



# Extra-Curricular Activities Policy

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There is a wide range of extra-curricular activity available to boys throughout their time at Bedford School. It is an expectation of all boys at the School that they take the extra-curricular side of their education as seriously as their academic development. As a consequence, at the outset of a boy's career in the Upper School, a degree of extra-curricular time is built into the timetable and a boy will be obliged to try a range of activities.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Form

The timetable is structured to give teaching until 1615 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and major sport/minor sports/activities until 1600 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. From 1615 there is a wide range of activity on offer: a variety of musical opportunities, swimming, many clubs and societies (listed separately) and Inter-House matches. Most boys will be involved in at least one session post 1615 a week. There are also occasional activities that take place after 1800.

It is School policy that where a boy in the 4<sup>th</sup> Form is expected to play a role in a School activity post 1615, he will do so. This might be as part of a musical group, in a play, in a House Match or in some other activity. A boy's Tutor and Housemaster will keep a record of a boy's involvement, attendance and performance.

## Remove

The timetable is structured to give teaching until 1615 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and major sport/minor sports/societies until 1600 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. From the Remove, a boy is eligible for CCF and/or Duke of Edinburgh. He may also attend other activities that operate after timetable hours. A boy is **expected to attend at least one activity a week in the post 1615 slot**. When a boy commits to an activity he is obliged to attend that activity until the end of the current term unless, in negotiation with the Master i/c the activity, his Tutor and the Vice Master, he receives permission to drop the activity in favour of another.

It is School policy that where a boy in the Remove is expected to play a role in a School activity post 1615, he will do so. This might be as part of a musical group, in a play, in a House Match or in some other activity. A boy's Tutor and Housemaster will keep a record of a boy's involvement, attendance and performance.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Form and 6<sup>th</sup> Form

It continues to be School policy that boys will do **at least** one post 1615 activity a week and that where a boy is expected to play a role in a School activity post 1615 he will do so.

## Games versus Activities

All boys should be occupied from 1400-1600 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For many this will be through a major sport. The following combinations are also acceptable for boys in **5<sup>th</sup> form and above**:

1. A boy doing a Major Sport (even in a top game) may, by negotiation with his Tutor, the Master i/c of his sport and the Master i/c the activity, elect to begin a second activity at 1515. This will, for instance, enable boys to act as NCO trainers for 4<sup>th</sup> Form DofE/CCF activities. In these circumstances coaches are required to release boys who wish to take this option in good time for them to do so and to structure training schedules to allow them to do so without endangering their place in the team.
2. Those who do a Minor Sport that finishes by 1515 are encouraged to do an alternative activity: CCF, DofE, music practice or a separate minor sport either from 1515 or after 1615. From 1515 too, at pertinent times of the year, academic departments will provide subject related clinics in order to offer support for their examination students. Attendance at these will be encouraged. Boys explicitly may not go to town or be in Houses.

## 'Major' Sports and 'Minor' Sports

The major sports are defined in each term as follows:

**Christmas Term** – Rugby

**Easter Term** – Hockey and Rowing

**Summer Term** – Cricket and Rowing

All other sports will be defined as 'minor'.

It is expected that boys will take part in the major sport(s) for that term, if they are chosen to do so.