the perfect place to sharpen your skills, challenge your mind, and meet new friends. Come learn, compete, and enjoy the game that has challenged minds for centuries!

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Mindfulness (max 10 students)

Breathe. Pause. Reset. School can get overwhelming—assignments, social stress, and nonstop schedules. That's why we're creating space to slow down, breathe, and focus on what really matters: your wellbeing. Learn simple meditation and breathing techniques; practice mindfulness through art, movement, and journaling; explore ways to manage stress and improve focus; create a chill, judgement-free zone to relax and recharge.



Big Question Debate

Are you full of opinions? Big thoughts? Questions that don't have easy answers? Big Question Debate is a place to examine bold ideas, debate current issues, and learn to see the world from all sides. From ethics and science to society and philosophy we will delve into some of the big questions from around the world. Looking at different sources of information to inform healthy and productive debate and debating skills we don't just argue - we explore.



Puzzle Club

Do you love solving Sudoku? Crushing crosswords? Cracking tricky logic puzzles? Puzzle Club is the ultimate brain gym for problem-solvers, word lovers, and thinkers of all kinds! We'll dive into Sudoku, Crosswords, Word games & riddles, Logic puzzles & brain teasers to develop critical thinking, collaboration, problem solving and resilience!

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Seasonal Cooking

Love to cook? Curious about using fresh, seasonal ingredients?

In Seasonal Cooking we will explore recipes and flavours that change with the seasons! From autumn soups to Christmas bakes, we'll cook, taste, and learn together — with easy, fun, and tasty recipes you can make at home or with friends.



Miniature Haunted House Art (to October half term)

Love painting, decorating, or just getting creative with your hands? In this fun and relaxing club, we paint and personalise miniature houses. Learn color techniques, patterns, and decorative styles; create themed collections and showcase your art; relax and express your creativity one brushstroke at a time. No experience needed—just imagination and a steady(ish) hand!



Tag Rugby (boots required)

Love action, teamwork, and fun? Then Tag Rugby is for you! Open to all skill levels, tag rugby is a fantastic way to stay active, make new friends, and learn the fast-paced, non-contact version of rugby. It's safe & inclusive, builds confidence & teamwork, is great for fitness and is open to all years, girls and boys! Whether you're a seasoned player or totally new to the game, come and give it a try — no tackling, just tagging, running, and loads of fun!

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German

Want to learn a new language, explore a new culture, and have fun while doing it? Learn useful German phrases, listen to music, try German snacks, play games and explore traditions. No experience needed — just an interest in language, culture, or trying something new! Come for the fun — stay for the *Wunderbar* vibes!



Duke of Edinburgh Award (after October year 10 only)

For students wishing to achieve the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. Use the form to indicate if you are interested. There will be a full launch with Mrs Stewart and places will be allocated after this to begin after October half term. Please note there may be additional costs to this activity.



SFX Make Up (October to Christmas)

Love horror movies? Obsessed with fake blood, scars, fantasy creatures, or dramatic transformations? In SFX Makeup you will learn the art of special effects makeup — from realistic wounds and monsters to glam fantasy looks!



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