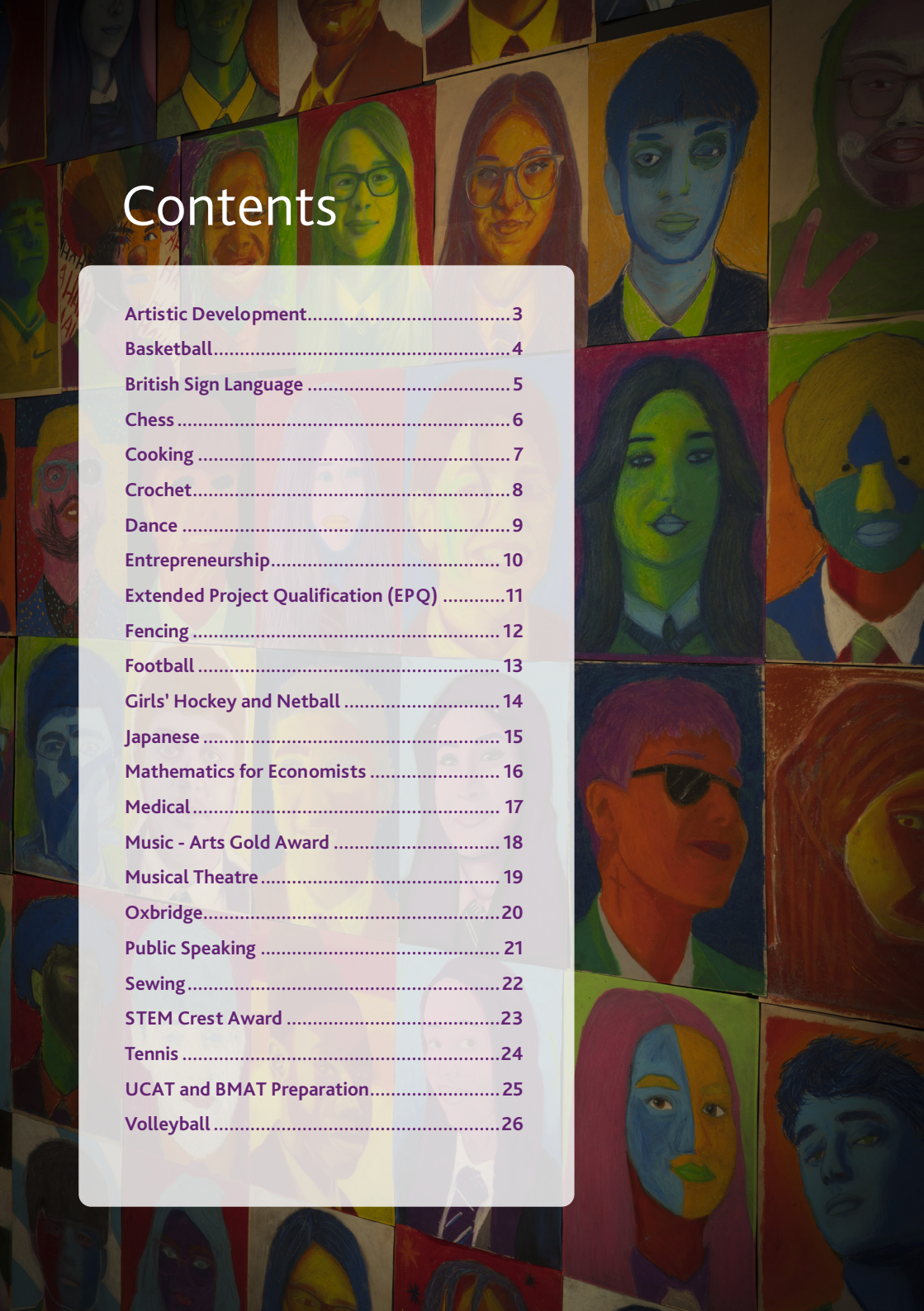




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SIXTH FORM

ELECTIVES

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ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT

In this course you will be taken through drawing and painting techniques to improve your skills. This course is an excellent opportunity for students to learn new skills or improve existing ones in Art. You will mainly work in groups to produce large pieces for the school. Suitable for any student interested in visual art.



BASKETBALL

Join the fast-paced and high-energy Basketball Elective every Wednesday afternoon as part of Sixth Form enrichment! For one hour each week, students in Year 12 and Year 13 train, compete, and develop their skills under expert coaching in a supportive and competitive environment.

Drayton Manor's basketball programme has seen remarkable success, with the boys' team recently crowned Junior Champions at the NBA 3x3 London Finals, held at the iconic courts of Trafalgar Square. Competing against hundreds of schools across the capital, our team showcased outstanding talent, resilience, and teamwork to secure the title.

Whether you're an experienced player or just passionate about the game, this is your chance to be part of a winning team and a proud sporting tradition.



BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE

The focus of this is to highlight the impact of hearing loss on everyday life and increase visibility and inclusion of Deaf people. You'll develop a range of techniques and skills to communicate effectively including British Sign Language. Deaf awareness is about promoting the positive aspects of deafness and social inclusion. Beneficial for anyone who is going to be working with a variety of people in the future



CHESS

Challenge yourself intellectually through the Chess Elective. Students will learn strategies, tactics and techniques that help improve critical thinking, problem-solving, concentration and decision-making skills. Whether you are a beginner learning the basics or an experienced player looking to refine your game, this elective offers opportunities for friendly competition, analysis of famous games and participation in school tournaments. Suitable for students of all abilities.



COOKING

This course will focus on practical cooking skills to ensure you develop a thorough understanding of nutrition and Healthy food choices. Cooking is a life skill that during the year you will cover topics from affordable meals to cooking Hacks for University. There are limited spaces on this course, class sizes run at a maximum of 18 students to a class.



CROCHET

Crochet is a relaxing and creative elective that teaches students how to create handmade projects using yarn and crochet hooks. Students will learn a range of stitches and techniques while developing patience, focus and creativity. Projects may include accessories, decorations, gifts and personal designs. This course is suitable for complete beginners as well as those who already have some experience and would like to develop their skills further.



DANCE

Dance is a bespoke course which enables successful learners to lead purposeful and enjoyable dance activity sessions, under indirect and direct supervision. Key content: leadership skills including organisation, planning, communication and teamwork through the medium of dance. Leaders can expect to: develop their leadership skills, plan, lead and evaluate dance sessions, assist in planning a dance activity/event, lead dance activity sessions. Suitable for all students that have a passion for Dance



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Develop essential skills, understand risk management, and explore the importance of ethical practices. Our programme focuses on practical application to help you master the craft of entrepreneurship. By the end of the programme, students will be able to: debunk common myths about entrepreneurship, understand the Entrepreneur's journey to Develop essential entrepreneurial skills, understand risks effectively and create strategic actions, and execute and adapt business ideas based on customer feedback.



EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a fantastic course to undertake alongside A Levels. The course is 1 year in duration and is completed in year 12. The Extended Project is a single piece of work of a student's choosing that requires evidence of project planning, independent research and self-motivated study. It is accredited as a stand-alone qualification for A Level students and provides them with excellent preparation for university-level study and may help boost their UCAS application. Not only does it enhance a UCAS application it also allows them to demonstrate their passion and enthusiasm for a subject of their choosing, however niche! The EPQ is truly individual and allows students to create a unique project that reflects their personality – something universities will appreciate.



FENCING

Discover the exciting sport of Fencing, often described as "physical chess". This elective introduces students to the fundamentals of footwork, attack and defence, tactical decision-making and sportsmanship. Students will learn the basic rules and techniques in a safe and structured environment while developing agility, coordination, concentration and confidence. No previous experience is required and all equipment will be provided.



FOOTBALL

Join one of Drayton Manor's most exciting and successful enrichment options – the Football Elective! Every Wednesday afternoon, students have the opportunity to train and compete for two full hours as part of our thriving football programme.

Open exclusively to Year 12 and Year 13, this elective offers Sixth Form students the chance to develop their skills, build teamwork, and represent the school in competitive fixtures. Drayton Manor currently runs three football teams, regularly competing against a range of schools, including several private schools, providing a high level of challenge and exposure. If there is sufficient interest, a Girls' Football Team will also be established, expanding opportunities and continuing to build on the success of recent female-led initiatives.

Whether you're a seasoned player or simply passionate about the sport, this is your chance to be part of a proud footballing tradition.



GIRLS' HOCKEY AND NETBALL

Join the Girls' Hockey Elective and experience a fast-paced, exciting team sport. Students will develop essential hockey skills including passing, dribbling, shooting and defensive play, while improving fitness and teamwork. Training sessions will focus on both individual development and team tactics, providing opportunities to play competitive matches and build confidence on the pitch. Suitable for students of all ability levels.

The Girls' Netball Elective provides an opportunity for students to develop their netball skills through training, drills and match play. Students will improve their understanding of tactics, teamwork and fitness while building confidence and resilience. Whether you have previous playing experience or are looking to try a new sport, this elective offers a welcoming and supportive environment to enjoy regular competition and represent the school where opportunities arise.



JAPANESE

This course is designed for students who wish to gain a grounding in Japanese after GCSE level. The course focuses on learning to communicate in settings that students might find themselves in should they visit Japan. It is led by a native Japanese speaker and will expand student's cultural knowledge of Japan. Interactive, productive and receptive skills are developed through contextualised study of language, texts and themes. This elective is aimed at anyone who wants to explore another language to a conversational standard.



Mathematics for Economists will cover all the essential mathematics skills for students who are taking Economics A Level. Over the course we will be covering and brushing up on mathematics skills that you would have acquired during GCSE Mathematics classes, as well as putting into practice and learning new formulae required to be able to sufficiently provide quantitative analysis from Economics A Level. Later on in the course we will also be learning how to better scrutinise and interpret graphical representations of data, which will include looking at the implausibility of making economic judgements purely on the basis of mathematical paradigms. The course is aimed at students who are not taking A-level mathematics and who achieved a level 6 or below in GCSE Mathematics.



MEDICAL

If you are interested in the field of medicine, either thinking of applying for a medical degree or any related degree then this course will help! There will be a range of topics covered in the classes, including preparation for writing personal statements and practice at interview technique. You will develop a range of key skills, and most importantly learn how to reflect on them. You will be given guidance on the types of work experience to look for, how to apply and how to get the most out of it. Sessions may also include additional science work, and discussions and presentations about articles and news from the world of medicine.



MUSIC ARTS GOLD AWARD

Have you ever wanted to know more why we like or dislike certain styles of music? Have you ever wanted to explore different styles and know more about music from all over the world, throughout history and how fusion music has shaped much of our listen habits to date? In this elective we will explore different styles of music from Ancient Medieval music from around the world to Northern Soul. From RAP to the music from the English Civil War. From Reggae to folk music from around the world. The course works over two weeks first week will have a listening, learning week, where we explore a specific style, genre or even composer/arranger. You will then be given a playlist to go and listen to over the week, and the following week involves a discussion of the music we have heard and as a group we will delve into our likes and dislikes of the topic. No experience is necessary, just a thirst for knowledge and a good listening ear.



MUSICAL THEATRE

The aim of this course is to develop performance skills in acting, singing and/or dancing. It will explore a wide array of musical theatre examples, building to informal showcases. This will be a fun and enjoyable experience for all. No previous experience necessary, although willingness to try and energy required!



OXBRIDGE

Interested in applying to Oxford or Cambridge University in Year 13? This course will provide support for your application to Oxbridge. There will be a range of topics covered in the classes, including preparation and support for admissions tests, personal statements and interviews. You will develop a range of key skills, and most importantly learn how to reflect on them. You will be given an opportunity to discuss your interests with fellow students and build your knowledge of wider topics, developing your communication skills as well as debating skills. You will be able to produce a well-rounded personal statement relevant to your chosen field, as well as having increased confidence when dealing with interview questions. It is not a requirement for students wishing to apply to Oxbridge to attend this course.



PUBLIC SPEAKING

This elective is designed to enable learners to develop a wide range of skills in public speaking. Learners will be able to deliver two prepared speeches and one impromptu speech. They will integrate their knowledge and skills, demonstrating an understanding of the subject matter and the techniques required to speak confidently and with flair in public.



SEWING

Unlock your creativity with our weekly sewing elective, whether you're a beginner or have some sewing experience, this course will teach you essential skills like using a sewing machine, reading patterns, and crafting your own clothing or accessories. From simple alterations to designing custom pieces, you'll gain hands-on experience in a fun and supportive environment. This elective is a fantastic opportunity to express your style, learn a lifelong skill, and make something truly your own. Join us and bring your fashion ideas to life!



STEM CREST AWARD

CREST is a UK award scheme that recognises success, and enables students to build their skills and demonstrate personal achievement in project work. It is student-led, which means that young people take ownership of their projects and choose to undertake them in areas they enjoy or see as relevant. This is an exciting opportunity to participate in the STEM Crest Awards run by British Science Association.



TENNIS

The Tennis Elective offers students the opportunity to learn and develop tennis skills in a fun and supportive environment. Students will improve their serving, groundstrokes, volleys and match tactics while developing coordination, agility and fitness. Sessions will include coaching, practice drills and friendly matches, giving students the chance to progress at their own pace. Suitable for beginners as well as experienced players looking to refine their game.



UCAT AND BMAT PREPARATION

The UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) is a compulsory admissions test for the majority of UK medicine and dentistry courses. A good result gives students the chance to stand out from the crowd and increases their chances of being selected for interview. In this course students will learn how to approach all sections of the test and be given guidance on resources. This course is suitable for students aiming to study medicine or dentistry.



VOLLEYBALL

Join the Volleyball Elective and develop your skills in one of the world's most popular team sports. Whether you are new to the game or already have experience, this course provides an opportunity to improve your serving, passing, setting and attacking techniques in a supportive and enjoyable environment. Students will participate in training sessions, team games and friendly competition while developing teamwork, communication and leadership skills. Suitable for all students who enjoy sport and want to stay active.

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