







# **OUR MISSION**

Through excellence in education we are an inclusive community, that embraces choice, opens doors and creates opportunities. With kindness and collaboration, we empower everyone to be the best version of themselves. We are confident, curious and creative individuals who contribute positively to our community.







RESPECT RESILIENCE ASPIRATION

#### **DEAR STUDENTS,**

The Electives Programme is designed to bring to life our vision of *Excellence and Ambition for All*. We believe every student should have the opportunity to take part in enrichment activities beyond the curriculum - to explore new interests, develop talents, and reach their full potential.

Each academic year, you will take part in **three electives**, with each elective aligned to one of our **Pillars of Excellence**. By choosing electives across the different pillars, you demonstrate both the breadth of your character and your commitment to the *Longdendale Legacy*.

#### **ACADEMIC ELECTIVE**

This elective focuses on deepening your knowledge beyond the classroom. You will develop a love of lifelong learning, confidence in critical and enquiry-based thinking, and the ability to apply problem-solving approaches to both conceptual and practical challenges.

#### PHYSICAL HEALTH & WELLBEING ELECTIVE

Physical health and wellbeing are essential to living a healthy, successful life. These electives help you build strength, stamina, resilience, flexibility, teamwork, and coordination. You'll also learn strategies to support positive mental health and wellbeing, such as mindfulness.

#### **COMMUNITY & LEADERSHIP ELECTIVE**

As a community school, we are proud to strengthen our links with the wider community. We have worked with residential care homes, primary schools, nurseries, churches, and food banks - and we're passionate about helping you make a difference. These electives help you develop leadership, collaboration, oracy, and project-based learning skills, empowering you to support others and build confidence.

You must choose **four electives** that you would like to study in the **Spring Term**. During tutor time, your tutor will record your choices in order of preference. While we will do our best to allocate your first choice, this cannot be guaranteed, so please consider your reserve options carefully.

From Year 7 to Year 10, you will take part in **12 electives**, helping you to develop both your personal growth and cultural capital. Throughout each elective, your teacher will assess your participation, attendance, and behaviour, which will contribute to your Legacy Certificate at one of four levels: **Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum**.

Electives are a compulsory part of our offer for all students. Once assigned, choices cannot be changed for timetabling reasons. Electives commence on Wednesday, 7th January 2026 for the Spring Term and take place from 2:35pm – 3:30pm.

Please read this guide carefully before making your choices, and aim to select electives that will stretch and challenge your talents and interests.

Thank you in advance,

Mr J Bowland

Assistant Headteacher

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# **APOCALYPSE LAB**

The Science of Survival

#### Open to:



✓ Years 9 & 10



#### **Overview**

Have you ever thought about if you could survive a zombie apocalypse? What about an asteroid crashing into Earth? In Science Survival club you will use your scientific knowledge to work out how to survive planet-level disasters. How could you avoid infection? How would you feed yourself? How would you send messages to other survivors? Don't be caught out; be prepared, using Science!

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Problem-solving | Critical thinking | Data analysis | Organisation | Decision-making | Leadership

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in Apocalypse Lab: The Science of Survival helps you develop problem-solving, critical thinking, and teamwork skills - qualities that are valuable for future study and careers in science, engineering, emergency services, and environmental studies. You'll learn how to plan, adapt, and make decisions under pressure while exploring survival strategies and scientific principles.

This course also builds resilience, creativity, and practical skills, showing that you can approach complex challenges with logic, resourcefulness, and confidence.

# **BEYOND THE BOARD**

The Mind and Mastery of Chess

#### Open to:

All year groups



#### **Overview**

This elective is based on a two-player board game where the objective is to checkmate the opponent's king by strategically manoeuvring 16 pieces, and it is important because it develops crucial cognitive skills like problem-solving, planning, and critical thinking. The game's importance extends to real life as it fosters patience, teaches how to weigh consequences, and provides a framework for strategic thinking that can be applied to many other situations and challenges.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Problem solving | Critical thinking | Patience | Resilience

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in Beyond the Board: The Mind and Mastery of Chess helps you develop strategic thinking, concentration, and patience - skills that are valuable for future study and many careers. Chess teaches you to think ahead, analyse complex situations, and make decisions under pressure. These abilities are essential in fields like science, technology, business, and law, but also benefit everyday problem-solving and teamwork. By studying the game's strategies and mindset, you're strengthening both your logic and creativity - a powerful combination for success in any path you choose.

# **BRAND BUILDERS**

The Art and Strategy of Marketing

#### **Open to:**

Years 9 & 10



#### **Overview**

This elective explores the art and strategy behind successful marketing campaigns, focusing on influencer and celebrity marketing, digital and traditional strategies, and PR. Students will analyse both successful and failed campaigns across various sectors, gaining insight into branding, consumer behaviour, and strategic communication.

The module includes a hands-on project where students will plan and present a marketing campaign. Through this, they will develop practical skills in campaign design, audience targeting, and media selection.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Communication | Creativity | Problem-solving | Data analysis | Project management

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in Brand Builders: The Art and Strategy of Marketing helps you develop creativity, communication, and strategic thinking - skills that are valuable for future study and careers in marketing, business, media, and entrepreneurship. You'll learn how to understand audiences, build strong messages, and develop campaigns that make an impact.

This course also strengthens teamwork, problem-solving, and project management skills, showing that you can combine creativity with practical strategy to achieve real-world results.

# BUILD IT BETTER

The Science of Engineering

#### **Open to:**

Years 9 & 10



#### **Overview**

Build It Better: The Science of Engineering is a hands-on elective where students explore the principles behind real-world structures and machines - from bridges and towers to catapults and levers. Through weekly design-and-test challenges, students investigate how forces, materials, and shapes influence strength and stability, using everyday and laboratory materials to bring engineering concepts to life. The course promotes creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving, encouraging students to design, build, test, and improve their ideas while applying key scientific principles that underpin modern engineering.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Problem-solving | Critical thinking | Data handling and analysis | Creativity and innovation Collaboration and teamwork | Communication

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Build It Better: The Science of Engineering provides an excellent foundation for future study and careers by bridging classroom science with real-world engineering practice. The elective strengthens students' understanding of core physics principles such as forces, energy, and materials - key concepts for GCSE and A Level Physics, Design & Technology, and Engineering courses.

By engaging in hands-on design, testing, and problem-solving, students gain insight into how scientists and engineers apply theory to create practical solutions, preparing them for technical and creative fields alike.

The skills and mindset developed - innovation, teamwork, analytical thinking, and resilience - are directly relevant to a wide range of STEM careers including civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering, architecture, construction, product design, and emerging technologies such as renewable energy and robotics. It also builds confidence in independent learning and experimentation, traits highly valued in apprenticeships, higher education, and the modern workplace.

# COURTROOM CONFIDENTIAL

What Really Happens in Law

#### **Open to:**

Years 9 & 10



#### **Overview**

In this elective you will learn about the court system, how laws are made, different jobs in the legal profession and different areas of law that affect young people. You will learn about preparing a case for trial and presenting a case in court, finishing with a mock trial.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Problem-solving | Critical thinking | Analytical reasoning | Presentation and public speaking Persuasion and influencing | Decision making | Negotiation

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in Courtroom Confidential: What Really Happens in Law helps you develop critical thinking, analytical, and communication skills - qualities that are valuable for future study and careers in law, politics, social sciences, and criminal justice. You'll learn how legal processes work, analyse cases, and understand the roles of different professionals in the justice system.

This course also builds research, debating, and presentation skills, showing that you can think logically, advocate effectively, and engage with complex issues in a professional context.

# **FOOTBALL BY NUMBERS**

Data, Strategy and Performance

#### **Open to:**

Years 9 & 10



#### **Overview**

In this Football by Numbers elective, students will research, study and interpret commonly used data metrics to assess how reliable the data is and whether it can truly determine what constitutes a 'good' football player. We will work together to determine Best XIs, taking current data into account, as well as set up a Fantasy Football team based on the use of data.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Data analysis | Teamwork | Critical thinking | Decision-making

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in Football by Numbers: Data, Strategy and Performance helps you develop analytical, mathematical, and problem-solving skills - qualities that are valuable for future study and careers in sports science, data analysis, coaching, and business. You'll learn how to use data to understand player performance, tactics, and strategy, applying statistics to real sporting situations.

This course also builds teamwork, critical thinking, and decision-making skills, showing that you can combine a passion for sport with a scientific approach to achieving success.

# **OPENING MINDS**

A Psychological Approach

#### **Open to:**

Years 9 & 10



#### **Overview**

This elective is an opportunity to improve students study skills so that they are more successful independent learners and team members in all subjects and throughout their lives 'Life long Learners'. The focus of the course will be based on the following competencies; Learning, Citizenship (the Barnam effect, Prisoners Dilemma and much more), Relating to people, Managing situations (Bystander apathy, free will etc.) and managing Information (technology, A.I etc.) There will be opportunities for learners to carry out research methods and practice.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Active listening | Critical thinking | Research | Analytical skills | Problem-solving

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in Opening Minds: A Psychological Approach helps you develop critical thinking, research, and analytical skills - qualities that are valuable for future study and careers in psychology, healthcare, education, and social sciences. You'll learn how to design experiments, interpret data, and understand human behaviour in real-world contexts.

This course also builds problem-solving, communication, and observation skills, showing that you can combine scientific inquiry with practical insight to explore and explain human thought and behaviour.

# **PAWS, CLAWS & CARE**

The Animal Wellbeing Project

#### **Open to:**

All year groups



#### **Overview**

The key components of this animal welfare elective is based on an animal's five key welfare needs (health, environment, nutrition, behaviour and companionship). This course will identify common health issues around a variety of species, along with prevention. We will also look at dietary requirements of a variety of species, along with the basic accommodation requirements in order to maintain good health and behaviour. Within the course we will also look at the ethics and laws around keeping and caring for animals.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Communication | Empathy and compassion | Active listening | Teamwork

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in Paws, Claws and Care: The Animal Wellbeing Project helps you develop responsibility, empathy, and practical problem-solving skills that are valuable for future study and careers in veterinary science, animal care, biology, and environmental studies. You'll learn about animal behaviour, welfare, and how to meet their needs through hands-on experiences.

This course also builds teamwork, communication, and ethical awareness - showing that you can care for living things and take initiative in real-world situations. It's perfect for anyone passionate about animals and making a positive impact on their wellbeing.

# **PHOTOGRAPHY**

**Developing Technique & Creative Composition** 

#### **Open to:**

Years 9 & 10



#### **Overview**

This elective is an opportunity to explore photography as an art form and study the photography of others. Within this elective we will learn about the technical aspects of composition and intention in photography. All students are encouraged to be actively involved in discussions and practical activities, as well as being prepared to bring in props for staging compositions. Students will have the opportunity to work in groups to complete a weekly photography based challenge to apply the learning from the session. This elective is 75% theory and 25% practical, students are strongly encouraged to develop their photography skills further by practising and applying the techniques from the elective to their own photography in their own time.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Creativity | Perseverance | Problem-solving | Project management | Ability to work under pressure

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in Photography in Focus: Developing Technique and Creative Composition helps you develop creativity, technical skill, and attention to detail - qualities that are valuable for future study and careers in photography, media, design, and visual arts. You'll learn how to capture images effectively while experimenting with composition, lighting, and perspective.

This course also builds problem-solving, critical thinking, and project management skills, showing that you can turn ideas into compelling visual stories.

# THE CRIME LAB

A Deep Dive into Murder, Evidence and Justice

#### **Open to:**

Years 9 & 10



#### **Overview**

Step into the world of crime investigation! Explore how detectives solve mysteries through evidence and reasoning. Discover themes such as murders, serial killers, crime investigation, conspiracy theories, punishment, and justice, while developing teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills to uncover the truth behind real and imagined crimes.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Research and investigative | Decision-making | Communication | Teamwork and collaboration Critical thinking | Analysis skills

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in The Crime Lab: A Deep Dive into Murder, Evidence, and Justice helps you develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and attention to detail - skills that are valuable for future study and careers in forensic science, law, criminology, and investigative work.

You'll learn how to analyse evidence, think logically, and make informed decisions, while also understanding the importance of ethics and accuracy in investigations. This course builds both analytical and practical skills, showing that you can approach complex problems with curiosity and precision essential for success in many fields.

# **BEYOND THE BOUNDARY**

Cricket Skills and Tactics

#### Open to:

Years 9 & 10



#### **Overview**

Learn the fundamental skills of batting and bowling through the use of our winter cricket nets. We will look at bowling different types of spin bowling as well as looking at pace and swing bowling, and will be developing our shot selection when batting. For those who play cricket outside of school, there will be the opportunity to bring in your pads and protective equipment and face deliveries with a cricket ball.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Leadership | Communication | Resilience

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in Beyond the Boundary: Cricket Skills and Tactics helps you build teamwork, communication, and leadership skills that are valuable for future study and careers both in and beyond sport. You'll develop strategic thinking, discipline, and resilience as you learn to analyse gameplay, make decisions under pressure, and work effectively with others. These qualities are highly valued in fields like coaching, sports management, education, and business - and they also help you grow confidence, focus, and a strong sense of fair play.

# **DESIGN IN DETAIL**

The Art and Craft of Jewellery Making

#### **Open to:**

All year groups



#### **Overview**

In this elective, students will explore the creative and practical techniques behind jewellery making. From beading and wirework to decorative and recycled materials, you'll learn how to design and craft unique pieces that express personal style and artistic flair. Along the way, you'll develop skills in planning, precision, and creative problem-solving - turning everyday materials into beautiful, meaningful creations. Whether you're inspired by fashion, storytelling, or craftsmanship, this course offers a hands-on journey into the art of jewellery design.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Problem-solving | Attention to detail | Creativity and innovation | Perseverance | Collaboration

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in **Design in Detail: The Art and Craft of Jewellery Making** helps you develop creativity, precision, and problem-solving skills that are valuable for future study and careers in jewellery design, fashion, product design, and the arts. You'll learn how to plan, craft, and refine intricate pieces, improving your attention to detail, patience, and hand-eye coordination.

This course also builds project management and creative thinking skills, showing that you can turn imaginative ideas into polished, tangible results - a skill set valued in many professional fields.

# MIX, MEASURE, MASTER

Skill and Science in Baking

#### Open to:

All year groups



#### **Overview**

In this elective students will get the opportunity to bake a variety of sweet and savoury bakes. Students will learn and use a range of skills including, different mixing techniques, knife skills, how to measure ingredients accurately and making and working with bread and pastry dough. The bakes will include cookies, gingerbread, flapjacks, apple pie, brownies, fruit scones, iced buns, cheesy garlic bread, pizza twists and cheese pasties. We will also have a session where we taste a range of different breads and biscuits and think about what makes them different and which ones we like and why.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Problem-solving | Following instructions | Numeracy | Interpersonal & Communication skills Teamwork | Patience and perseverance

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in Mix, Measure, Master: Skill and Science in Baking helps you develop precision, creativity, and problem-solving skills - qualities that are valuable for future study and careers in culinary arts, food science, hospitality, and nutrition. You'll learn how to follow processes, experiment with techniques, and adapt recipes while paying attention to detail.

This course also builds time management, patience, and teamwork skills, showing that you can combine scientific thinking with creative flair to produce consistent, high-quality results.

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# PERFORM, MOTIVATE, INSPIRE

The Craft of Cheerleading

#### Open to:

✓ All year groups



#### **Overview**

Longdendale High School won the first ever Tameside Cheer Competition to become borough champions. We are keen to re-establish these routes and create a new LHS Cheer Squad, with the aim to enter local competitions once the team is trained and established. If you have cheer experience already, we are looking for KS4 to become LHS cheer student coaches to assist and lead the club.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Athleticism | Teamwork | Courage | Organisation | Communication

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in **Perform, Motivate, Inspire: The Craft of Cheerleading** helps you develop teamwork, leadership, and communication skills - qualities that are valuable for future study and careers in sports, performing arts, education, and event management. You'll learn how to coordinate routines, motivate others, and perform with confidence under pressure.

This course also builds resilience, discipline, and time management, showing that you can combine physical skill with creativity and leadership to achieve goals both individually and as part of a team.

# THREADS OF THOUGHT

The Art and Craft of Cross-Stitch

#### Open to:

All year groups



#### **Overview**

This elective explores cross-stitch as both a traditional craft and a contemporary medium for creative expression. Students will learn the fundamentals of stitching techniques while also examining the cultural and historical significance of embroidery across different societies. Through hands-on projects and reflective practice, students will develop their own stitched artworks. Threads of Thought encourages mindful making - where patience, precision, and creativity come together in every stitch.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Problem-solving | Creativity and innovation | Perseverance | Project management

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in Threads of Thought: The Art and Craft of Cross-Stitch helps you develop patience, attention to detail, and creativity - qualities that are valuable for future study and careers in textile design, fashion, art, and craft-related industries. You'll learn how to plan intricate designs, work with precision, and bring ideas to life through careful craftsmanship.

This course also builds focus, perseverance, and project management skills, showing that you can combine creativity with meticulous execution to produce high-quality, visually engaging work.

# ADVENTURES IN LEADERSHIP

The Silver Duke of Edinburgh Challenge

#### **Open to:**

✓ Year 10



#### **Overview**

This involves instruction on core skills, which include a longer two-day training expedition with one night of camping. Skills covered: Training focuses on route planning, map and compass navigation, campcraft, expedition cooking, first aid, and equipment specific to a walking expedition.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Problem-solving | Teamwork | Leadership | Resilience | Decision-making | Strategic planning

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

**Pursuing Adventures in Leadership: The Silver Duke of Edinburgh Challenge** helps you develop key skills that are valuable for future study and careers. Through volunteering, physical challenges, skill-building, and the expedition, you learn teamwork, leadership, problem-solving, and resilience - all qualities that universities and employers highly value.

Completing the award also shows commitment, independence, and the ability to step outside your comfort zone, making you stand out in applications and interviews. It's not just about adventure, it's about proving you can set goals, work hard, and achieve them.

# **CHORUS TO CONCERT**

The Power of Performance

#### Open to:

All year groups - by invitation only



#### **Overview**

Join us on Wednesday afternoons for our brand-new concert elective, where singers from Years 7 to 10 prepare for a major school performance taking place in July 2026. Unlike our themed concerts of the past - such as 80s Night or 90s Night - this event will be a celebration of all kinds of pop music. Pupils will choose songs they love, develop their vocal skills, and work together to create an exciting, high-quality show. If you enjoy singing and want to be part of a fun, creative project with a fantastic final performance, this is the elective for you! Please note that all students in this elective will be expected to perform.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Problem-solving | Critical thinking | Resilience | Creativity | Strategic planning

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in **Chorus to Concert: The Power of Performance** helps you develop confidence, teamwork, and communication skills - qualities that are valuable for future study and careers in music, performing arts, education, and event management. You'll learn how to rehearse, perform, and collaborate with others to deliver polished musical presentations.

This course also builds discipline, creativity, and time management skills, showing that you can combine artistic expression with focus and collaboration to achieve powerful, memorable performances.

# **ECOVISION**

Designing the Future Through the Young Green Briton Challenge

#### Open to:

✓ Year 9



#### **Overview**

At Longdendale High School, the Young Green Briton Challenge is an exciting opportunity for students to become agents of positive change. Across Year 9, students will engage in a hands-on programme: exploring sustainability issues, designing solutions, carrying out an "Eco Venture" or "Eco Campaign", and pitching for impact.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Adaptability | Critical thinking | Organisational skills | Leadership | Innovation

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in **EcoVision**: **Designing the Future Through the Young Green Briton Challenge** helps you develop creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork skills that are valuable for future study and careers in environmental science, sustainability, engineering, and policy. You'll learn how to research issues, design innovative solutions, and communicate ideas effectively, while also understanding the impact of your actions on the planet.

This course builds leadership, critical thinking, and project management skills, showing that you can take initiative and make a real difference in creating a sustainable future.

# **KINDNESS IN ACTION**

**Creating Positive Change** 

#### Open to:

All year groups



#### **Overview**

Kindness in Action is a creative, community-focused elective designed to help students make a real difference through acts of kindness and charity work. The elective gives students the opportunity to plan and take part in a variety of fun and rewarding projects that support both the school and local community.

Students will take the lead in organising and running small charity events such as bake sales, sponsored challenges, and donation drives, while also building meaningful connections with local care homes, charities, and community groups. Activities might include writing letters or creating care packages for elderly residents, collecting items for local food banks, or hosting awareness campaigns for chosen causes.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Empathy | Organisation | Teamwork and collaboration | Communication | Leadership

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Throughout this course, students will learn how kindness can create positive change and will develop essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and communication, and experience the joy of giving back. Kindness in Action: Creating Positive Change aims to build empathy, confidence, and a lasting sense of social responsibility - all while having fun and working together for a good cause. It will foster business management skills and through public speaking will support leadership roles that are evident in many career paths today.

# **FOUNDATIONS OF CARE**

**Understanding Child Development** 

#### Open to:

✓ Years 9 & 10



#### **Overview**

The elective enables students to gain information and skills linked to elements of childcare including: basic first-aid knowledge, safety, feeding and changing as well as planning and developing activities for a group event for parent and babies/young children to access. There will be opportunities to interact with the wider community and you will be creating and making an end product suitable for learning or play with a baby or young child.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Problem-solving | Decision making | Active listening | Written communication

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Choosing Foundations of Care: Understanding Child Development helps you build knowledge and skills that are valuable for future study and careers in education, healthcare, psychology, and social work. You'll learn how children grow, learn, and develop emotionally and physically, as well as how to support their needs in different settings.

This course strengthens your empathy, communication, and observation skills - qualities that are essential for anyone interested in working with or supporting others. It's a great foundation for understanding people and making a positive difference in their lives.

# THE CURATED CANVAS

Preparing Work for Public Display

#### Open to:

✓ Years 9 & 10



#### **Overview**

This elective explores the process of transforming creative work from the classroom to the public sphere. Students learn how to select, refine, and present their artistic or design project for exhibitions, galleries, and digital showcases. Through hands-on workshops and critical discussion, the course covers curatorial practices, visual storytelling, audience engagement, and the logistics of installation and display. By the end of the elective, students will curate a piece of art work/s ready for professional presentation, gaining insight into both the creative and practical aspects of exhibiting art in public contexts.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Creativity and innovation | Attention to detail | Project management | Collaboration | Problem Solving Communication and interpersonal skills

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in The Curated Canvas: Preparing Work for Public Display helps you develop creativity, attention to detail, and project management skills - qualities that are valuable for future study and careers in art, design, gallery management, and marketing. You'll learn how to plan, present, and showcase your work professionally while considering audience and context.

This course also builds communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, showing that you can turn creative ideas into polished, impactful presentations.

# THE REFRAME PROJECT

Reframing Gender Roles and Stories

#### Open to:

✓ All year groups



#### **Overview**

The Reframe Project is an empowering elective designed to explore and challenge perspectives on equality, women's rights, and social justice. Through research, discussion, and creative projects, students will examine historical and contemporary issues affecting gender equity and representation. The course emphasizes developing strong communication and advocacy skills, offering students opportunities to engage in public speaking, lead awareness initiatives, and present proposals or reflections to the school. By reframing narratives and amplifying diverse voices, students will learn how to become confident, informed changemakers within their community.

#### What transferable skills will I develop through studying this elective?

Presentation and public-speaking | Written communication | Research | Analysis | Emotional literacy

#### Which value does this link with?







#### How does this elective support future study & careers?

Taking part in **The Reframe Project: Reframing Gender Roles & Stories** helps you develop critical thinking, empathy, and communication skills - qualities that are valuable for future study and careers in media, education, social sciences, and advocacy. You'll explore how women's stories and roles have been portrayed, learn to challenge stereotypes, and create narratives that highlight female perspectives.

This course also builds creativity, research, and collaboration skills, showing that you can think critically, engage with important social issues, and amplify female voices effectively.

# RESPECT RESILIENCE ASPIRATION