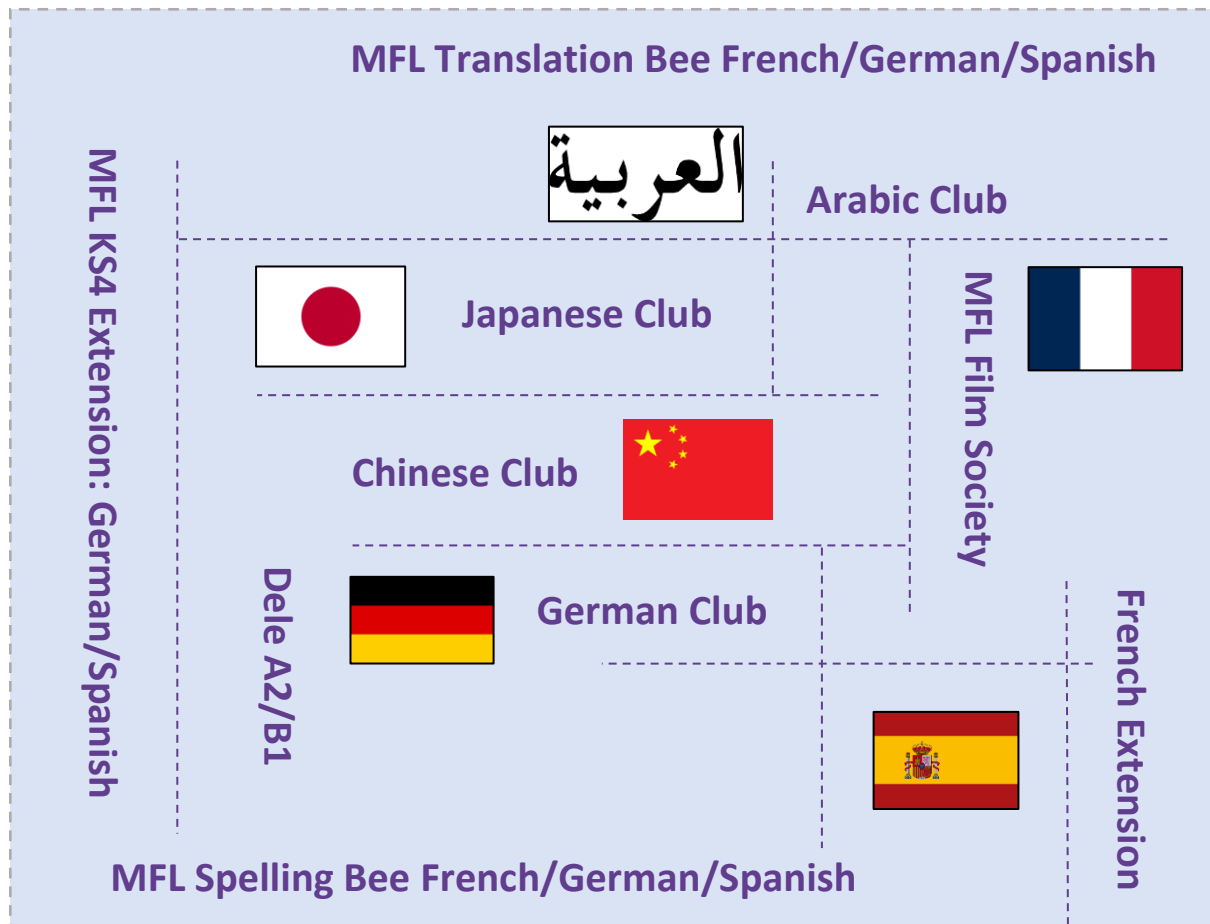


## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES 2023/2024

The Perse School is committed to offering a **stimulating, diverse, inclusive** and **pupil-focused** extra-curricular programme, full of opportunity for all. Extra-curricular activity has a huge role to play in developing the whole person, equipping pupils with the social skills and personal integrity to flourish at school and in life. The offering is updated each year, but what follows gives you a flavour of the sorts of activities on offer.

### LANGUAGE CLUBS



### STEM CLUBS

**Maths Olympiad Club** aims to broaden your knowledge of interesting mathematical ideas and problem-solving strategies and give you more practice in solving maths competition problems.

**Digital Literacy** gives you the opportunity to easily achieve industry-approved Microsoft Office Specialist qualifications.

**Cipher Challenge Club** members enter an annual competition called the "National Cipher Challenge" which is run by Southampton University and includes entrants from schools all over the UK.



**The Maclaurin Society** meets once a week for an informal talk on a subject of the speaker's choice. Previously topics have included "Sport in Mathematics", "Origami" and "The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus".

**Programming Club – Developer** welcome Year 7-9 students who would like to develop their computer programming skills in Python, sequencing, selection and repetition coding skills.

**Programming Club – Competitor** welcome Year 9-13 students who would like to improve their performance in programming competitions such as the Oxford University Computing Challenge, Perse Coding Team Challenge, Advent of Code and British Informatics Olympiad.

**Lego Robotics Club** welcome you to get involved in "robot wars", "races", "lab-sized train tracks" and "platform lifting systems". We also program with Lego Spike Prime.

**Science Club** can involve everything from solving murders to exploring pond life, making slime to setting off fireworks.



**Middle School Physics Enrichment** invite you to explore some wider parts of physics including astronomy, engineering and geology.

**AI Study Club** Y9-11 students are invited to study different aspects of AI and machine learning with some theory/overview alongside lots of hands-on practical scripting examples.

**Electronics Competition Club** is for Year 9 pupils in which groups of 3 students try to win an annual challenge with accompanying prize vouchers.

## GAMES CLUBS

**Bridge Club** is a game of skill and so takes a short while to learn but the strategy can be as complex as you want it to be.

**Chess Club** play opponents of all levels for fun and learning.

**Strategy, Card and Board Games** combine creativity with analytical thinking, and above all else, have fun with friends.



**Warhammer Club** is a tabletop battle game putting players in command of armies of super soldiers, savage orks, space elves and mech suits!

## ACTIVITIES CLUBS

**Year 7 Chill Club** play games, play cards, read books, draw and create art with us.

**Yoga Club** gives students the opportunity to strengthen and stretch their bodies whilst boosting their wellbeing.





**Creative Writing Club** is a forum to share your work and receive feedback to help your writing evolve and develop. We also produce a termly publication.

**Lower School Baking Club** pupils in Years 7 & 8 are welcome to learn the basics and improve techniques.

**Relaxation Club & Peer Mentors** play games and enjoy the company of Pets as Therapy dogs! Match up with a trained older student if you want a mentor to talk to.

**Model Club** try your hand at building models of aircraft, cars, tanks, ships and spacecrafts!

**Library Activities Club** Recommend books by discussing them in small groups or writing reviews. Have a go at different crafts including items to sell for charity at Christmas.

**General Knowledge Club** Do you have quick reflexes? Do you love trivia? The format is similar to University Challenge, with two teams and buzzers.

## THE WORLD AROUND US



**Geography Film Club** come and expand your geography horizons whilst also watching fantastic films linked to the Year 8 and 9 course.

**Explore** a combination of games, fun, food and getting stuck into the Bible.

**Perse Investment Club** join us if you are you interested in finding out about investments, financial markets and much more.



## HISTORY AND ANTIQUITY

**Acropolis: Lower School Classics Society** know your Hercules from you Herakles? Come and expand your classical knowledge, watch films and do fun hands-on activities.



**Lyceum: Senior Classics Society** Students in Years 10-13 informally research areas of personal interest and present their ideas.

**History Society** led by our Sixth Form History Ambassadors, this Society aims to give students the opportunity to take part in discussions, activities, and debates.

## CREATIVE

**Ceramics Club** is aimed at all year groups of any ability who would like to make a creative piece of work from clay.

**Year 7 & 8 Art Club / Competitions** extend your artistic skills and take part in activities beyond what you do in Art lessons. A chance to develop new skills and have support entering art & photography competitions both locally and nationally.





**Christel House Club** help those less privileged than yourselves towards a good education and put your creativity skills to good use in a range of fundraising and awareness projects.

**Sketchbook Club - Drawing & Painting workshops** learn the art of sketchbook making including book binding techniques, qelli plate printing, typography, photography, collage and more.

**Sculpture and Photography Club** develop basic sculpture skills using carving, assemblage, mixed media and play with digital presentation using studio lighting and photoshop.

**KS4 Art Surgery** open to GCSE art students for studio time to develop their coursework.



**3D Sculpture and Jewellery club** is available to all students who wish to develop practical skills in a relaxed and social environment.



**DT Club** gives you the opportunity to complete a range of creative design challenges and projects from woodworking to textiles.

**Stitch-It** do you know the art of Amigurumi or have you always wanted to make your own bunting? Come along to find out more.

**Junior Film Making Club** want to be the next Scorsese, Nolan or Spielberg? Get your footing learning creative techniques at Film Making Club, including animation, blocking, camera work and editing.

**Engineering Club - Green Power** is designed to introduce Sixth Form students to the world of engineering via a group design.

**Microprocessor Design Club** is for students in Year 11 to Upper Sixth who have enjoyed the Computer Architecture topic. We will introduce hardware design using the Verilog hardware description language and work towards designing a small microprocessor.



**Junior Drama, Musical Theatre and Film-Making Clubs** open to pupils in Years 7-9 come along to improve in stagecraft, singing, acting, dancing and the opportunity to be creative both in front of and behind the camera.

**Perse Production Company** includes learning about all aspects of production such as sound, lighting, stage management, costume, scenic art, producing, marketing and front of house management in our state-of-the-art **Peter Hall Performing Arts Centre (PAC)**.

## DEBATE AND DISCUSSION

**MFL Debating Club** develop your oral language skills by taking part in regional MFL debating competitions. This is a fantastic exercise in critical thinking, open-mindedness and teamwork.



**The Forum** is a weekly debating club for Years 7 to 9 to engage with current topical questions.

**Model United Nations** sees more than 400,000 students from primary to undergraduate level take part in Model United Nations conferences across the world.

**Senior Debating Society** is open to Year 10 to Upper Sixth and provides an excellent opportunity to develop your ability to form and sustain an argument, while simultaneously enhancing your skills of critical thinking and public speaking.

**PPE Society** will give you the opportunity to find out about, and express your views on, the great debates and issues facing the country and the world today.

**PER Society** is open to all students in Year 11 and above. We discuss a range of philosophical ideas and concepts which relate to all areas of life.



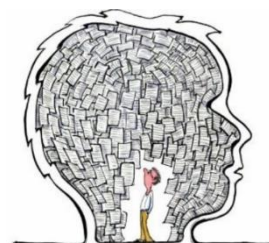
**PrideSoc** is an all-inclusive, student-led LGBTQ+ group that is open to all. So, whether LGBTQ+ or not, you are very welcome to come along, relax and meet supporting, welcoming members of the Perse community.

**METHICS - the medical ethics discussion forum** is a pupil-led society, the aim of which is to engage with issues which transcend medical and ethical boundaries.

**Philosophy Club** continue the philosophical discussions you have been having in lessons and have new ones!

**Psychology Society** is led by our Sixth Form students and aims to open up the world of brain and behaviour science to students from Year 10 to Upper Sixth.

**Geography Debating** all Sixth Form geographers take part in the annual Geography Debating competition.



## SUPER CURRICULUM – ACADEMIC EXTENSION



**The 42 Society** is The Perse's flagship series of lunchtime lectures designed to promote thinking and named after the answer to the Ultimate Question of Life, The Universe, and Everything in The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. The talks are an amazing opportunity to hear from national and global leaders in a variety of fields and to extend learning well beyond the curriculum.

**Synthetic Violet** is the award winning termly magazine of articles, art and creative writing that is produced by members of the Perse Community.

**The Perse Periodical** is a science-focussed magazine, produced by Perse students.

**Purple Planet** is the termly geography magazine. Packed full of geography articles, news stories, book reviews, games and more.



## SIXTH FORM

**Biology Society** aims to provide extension opportunities to pursue our interests in the subject.

**Extension Physics** is for those planning to study physical science or engineering at university providing good preparation for Olympiad competitions.

**American Film Club** reviews the key film texts; essential for all A-level literature students.



**STEM** is an interdisciplinary club which aims to encourage students intending to study science, technology, engineering or maths subjects at university.

**The Norrish Society** provides opportunities to prepare for the Chemistry Olympiad (January) and Cambridge Chemistry Challenge for Lower Sixth (June) competitions.

**Law Society** provides an opportunity for students to discuss and debate contemporary legal issues. All interested students are welcome (especially those who are considering reading law at university).

**Literary Society** discusses a variety of genres, writers and texts from outside the A level curriculum. It is aimed at Sixth Form students who wish to study English Literature at university.

**Life-Drawing** is an art extension club where students are introduced to the academic method of figure drawing focusing on tone, perspective and proportion.

**TATA Materials Science Prize** has been created by the Institute of Materials to encourage Sixth Form students to develop an interest in materials science.



**G6 The Sixth Form Geography Society** come along to engage and discuss a range of topics that you might study at university and prepare for interviews.



**Medical Society** exists to help students gain information and advice on a career in medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine.

**The Maclaurin Society** previous topics have included Sport in Mathematics, Information Entropy, Origami and The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

**Psychology Book Club** will publish information about what to read and there will be a meeting once a half term to discuss these topics.

**Economics Society** meets to hear and discuss presentations on economics by A-level students and occasional external speakers.

**Extension Maths** classes in the Upper Sixth are designed primarily for those considering studying maths at university and for those who need extra lessons to meet university offers.

**Neuroscience Society** Heavily student-led, here is the place to explore neuroscience in greater detail.