



**DOWNSEND
SCHOOL**

Inspiring Young Minds

**SUPERVISED STUDY, MUSIC,
SPORT PRACTICES AND
CLUBS
SENIOR SCHOOL**

SPRING 2023

Early Birds and Supervised Study

To assist with our staffing and safeguarding, we ask you to book your child in for the whole term.

Charges will be added to your account on Cognita Connect at the start of the Spring Term.



Early Birds and Supervised Study will commence from Thursday 5 January.

Early Birds and Breakfast
7:30am - 8am
£6.50 per day

Held in the Dining Hall, where Chef Doug and his team will be offering healthy breakfast items from 40p (cash only please).

Supervised Study
Until 5:45pm
£12 per day

Supervised Study is an opportunity for pupils to tackle their homework whilst in the presence of teaching staff.

Sandwiches and a fruit platter are available and included in the price.

Please note if collection is after 5:45pm there is a £20 late charge each time.

There is no Supervised Study on the last day of term due to the school closing earlier.

Emergency Ad-hoc

We do understand that there are occasions when booking in advance is not possible.

In the event that you need to book your child for Supervised Study please email Fern.Matthews@downsend.co.uk by 1pm or call the school office.

These sessions will be billed via Cognita Connect as they are incurred.

Clubs

We pride ourselves on the breadth of opportunity we provide for our young people to gain new skills. Through our Clubs programme, we seek to inspire every pupil, encouraging them to pursue and develop their individual interests and abilities, providing them with valuable learning experiences alongside their studies to become independent, mature individuals.

At Downsend we offer over 70 different clubs across the school, to ensure that every child from Nursery to GCSE has a chance to try something to expand their skill set, specifically those that will help them in the future.

- In the Spring term, our clubs will run from Thursday 5 January until Tuesday 28th March 2023.
- Charges will be added to your account on Cognita Connect at the start of the Autumn Term, unless the club is externally run, in which case you will be sent further details.



Years 7 and 8



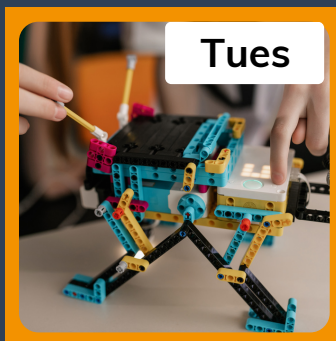
Drama Club 1:45 - 2:15pm (No Fee, Max 16)
Mr Bryant - Linford Theatre

Drama club is an opportunity for students to further their interest in Drama and Performing Arts. Students will partake in various creative activities including Improvisation, devising and fun games. This club will work to develop creative thinking skills, confidence, and stage presence.



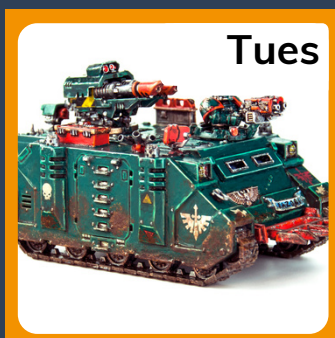
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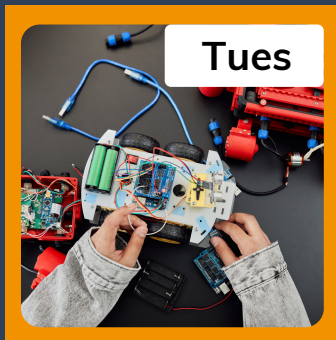
Textiles Club 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 10)
Mrs Hambleton - DT Room

During Textiles Club we will explore a variety of techniques from: silk screen printing/tie dying/weaving and knitting. Creating an abstract Textiles response.



Community Action 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 16)
Mrs Chandler - L1

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Online Chess Club 4:30 - 5:30pm (No Fee, Max 10)
Mrs Grimer - T10

Have the opportunity to play chess online with chess mentors, video lessons and online tournaments. Suitable for all skill Levels.



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Mr Gibbons - Lab 3

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Mrs Taylor - Sports Hall

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Eco and Gardening Club 4.30 – 5.30pm (No Fee, Max 16)
Mrs Hallam - T2/Well-being garden

Looking after the school environment, planting and maintaining the well-being garden and creating an exciting new structure using eco-bricks.

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Mrs Sagar – Lab 5

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Mrs Aylen- Art Room

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Mrs Mercer - T10

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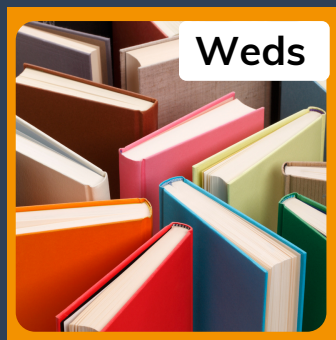
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Mr Sibley - L4

Ever wanted to learn Italian? Perhaps you already know some words? Come along and learn the Italian language by playing games, watching video clips, and learning about Italian culture and history. Week by week we will learn new topics and build up confidence in speaking another language.



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Mr Bryant – Drama Classroom

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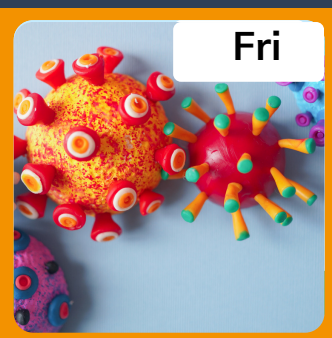


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The Year 7 & 8 musical for February 2023 will be

The Lion King

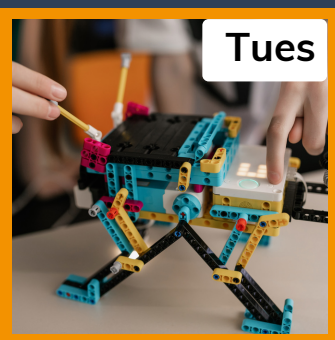
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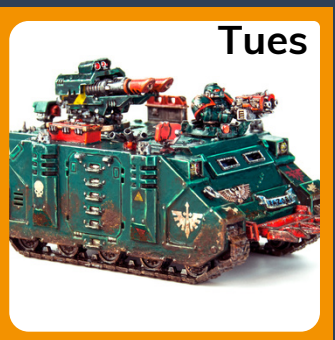
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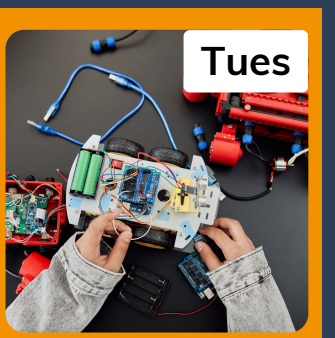
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Miss Suarez and Mrs Briggs – T3

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Music Clubs

Years 7-11

Monday

8.00am – Wind Ensemble

1.40pm – Senior Boys Choir

1.40pm – Senior Girls Choir

Tuesday

8.00am – Rock Band

1:40pm – Percussion (Week A)

1.40pm – Jazz Ensemble - by invitation (Week B)

Wednesday

8.00am – String Group (All string players)

8.00am – Chamber Choir (By audition, these will be announced at start of term)

Thursday

8.00am – Brass Group (All brass players)

Friday

8.00am – Rock Band

1:40pm – Orchestra (Instrumentalists)



Sports Practices and Match Days

Monday

Years 9 - 11 Sports Practice (Football): 4:30 - 5:30pm

Years 7 & 8 Swim Squad (Girls): 4:30 - 5:30pm

Tuesday

Years 9 - 11 Swim Squad (Boys & Girls): 7:30 - 8:30am

Years 9 - 11 Match Day: PM Exact timings available via School Sports

Wednesday

Years 9 - 11 Rugby Club: 4:30 - 5:30pm

Years 7 & 8 Match Day: PM Exact timings available via School Sports

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