MOUNT HOUSE SCHOOL

INSPIRING EVERY INDIVIDUAL

Co-Curricular Programme 2025 - 2026

Academic Challenge, Discussion and Debate

The Cinephile Chronicles: The Burton Film Club
The Cinephile Chronicles: The Burton Film Club is designed for movie lovers aged 13 and upwards, our club dives deep into the fantastical worlds, quirky characters, and gothic aesthetics that define the legendary Tim Burton's iconic films. From the spiralling mountains of 'The Nightmare Before Christmas' to the eccentric family dynamics of 'Edward Scissorhands' or 'Wednesday', our club offers a unique platform for watching movies, vibrant discussions and creative activities. So, grab your popcorn and join the Cinephile Chronicles: The Burton Film Club, and be part of a community that shares your passion for films that dare to dream beyond the ordinary.

House of Equality
This student-initiated society considers issues such as 'Black Lives Matter', antisemitism, gender equality and gay rights. We would like to think that through our group discussions and activities, we are able to appreciate more the ideals of freedom, justice and humanity.

HPQ
The Higher Project Qualification is a highly regarded academic qualification, and an opportunity for super-curricular learning. Students are taught research skills as a group, and then select their own personal research topics. They are given a teacher mentor who will guide them further in their research as they convert their topics of interest into questions, keep a log book of their research, produce a 2000 word essay and give a presentation on their research to a group of peers and teachers. This is marked internally and then submitted to the AQA exam board for moderation. It is deemed to be equivalent to 'half' a GCSE.

Speakers Corner
Speakers Corner is a fantastic opportunity which offers any one the opportunity to raise a certain issue or concern – whether it be politics, football, current affairs, sport or any issue at all. Those involved will receive certificates and prizes during the course of the year.

Enrichment & UK Maths Challenge
Test your skills and compete in the UK Maths Challenge Club! Sharpen your problem-solving abilities with fun, challenging puzzles and prepare for national competitions. Whether you're aiming for a top score or just love maths, this club offers a supportive space to explore and excel in mathematical thinking.

Magical Maths Support

The Magical Maths Support Club helps students build confidence and skills in maths through fun, engaging activities and personalised support. Open to all ability levels, the club offers puzzles, games, and creative challenges that make learning maths exciting. Whether you need extra help or just love numbers, join us to boost your confidence and discover the magic in maths!

Further Maths Club (Year 11 invite only)
The Further Maths Club is an exclusive, invite-only group for high-achieving Year 11 students with a passion for mathematics. The club extends beyond the standard curriculum, exploring advanced topics to deepen understanding and prepare students for A-level Maths and Further Maths. It's a great opportunity to challenge oneself, develop problem-solving skills, and engage with like-minded peers in a supportive environment.

Varsity
This group is for those students from Year 9-13 who have significant academic potential, and aims to develop their brilliant young minds. Using our critical thinking skills and a variety of disciplines, we always have lively and incisive discussions on a range of themes and ideas. We have discussed the extent to which human beings are individualistic or community-minded animals, drawing on the ideas of Marx. We looked at a selection of paintings by David, Manet and Picasso to discuss the varying perspectives, not only of the art itself but the message and meaning behind the art. We have also discussed the complexities of the US presidential election and considered the Electoral College.

Kids MBA
Dreaming of starting your own business then this is the club for you. This club will offer a taster of the mindset, skills and know-how that you need to start your own enterprise.

Wizards Homework Club
Unlock the magic of English at the Wizards Homework Club! Join us to master your assignments, enhance your writing, and explore the wonders of literature. With a focus on creativity and improvement, our club offers support, tips, and fun activities to help you excel in English. Cast your spell for success today!

Creative Arts

Baking
Baking club was a huge success following its introduction in September 2022. Students will have the opportunity to learn skills in the kitchen as well as social skills. Students are encouraged to come and have fun trying out new recipes and of course eating them!

BTEC Cooking Club
The BTEC Cooking Club is a hands-on, creative space for students to develop practical cooking skills while exploring a variety of recipes and cuisines. Ideal for those taking or interested in BTEC Food qualifications, the club supports learning in a fun, relaxed environment. Students build confidence in the kitchen, learn about nutrition, and gain valuable experience for future coursework and careers in food.

Creative Corner
Providing opportunities to create pieces of art work using a whole range of materials: oil pastels, chalk pastels, water-colours, charcoal, pencil, clay, mod-roc… the list goes on. A chance to work on a larger scale then you would in normal art lessons, to learn new skills and to have fun.

Product Design
Welcome to the Product Design Workshop, a vibrant and innovative club that merges the worlds of textiles and design technology into a dynamic inspiring learning experience. This club is the ultimate playground for budding designers, crafters and inventors who are passionate about unleashing their creativity and turning their ideas into tangible, functional and aesthetically pleasing ideas.

Photography

Photography Club invites students to explore their creativity through the lens of a camera. Whether a beginner or already have experience, the club offers a fun space to learn about composition, lighting, editing, and storytelling through images. Students will work on exciting projects, both indoors and outdoors, and have the chance to showcase their work in school.

Inspire Art
Join Inspire Art, a creative hub for students passionate about art! Discover incredible exam projects, collaborate with like-minded peers, and draw inspiration from our talented GCSE and A-Level artists. Whether you're a budding artist or just love to create, this club is your chance to explore, learn, and express your creativity!

Origami
Interested in the Japanese art of paper-folding? Come along to Origami Club every Thursday lunch-time and learn to create intricate objects from cranes to foxes. All students and staff are welcome!

Games

Scrabble
Welcome to the Word Wizard Scrabble Club, where the love of words and strategic thinking combine for hours of fun and intellectual stimulation. If you are a word enthusiast, a puzzle solver, or simply someone who enjoys friendly competition while expanding your vocabulary, our Scrabble Club is the perfect place for you.

Board Games
Board Games Club offers a fun and relaxed space for students to enjoy classic and modern games while building teamwork, strategy, and problem-solving skills. From Monopoly to Uno, Scrabble to Codenames, there's something for everyone! Open to all year groups, it's a great way to unwind, make friends, and enjoy a bit of friendly competition each week.

Chess
Chess Club is a great place for students to learn, play, and improve their chess skills in a fun and supportive environment. Open to all levels - from beginners to advanced players, the club encourages strategic thinking, patience, and friendly competition. Join us to challenge your mind, make new friends, and take part in exciting matches and tournaments throughout the year!

Music and Performing Arts

Acapella
If you love to sing you will love this club. Enjoy the opportunity to experiment whilst using the human voice to produce the sounds you sing without any instrumental accompaniment.

Choir
The school choir welcomes students of all ages to practise and perform a range of musical pieces. A chance to perform at the Christmas Carol service will be the highlight of this term, with further concerts planned for Spring or Summer.

Drama
Drama Club provides an exciting opportunity to work imaginatively together to create pieces of drama based on a range of stimuli and also work with scripts – all aimed to develop your skills and boost your confidence. Keen members who choose to participate in our annual musical or play, will also have opportunities to rehearse during these sessions.

Drum corps
Drum corps is for drummers who are serious about their craft and want to take it to the next level. With expert drum leadership they develop all aspects drumming, including drumline beats and routines.

Phantoms Junior & Phantoms Senior
The guitar groups are perfect for all levels, whether you are a budding guitarist or a virtuoso. Parts and roles are differentiated for each performance and they audiences always love their shows.

Stem

Discovery Lab
Join the Discovery Lab, where science comes alive! Dive into exciting experiments, explore cutting-edge topics, and satisfy your curiosity in a hands-on environment. Whether you're passionate about biology, chemistry, physics, or all things STEM, this club is the perfect place to discover, learn, and have fun with science.

ESports
The ESports Club offers students a chance to engage in competitive gaming in a friendly, supportive environment. Open to all skill levels, the club focuses on teamwork, strategy, and sportsmanship across popular games. Members can participate in practice sessions and friendly matches, and local or national tournaments, developing both gaming skills and valuable communication abilities.

ISA Rocket League Championship
The Independent Schools Association (ISA) Rocket League Championship is an exciting national esports tournament where students compete in fast-paced, team-based matches. Open to independent schools across the country, the championship promotes strategic thinking, communication, and digital skills. It’s a fantastic opportunity for students to represent their school, connect with others, and experience the thrill of competitive gaming in a supportive environment.

Robotics
Learn coding and important engineering skills as we design and build robotics as part of the International Vex robotics competition. We will test out designs against each other in school and then form our best team to represent the school at the regional, national and international level.

Science Olympiad

Students will be stretched and challenged as they prepare for competitions in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. In the Olympiad Competitions students are competing to represent the UK in international finals. The competition for younger years involves winning awards, competing against other schools or even creative challenges like photography. A great opportunity for ambitious scientists.

Sport

Badminton
An opportunity to develop racket skills whilst competing against peers and staying fit. During badminton sessions, students will have opportunities to practise their clears, smashes and net shots before utilising them in game play.

Cross-Country
Running Club is an opportunity for individuals to take part in an activity for varying reasons. The club will give students the opportunity to improve/maintain levels of fitness, boost confidence, relieve stress and take part in a sport they enjoy.

Dance
Dance gives students the opportunity to express themselves in various ways and Dance Club will create a place for students to do this through movement. The focus will be on building on different dance skills, eventually working towards creating routines to perform to audiences and also to take to Barnet Dance Festival.

Football
Football is the most popular game in the world, and for good reason. Our football club builds teamwork skills and helps to increase confidence and self-esteem, alongside other health benefits like improved co-ordination and muscular strength.

Hockey
Hockey club will provide an opportunity for students to develop new and existing skills through both drills and modified games. There will be an opportunity for students to compete against other schools during the course of the year.

Netball
Netball club for Key Stages 3, 4 and 5 provides an enjoyable and competitive opportunity to encourage the aspirations of each player. Students will develop individual skills and will learn how to apply these within games at a basic and more complex level. Training together as a team will allow a process where students are selected to represent the school in a number of friendly and league matches along with various competitions.

Table Tennis
An opportunity to develop skills used within this explosive competitive sport. Also known as ping-pong and whiff-whaff, table tennis is a game where play is fast and requires quick reactions. Try out some different grips such as the penhold, the shakehand and the Seemiller! When on the attack, hit the ball with techniques such as the loop or flip. In defence learn how to block, chop and lob. Develop your ping-pong ball spinning skills.

Trampolining
Students will develop an understanding of the safety requirements for trampolining before undertaking various challenges on the trampoline. Students will work at their own pace, allowing them to reach their full potential. Skills will start with basic jumps, progressing to drops and turns, before linking the two together, and for those ready to or able to, there will be the opportunity to attempt/demonstrate somersaults. Students will also have the opportunity to link movements together in a routine at their level.

Development of roles within the school

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors
Our Anti-Bullying club is a weekly opportunity for our antibullying leaders to meet and plan the various campaigns that they run throughout school. Alongside this they receive regular training from Mrs Trickey and the Diana award. We want our students to be the active ingredient that makes our community a better place to be and a 'bully free zone'.

Communication Café
A safe space for students to explore communication and social skills. The Sixth Form will run a mixture of activities and games to increase social communication and interaction skills, allowing students to forge friendships along the way.

Junior Dukes Award
'The Junior Dukes Award is a ten-level Award aimed at increasing children's independence, confidence and resilience by giving them a non-academic platform on which to feel success and achievement.' https://juniorduke.com/ It celebrates young learners who demonstrate outstanding character, leadership, and school spirit. Open to students showing dedication, kindness, and a positive attitude, this award encourages excellence both in and out of the classroom. Students are recognised for being role models in their school community and are honoured as shining examples of what it means to be a true Duke!

And last but not least, a very useful skill

Touch Typing
Typing club is a really fun way to learn how to type and improve your typing skills. Please come and join us in the hive every lunch time.