



Co-op Academy  
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# Electives

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# Unlocking potential through expert knowledge and character

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Wellbeing  
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**C** community  
cooperation

**A** ambition  
achievement

**R** respect  
responsibility

**E** endeavour  
enjoyment



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Dear Belle Vue Students and Families,

We are delighted to present to you the Co-op Belle Vue Electives Programme 2023-2024, an exciting opportunity for your child to engage in a diverse range of activities beyond the curriculum.

The Electives Programme at Co-op Belle Vue is part of #TheBelleVueDifference, and is designed to support our mission statement of '*unlocking potential through expert knowledge and character*'. We believe that a strong co-curricular experience is essential for nurturing the unique talents, interests, and aspirations of each individual.

Through the Electives Programme, your child has the opportunity to choose three electives per term, ensuring a holistic approach to their personal development.

The three categories of elective are:

**Academic Elective:** This elective offers a chance for your child to explore an academic subject in more depth and breadth than the taught curriculum. It encourages intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and a deeper understanding of various disciplines. These electives will particularly support our students in year 9 with making their GCSE choices.

**Physical and Wellbeing Elective:** Physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle are crucial for the overall well-being of our students. This elective focuses on developing physical strength, enhancing teamwork and leadership skills, and fostering a spirit of sportsmanship as well as supporting our students with mental wellbeing. students can wear their full Coop PE kit to school on their Physical elective day.

**#TheDifference Elective:** We understand that every child has unique interests and talents that may not fit neatly into predefined categories. The Difference Elective is an open-ended opportunity for your child to explore a wide range of activities, such as arts, technology, debate, and more. This allows them to discover new passions and gain a broader perspective on their abilities.

Students can choose one elective from each category each term.

At Co-op Academy Belle Vue, we strongly believe in the power of a robust co-curricular program to shape our students' future success. Engaging in diverse activities beyond the classroom not only promotes personal development but also equips students with essential life skills that are highly valued in the modern world.

Our elective programme is designed to support our students to develop our Belle Vue CARE principles. These skills are not only beneficial during their school years but also greatly contribute to their future careers and personal achievements.

This guide has been designed to assist your child in selecting their electives for the upcoming term. It includes all relevant information for each elective.

Thank you,

Daniel Haste | Assistant Vice Principal - Personal Development

# Unlocked Potential

"As a student at Co-op Academy Belle Vue, I eagerly anticipate my favourite parts of the day— the electives. The prospect of engaging in these activities at the end of each school day fills me with excitement. They are open to all students, allowing everyone to participate in a variety of options. This inclusivity not only enriches our learning experience but supports one of our CARE principles of community."

Gloria - Year 9

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"I feel like I have found out more about myself since taking part in electives and I have found hobbies that I would otherwise not have known about. The electives also promote our CARE principles."

Olivia - Year 9

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"My favourite elective was the boxing elective. I feel like my strength and stamina improved and I learnt key life skills like self defence. I also did the football elective. This was my favourite as I am very passionate about football and play outside of school, so this gave me a further opportunity to work on my skills. I also really liked the mini-apprentice elective as it helped me develop my leadership, confidence and teamwork skills."

Melchizedek - Year 8

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"The electives help us progress or start new skills. For example I didn't really like football, but now that I have participated in the futsal elective I find it really fun and playing football more often. I think having electives in our school is a good idea"

Omotola - Year 8

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# Academic Electives

## Academic Elective

# Computer Science - Humanising Artificial Intelligence

### Elective Summary

Embark on an exciting investigation into how AI impacts your community, explore potential problems and solutions and show how AI can be used for the good.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will acquire knowledge of the implications and impact of AI in the world around you. You will research the positive and negative impacts of AI and look at potential solutions. You will also present your findings using HTML to create websites.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

You will develop problem-solving abilities, creativity in design, teamwork and collaboration, understanding of real-world applications, logical thinking, and confidence in presenting your work.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

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### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

These skills lay the foundation for future tech careers. Proficiency in programming languages, problem-solving, and creative thinking opens doors to fields like software development, data analysis, and digital design. AI is poised to change many industries and an understanding of AI will help in many areas.

### Further Reading and Information

## Academic Elective

# English - Latin and Classical Civilizations

## Elective Summary

We will look at what "classics" has long been considered (erroneously) to be and decenter the 'Greco Roman as Classics' narrative. We will look at anti-racist/decolonial perspectives. For the rest of the course we will look into Latin as a language that has had a significant impact on the development of European language, read some Latin stories (in Latin) and look at grammar but also discuss mythology and the wider Greco-Roman tradition.

## What Knowledge Will I Gain?

A knowledge of the origins of Greek and Roman civilisations and their impact. You will learn to read a new language (Latin) and understand better the impact this language has had on many European languages. It will help you with a lot of complex vocabulary across many of the subjects you study at school and beyond.

## What Skills Will I Gain?

Decoding, linguistic skills,

## Which CARE principles will I develop?



## How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Latin cultivates language skills, analytical thinking, and cultural appreciation, enhancing careers in academia, linguistics, law, and history.

## Further Reading and Information



## Academic Elective

# Maths - The Belle Vue Maths Olympiad

### Elective Summary

Welcome to the Belle Vue Maths Olympiad, where maths becomes an exciting adventure! Solve tricky puzzles, boost brainpower, and discover the magic of mental maths. Get ready for the big Mental Math Spelling Bee, where you'll show off your lightning-fast maths skills.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

In the Math Olympiad Club, you'll learn cool problem-solving tricks, discover patterns in numbers, and become a master of mental maths. You'll know how to tackle tough maths challenges and impress everyone with your quick thinking.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

You'll become a pro at solving tricky puzzles, improve your thinking skills, and learn how to do maths in your head really fast.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

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### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

In the Math Olympiad, you'll build problem-solving skills, which are super important in jobs like scientists, engineers, and computer wizards.

### Further Reading and Information

## Academic Elective

# Geography - Belle Vue Geographic

### Elective Summary

Students will investigate a geographical issue that they are interested in, similar to the topical magazine 'National Geographic'. The outcome of the resource project is open to student interests, for example students may wish to produce a newspaper article, a filmed news report, a blog, a podcast, a research poster or something else!

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

In-depth knowledge of an environmental issue of your choosing. This provides an opportunity for you to spend time engaging with an issue you are already interested in, or finding out more about the issues that our planet is currently facing.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

You will develop skills in research, presentation, literacy and oracy.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

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### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Journalism, media, multiple geography & science based careers!

### Further Reading and Information

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/>

Have a look at the national geographic website for some ideas of issues you might want to investigate further.



## Science - CREST Discovery Award

### Elective Summary

Students work in groups to solve a STEM challenge, or challenges, with minimal adult intervention. Then students present their work.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Students will gain knowledge in all areas of stem. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

Students develop team-work and hands-on investigative skills. After successfully completing the project, students receive a personalised certificate.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

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### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

CREST Awards prepare students for diverse STEM careers including scientists, engineers, data analysts, programmers, researchers, architects, educators, and more by fostering critical skills like problem-solving, innovation, and collaboration.

### Further Reading and Information

<https://www.crestawards.org/crest-discovery>



## Science - CREST Bronze Award

### Elective Summary

Students work independently or in groups to plan and run a project addressing a real-world STEM problem.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

CREST Awards offer students hands-on STEM experience, fostering scientific concepts, research methods, problem-solving, technical skills, critical thinking, ethics, collaboration, communication, innovation, and practical application, boosting confidence and independence.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

The project process develops enquiry, problem-solving and communication skills. CREST Bronze can be used by students to enhance their UCAS personal statements. After completing the project, each student receives a personalised certificate.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

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### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

CREST Awards prepare students for diverse STEM careers including scientists, engineers, data analysts, programmers, researchers, architects, educators, and more by fostering critical skills like problem-solving, innovation, and collaboration.

### Further Reading and Information

<https://www.crestawards.org/crest-bronze>



# History - Manchester's DNA

## Elective Summary

What are the 'building blocks' of Manchester? This focuses on place, identity, and family history in order for us to reflect upon the continuing evolution of our city and in particular how immigration has impacted upon our neighbourhoods.

## What Knowledge Will I Gain?

We will consider family history and identity as it relates to place through a series of workshops.

## What Skills Will I Gain?

Critical thinking, research, and analytical skills. Students engage with past events, cultures, and perspectives, fostering a deeper understanding of human history.

## Which CARE principles will I develop?

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## How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Education, research, journalism, archiving, museum curation, historical analysis, and cultural heritage preservation. Learning to substantiate an argument is vital in every career as the oracy skills will empower you in any interview scenario. Analytical skills will help you in many careers, from finance, IT to law and medicine.

## Further Reading and Information

## Academic Elective

# History - Model UN

## Elective Summary

Students will learn about how the United Nations work and the many different disciplines that this involves. Students will be introduced to Law, Business and Government.

## What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will learn about political systems in different countries across the world. You will learn about their cultures, languages and government.

## What Skills Will I Gain?

Model UN develops public speaking, negotiation, diplomacy, research, and critical thinking skills. Participants engage in global issues, fostering cultural awareness and understanding of international relations.

## Which CARE principles will I develop?

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## How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Model UN prepares students for careers in international relations, diplomacy, law, politics, public policy, and advocacy by honing negotiation, communication, research, and problem-solving skills in a global context.

## Further Reading and Information

<https://www.un.org/en/mun>

## Academic Elective

# English - The Belle Vue Newspaper

## Elective Summary

An opportunity to develop writing, editing, journalism, and communication skills. Participants cover school events, conduct interviews, and produce articles, fostering creativity and fostering a sense of community. Pupils will take different roles and produce the Belle Vue Newspaper every term.

## What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Participating in the school newspaper provides students with practical writing experience, journalistic skills, research proficiency, and a deepened understanding of storytelling and effective communication.

## What Skills Will I Gain?

Pupils will acquire skills in writing, journalism, research, interviewing, editing, teamwork, time management, critical thinking, and effective communication.

## Which CARE principles will I develop?

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## How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Participating in the school newspaper builds foundations for future careers in journalism, media, writing, communication, public relations, and content creation by fostering relevant skills and practical experience.

## Further Reading and Information

## Academic Elective

# Spanish - Literature and Cinema

### Elective Summary

We will look at a range of books and poetry in the Spanish Language and also enjoy some Spanish language films.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will increase your Spanish vocabulary, learn about some key Hispanic writers and poets and understand some of the history and culture of Spanish-speaking countries.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

You will develop skills in reading aloud more confidently and accurately, improve listening skills and be able to analyse key themes and messages in Spanish literature.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

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### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Careers in film, writing, translation, teaching, cultural industries, and international relations.

### Further Reading and Information

<https://becomeawritertoday.com/best-spanish-authors/>

<https://theculturetrip.com/south-america/chile/articles/introduction-to-latin-american-magic-realism-in-6-novels/>



## Spanish - Skills

### Elective Summary

Interactive language learning. Through engaging activities, cultural exploration, and a focus on conversational practice, participants develop fundamental Spanish proficiency while fostering a global perspective and cross-cultural communication abilities.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Students will acquire basic to intermediate Spanish language skills, including vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation. They'll also gain cultural insights, enhancing their ability to communicate effectively in Spanish-speaking environments.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

You will develop speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in Spanish. You'll also build cross-cultural communication abilities, fostering a foundation for future language proficiency and cultural appreciation.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

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### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

The elective links to future skills such as multilingual communication, cultural competence, and global collaboration. These skills are vital in international business, diplomacy, travel, and diverse workplaces.

### Further Reading and Information

## Academic Elective

# English - Reading Group

### Elective Summary

This elective allows students to immerse themselves in the world of literature and reading for pleasure. Students will read texts independently and as a group, engage in group book discussions, and develop skills for writing book reviews, which will be published on the school library catalogue.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Students will gain knowledge of literature for young people and reading for pleasure.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

Reading skills, discussion and communication skills, writing skills for book reviews.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

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### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Will develop skills related to all careers linked to the book industry, publishing, librarianship, writing, teaching English.

### Further Reading and Information

<https://becomeawritertoday.com/best-spanish-authors/>

<https://theculturetrip.com/south-america/chile/articles/introduction-to-latin-american-magic-realism-in-6-novels/>

## Academic Elective

# English - Carnegie Shadowing Scheme

### Elective Summary

As part of a national reading for pleasure initiative, the Yoto Carnegie Shadowing Scheme will engage students in reading and discussing the exciting new books on the Carnegie Award shortlist. Students will evaluate the books, share their thoughts and vote for their favourite for the Shadowers' Choice Award.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Students will gain knowledge about exciting new literature for young people. They will then discuss the book and communicated with each other about what they enjoyed.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

Reading skills, discussion and communication skills, evaluation skills.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

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### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

It will develop skills related to all careers linked to the book industry, publishing, librarianship, writing, teaching English.

### Further Reading and Information

<https://yotocarnegies.co.uk/take-part/>



# Science - Zoology

## Elective Summary

Zoology offers students a chance to explore animal biology, adaptations and behaviour to survive. Students will deepen their understanding of animals and conservation.

## What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Students will learn how animals are classified, their behaviours, habitats, adaptations, how they are conserved and the research techniques used to study them.

## What Skills Will I Gain?

Observation, critical thinking, research, problem-solving, data analysis, teamwork, communication, ethical awareness, technical abilities, adaptability, empathy, environmental understanding—skills cultivated through the study of zoology.

## Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
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## How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Zoology opens doors to careers as wildlife biologists, veterinarians, conservationists, zookeepers, researchers, educators, and environmental consultants, focusing on animal behaviour, ecology, and conservation.

## Further Reading and Information

<https://www.chesterzoo.org/>

# Physical and Wellbeing Electives

# Our Physical and Wellbeing electives include...

## Dance:

In the Dance elective, you'll refine coordination, flexibility, and rhythm across diverse dance styles. Boost creativity, teamwork, and self-expression, gaining confidence and a lifelong passion for movement.

## Football:

Join the Football elective to sharpen teamwork, communication, and strategic thinking. Build physical fitness, coordination, and sportsmanship while enjoying friendly competition and nurturing a love for the game.

## Table Tennis:

At the Table Tennis elective, enhance quick reflexes, hand-eye coordination, and concentration. Improve motor skills, precision, and sportsmanship, developing an appreciation for this fast-paced and tactical sport.

## Basketball:

In Basketball elective, boost agility, teamwork, and decision-making abilities. Develop endurance, spatial awareness, and effective communication, fostering camaraderie and sportsmanship among teammates.

## Boxing:

Enrol in the Boxing elective to cultivate discipline, physical fitness, and mental focus. Learn self-defence techniques, enhance coordination, and build resilience while boosting confidence and embracing a healthy lifestyle.

## Netball:

At the Netball elective, refine agility, quick thinking, and teamwork. Enhance passing, shooting, and strategic positioning, building communication skills and forging strong bonds with fellow teammates.

## Rounders:

In the Rounders elective, enhance batting, fielding, and base-running skills. Develop hand-eye coordination, teamwork, and strategic thinking while relishing an engaging and fast-paced team sport.

## Badminton:

At the Badminton elective, foster hand-eye coordination, agility, and quick reflexes. Improve racquet skills, strategic

positioning, and teamwork, enjoying physical activity and friendly competition alike.

## Rugby:

At the Rugby elective, you'll cultivate teamwork, physical fitness, and strategic thinking. Enhance your passing, tackling, and communication skills while building camaraderie with teammates.

## Dodgeball:

In the Dodgeball elective, improve agility, reflexes, and teamwork. Develop throwing accuracy, dodging skills, and spatial awareness in a fast-paced game.

## Steel Pan:

Step into the rhythm and melody of our Steel Pan Club! Learn to play Caribbean steel drums, creating vibrant tunes as a team. Develop musical skills, teamwork, and cultural appreciation in a fun and energetic environment.

## Hockey:

Develop skills in stick handling, passing, and teamwork. From mastering shots to perfecting defence, this club offers thrilling matches and camaraderie.

## Futsal Club:

Sharpen your dribbling, passing, and shooting skills in fast-paced matches. Adapt to tighter spaces, enhance teamwork, and embrace the exhilarating atmosphere.



Physical and  
Wellbeing  
Elective

# Exercise For Physical and Mental Health...

## Why should I participate in physical exercise after school?

Engaging in physical exercise helps keep your body healthy and strong. It boosts your energy, improves mood, and enhances concentration, making it easier to focus on schoolwork.

## What benefits does physical exercise offer?

Regular exercise improves cardiovascular health, builds strong muscles and bones, and maintains a healthy weight. It also reduces the risk of chronic diseases like diabetes and promotes better sleep.

## Can physical exercise help with stress?

Absolutely! Exercise releases endorphins, which are natural mood boosters. It helps reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, promoting mental well-being.

## I'm not into competitive sports. How can exercise still benefit me?

Our electives aren't limited to competitive sports. We have activities like dance and less competitive sports like dodgeball. Physical activity improves your overall fitness, regardless of whether you're competing or just having fun.

## How does exercise help my brain?

Physical activity increases blood flow to the brain, enhancing cognitive function and memory. It also encourages the growth of new brain cells, supporting learning and mental sharpness.

## Can exercise improve my social life?

Definitely! Joining sports clubs or exercise groups lets you meet new friends who share similar interests. Team sports foster teamwork and communication skills, improving your social interactions.

## How can exercise improve my self-esteem?

Accomplishing physical goals, whether small or large, boosts your self-confidence. Setting and achieving fitness milestones empowers you and improves your self-image.

## Is exercise important for my future health?

Yes, engaging in regular physical activity during your school years sets a foundation for a healthier lifestyle in adulthood. It reduces the risk of chronic diseases and improves longevity.

## What if I'm not good at sports?

You don't have to be a sports star to benefit from exercise. Find activities you enjoy and feel comfortable with. The important thing is to stay active and make it a part of your routine. We have deliberately included inclusive activities.

## How often should I exercise?

Aim for at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity most days of the week to stay physically and mentally healthy.

## Will I need to get changed for the Physical elective?

No! On your physical elective day you can come to school in your full Coop PE kit.



Physical and  
Wellbeing  
Elective

# #TheDifference Electives

## #TheDifference Elective

# Chess

### Elective Summary

The Chess elective is a captivating space for members to explore the intricacies of the ancient game of strategy. Participants enhance critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills while fostering camaraderie. Whether beginners or experts, the elective provides a platform for intellectual growth, friendly competition, and a shared passion for the timeless game of chess.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Students will develop critical thinking, strategic planning, and decision-making abilities through chess. They'll learn the game's rules, tactics, and sportsmanship while enjoying intellectual challenges and friendly competition.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

Members will cultivate critical thinking, strategic planning, and problem-solving skills. They'll also enhance their concentration, patience, and sportsmanship through engaging in chess matches and activities.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
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### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Chess nurtures skills essential in various careers: critical analysis, strategic planning, adaptability, and decision-making. These qualities are valuable in fields like finance, law, technology, and management.

### Further Reading and Information

## #TheDifference Elective

# Community CARE

### Elective Summary

Community Cares is an elective where you can support Belle Vue's community plan. You will learn about the main priorities we are working to support in our local community, before actively engaging in the community and supporting local community groups and organisations across a variety of projects. A big part of Belle Vue's community plan is looking after our environment so if you choose Community Cares, you will be part of Belle Vue's Eco-club..

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will learn about the current challenges our community faces and how we can work together with local community groups and organisations to face these challenges. As part of Eco-club, you will learn the importance of environmentally friendly practices.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

Communication, interpersonal and team building skills.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
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### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

It links to future careers as you will engage with local community groups and external organisations, giving you strong networking and interpersonal skills. If you enjoy supporting these groups, there may be opportunities for work experience placements in the future. You will also learn about careers within corporate social responsibility.

### Further Reading and Information



# Choir

## Elective Summary

Singing as part of an ensemble. The school choir elective offers students a vibrant musical experience, fostering vocal skills, teamwork, artistic expression, and performance confidence. Participants collaborate to create harmonious melodies while building a sense of unity and discipline.

## What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Participating in a school choir provides knowledge of vocal techniques, musical notation, harmonisation, and repertoire. Students also develop an understanding of teamwork, discipline, and artistic expression through performance.

## What Skills Will I Gain?

Vocal skills, musical proficiency, harmonisation, and performance techniques. Participants gain teamwork, discipline, confidence, and artistic expression through collaborative rehearsals and public presentations. Singing skills, performance skills, teamwork skills, timing skills, confidence, boost well being.

## Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
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## How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Involvement in a school choir enhances vocal talents, musicality, and performance skills, preparing students for careers in music, entertainment, teaching, sound production, and arts administration

## Further Reading and Information

## #TheDifference Elective

# Recycled Fashion

### Elective Summary

Students will explore issues of sustainability in fashion. They will experiment with the creative process of upcycling garments that would usually be discarded.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Sustainability, upcycling, environmental impact of clothing.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

Sewing, reconstruction of garments, following a fashion brief like a designer in industry.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

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### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Involvement in a school choir enhances vocal talents, musicality, and performance skills, preparing students for careers in music, entertainment, teaching, sound production, and arts administration

### Further Reading and Information

## #TheDifference Elective

# Belle Vue Zoo

### Elective Summary

Students will become inspired by the archives and visual history of the Belle Vue Zoo. They will create artwork based on the animals, performers and events while being inspired by Victorian vintage circus paraphernalia. You will also be responsible for curating our own museum!

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Students will gain information on the history of the Belle Vue Zoo. They will become familiar with the vintage circus and how people with disabilities were exploited, along with the animals. They will learn about the circus creator of the Barnum and Bailey shows depicted in the greatest showman.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

Students will develop skills in painting, composition, observational drawing, tone, tonal shading, refinement, and designing their own personal response giving them creative control.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

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### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Artists are always inspired by their surroundings, history or a particular subject. They are always looking for inspiration from a particular source. Students will do the same and create a final piece of art that encompasses their chosen interest in the legacy of their school.

### Further Reading and Information

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/entire-history-manchester-belle-vue-6684046>

## #TheDifference Elective

# Gardening and Horticulture

## Elective Summary

"Field to Fork" Horticulture elective: Students cultivate plants, learn growth stages, and grasp the link between homegrown food and meals. This hands-on program nurtures horticultural skills, sustainability awareness, and healthy eating habits. Empowering a mindful generation that appreciates food's journey from seed to fork.

## What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will develop skills in how to cultivate a school garden to grow edible plants, fruits and vegetables for use in the food room, including growing from seeds, bulbs and plugs. your skills will include how to maintain care of the crops whilst they grow and an understanding of how to identify when it is time to harvest the crop. You will also learn how to prepare and/or cook these ingredients.

## What Skills Will I Gain?

Students will develop skills in painting, composition, observational drawing, tone, tonal shading, refinement, and designing their own personal response giving them creative control.

## Which CARE principles will I develop?

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## How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Horticultural studies, working in the hospitality and catering industry.

## Further Reading and Information

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/easy-crops-kids-grow>

## #TheDifference Elective

# Cooking For Life

### Elective Summary

Skills based elective to develop knowledge and understanding of how to create interesting and affordable dishes on a budget.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will gain a deeper understanding of how to effectively use a small budget to create dishes that are interesting and nutritious.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

General practical skills, knife skills, preparing fruit and vegetables, use of the cooker/ microwave, use of small and large equipment, preparing, combining and shaping ingredients, doughs and batters.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
Community	Ambition	Respect	Endeavor

### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Artists are always inspired by their surroundings, history or a particular subject. They are always looking for inspiration from a particular source. Students will do the same and create a final piece of art that encompasses their chosen interest in the legacy of their school.

### Further Reading and Information

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/entire-history-manchester-belle-vue-6684046>

## #TheDifference Elective

# The Tenner Challenge

### Elective Summary

An entrepreneurial opportunity to look at business and leadership and see how much profit can be made when starting with just ten pounds.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

How to create a business, how to create an action plan, how to gain profit, how to present, what it means to be a stakeholder, how to capitalise on opportunities.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

Leadership, Teamwork, Presentation Skills, Confidence, Entrepreneurship.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
Community	Ambition	Respect	Endeavor

### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Entrepreneurship in terms of looking at startups and how business is created and allows students to look at each part of a company and work within each element from design implementation, to accounts, to advertising and marketing. A whole host of careers and positions will be factored into the course. It will also be aspirational to show how from a little a lot can be gained.

### Further Reading and Information

## #TheDifference Elective

# Physical Theatre

## Elective Summary

A chance to look at physical theatre and create dynamic and engaging performances using the skills of Frantic Assembly.

## What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Physical Theatre, how to create performances, how to make old texts modern, analysis of text, how to do lifts.

## What Skills Will I Gain?

Physical theatre skills, direction skills, analysing text skills, skills on how to do lifts.

## Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
Community	Ambition	Respect	Endeavor

## How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Different avenues to careers within performance, and how to work within large teams.

## Further Reading and Information

## #TheDifference Elective

# Model UN

### Elective Summary

Students will learn about how the United Nations work and the many different disciplines that this involves. Students will be introduced to Law, Business and Government.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

You will learn about political systems in different countries across the world. You will learn about their cultures, languages and government.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

Model UN develops public speaking, negotiation, diplomacy, research, and critical thinking skills. Participants engage in global issues, fostering cultural awareness and understanding of international relations.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
Community	Ambition	Respect	Endeavor

### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Model UN prepares students for careers in international relations, diplomacy, law, politics, public policy, and advocacy by honing negotiation, communication, research, and problem-solving skills in a global context.

### Further Reading and Information

<https://www.un.org/en/mun>

## #TheDifference Elective

# Sign Language

### Elective Summary

Discover the world of sign language in this elective! Learn the basics, communicate effectively, and explore the vibrant Deaf culture. Develop new skills, build inclusivity, and gain a unique form of communication that can benefit you in diverse future paths.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Students gain essential sign language skills, vocabulary, grammar, conversational ability, and cultural understanding. These empower them to communicate inclusively and foster connections within the Deaf community and beyond.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

Pupils will acquire sign language communication, cultural understanding, nonverbal awareness, inclusivity, linguistic proficiency, empathy, and interpersonal skills, fostering connections and promoting inclusive communication practices.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
Community	Ambition	Respect	Endeavor

### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Sign language mastery enhances careers through versatile communication, inclusivity, interpretation, cultural competence, and social advocacy skills. It's valuable in education, healthcare, customer service, and fostering diverse workplaces.

### Further Reading and Information

## #TheDifference Elective

# Historical Murder Mystery

## Elective Summary

A thrilling exploration of the past! Solve intriguing mysteries inspired by real events, decipher clues, and uncover secrets. Enhance critical thinking, research skills, and teamwork while immersing yourself in captivating historical narratives. Unveil history's enigmas together!

## What Knowledge Will I Gain?

In the Historical Murder Mystery Club, students acquire in-depth historical knowledge by researching real events, understanding contexts, and analysing evidence while solving engaging mysteries from the past.

## What Skills Will I Gain?

Pupils cultivate research, critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, teamwork, historical analysis, and cultural awareness skills while unravelling captivating historical enigmas, promoting enriched historical understanding.

## Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
Community	Ambition	Respect	Endeavor

## How Does it Link to Future Careers?

The Historical Murder Mystery Club fosters research, critical thinking, storytelling, analysis, and collaboration skills applicable to careers in historical research, investigation, education, writing, law, journalism, and cultural fields.

## Further Reading and Information

## #TheDifference Elective

# Anti-Bullying

### Elective Summary

The anti-bullying elective will promote awareness, empathy, and kindness, aiming to create a safe and supportive environment through discussions, activities, and campaigns that address and prevent bullying behaviour in our community.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Students will gain knowledge about different forms of bullying, its impact, prevention strategies, mental health awareness, conflict resolution, communication skills, empathy, and creating inclusive environments.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

Students will develop skills in effective communication, active listening, conflict resolution, empathy, leadership, organising awareness campaigns, promoting inclusivity, and fostering a positive and safe community atmosphere.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
Community	Ambition	Respect	Endeavor

### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Careers in counselling, social work, psychology, mental health support, and community development.

### Further Reading and Information

## #TheDifference Elective

# Stagecoach East Manchester

### Elective Summary

Stagecoach provides a platform for individuals to explore and develop their talents in various artistic disciplines such as acting, dancing, singing, and theatre production, fostering creativity and self-expression.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Engaging in singing, dance, and drama nurtures knowledge of vocal techniques, musicality, movement styles, acting methods, stage presence, storytelling, cultural influences, and artistic collaboration, fostering versatile performing abilities.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

This elective develops skills like stage presence, teamwork, emotional expression, improvisation, creative problem-solving, self-confidence, and effective communication.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
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### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Careers include professional singer, dancer, actor, choreographer, director, musical theatre performer, voice coach, dance instructor, casting director, arts administration, and entertainment production roles.

### Further Reading and Information

[https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/east-manchester?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=organic&utm\\_campaign=gmb](https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/east-manchester?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=gmb)

## #TheDifference Elective

# Debating

### Elective Summary

In debating, students will work in groups to develop detailed arguments on topics they feel passionate about through structured discussions, honing their debating abilities in a supportive environment.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

In debating students will gain knowledge on how to research information and use it to construct arguments that effectively communicate their point of view, in a respectful manner.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

Communication, critical thinking, how to construct an argument, how to respectfully engage and interpersonal skills.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
Community	Ambition	Respect	Endeavor

### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Debating hones skills vital for various careers, including law, politics, public speaking, and business, by nurturing critical thinking, communication, persuasion, and confident expression.

### Further Reading and Information

<https://debatemate.com/>

## #TheDifference Elective

# Coding

### Elective Summary

Coding will give students the opportunity to use software such as scratch to develop their coding skills over time and create digital stories, games and animations.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Coding equips individuals with knowledge of programming languages, algorithms, data structures, problem-solving methodologies, and software development practices, empowering them to create applications, websites, and innovative technological solutions

### What Skills Will I Gain?

Coding develops skills like logical thinking, creativity, problem-solving, sequencing, algorithmic understanding, project planning, and digital communication, laying a foundation for computer programming and computational thinking.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
Community	Ambition	Respect	Endeavor

### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

Coding is valuable for careers in software development, web development, app development, data science, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, game development, and IT roles across various industries.

### Further Reading and Information

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>

## #TheDifference Elective

# Sustainable Construction

## Elective Summary

In this engaging school elective, students will embark on an exciting journey into the world of sustainable construction. The course offers a hands-on, experiential learning opportunity, combining research, creativity, and practical skills as students work together to design and build their own mini house.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

In the sustainable construction elective, students gain knowledge in eco-friendly materials, energy-efficient design, environmental impact assessment, and collaborative problem-solving, fostering responsible building practices and environmental stewardship.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

In this course, students will develop skills in sustainable architectural design, material selection, energy efficiency, project management, problem-solving, research, environmental awareness, collaboration, and hands-on building, fostering responsible construction practices.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
Community	Ambition	Respect	Endeavor

### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

This elective prepares students for future careers in architecture, construction management, civil engineering, and environmental consultancy by instilling vital sustainable construction skills and fostering eco-conscious decision-making.

### Further Reading and Information

## #TheDifference Elective

## Mini Apprentice

### Elective Summary

In this elective students will compete in groups at different apprentice tasks with a weekly prize on the line. They will be completing various activities such as designing a nike shoe, creating a room spray and building models for their business.

### What Knowledge Will I Gain?

Students will gain a knowledge of market understanding, product knowledge, financial awareness, marketing strategies, negotiation tactics, and an understanding of project management to navigate competitive tasks successfully.

### What Skills Will I Gain?

Students will gain skills like teamwork, negotiation, sales, project management, adaptability, problem-solving, creativity, communication, and strategic thinking within competitive business challenges.

### Which CARE principles will I develop?

Cooperation	Achievement	Responsibility	Enjoyment
Community	Ambition	Respect	Endeavor

### How Does it Link to Future Careers?

This elective will provide an insight into business, entrepreneurship, marketing, sales, project management, and leadership, providing real-world challenges and strategies within these fields.

### Further Reading and Information