

2024 | 2025

Clubs & Co-curricular

Activities



Dear Students,

Please find below the list of clubs and co-curricular activities available at Akademeia High School for the academic year 2024/2025. To help you make an informed decision, we will hold a trial week from the 5th to the 11th of September, during which you can explore various activities.

After the trial week, please submit your preferred choices using the online Microsoft Forms link.



The form will open on September 11th at 5:30 PM. Please ensure your registration is completed by September 13th at 2:30 PM. Requests submitted after this deadline may not be accommodated.

We recommend participating in no more than 4 clubs. Most clubs have a capacity of 12 students, and if a club is in high demand, spots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Clubs will only proceed if at least 5 students register.

Please keep in mind that participation in these clubs contributes to your overall grading and will be reflected in your year-end transcripts. While most clubs are free of charge, those marked with an asterisk ('\*') may involve additional costs. Make your selections carefully, as changes to your chosen clubs will not be possible until the end of the 1st term.

Wishing you a great year ahead!

Maria Głowacka

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# Akademeia Creates: Invention Competition

# Teacher Mara Steven

Compete with a team of peers to win the inaugural Akademeia creates competition. Over the course of the term, you will learn about research and design as well as market research and other business basics to create a pitch for the best product to meet the needs of this year's product prompt. Sessions will include visits from experts in their fields, and the final product pitch will be judged by a panel of Akademeia teachers and staff. Not only will a final prize in this competition be an excellent honor for a resume or future college application, but your team may consider building on your project for competitions such as Zwolnieni z Teorii. Bring a friend - team size will be determined by total club enrollment.

Y9, Y10, Y11

Term: I

**17:10 – 18:10** 

**ROOM 4B** 

## **Chemistry Olympiad**

#### Teacher

#### **Tomasz Cebo**

Attention future chemists! Join the UK Chemistry Olympiad Preparation Club and fuel your passion for science.

The UK Chemistry Olympiad, organized by the Royal Society of Chemistry, offers a chance to showcase your skills on a global stage. It's more than a competition—it's an opportunity to dive into chemistry beyond Alevels and impress universities worldwide.

Our club sessions focus on past Olympiad papers and advanced topics, enhancing your problem-solving skills and A-level performance. Open to Y12 and Y13 students, we also welcome ambitious Y11 students. Age doesn't define your potential—determination does.

Ready to explore and excel in chemistry? The UK Chemistry Olympiad Preparation Club is your gateway to a bright future.

Sign up today and start your journey!

Y11,Y12,Y13

Term: I, II

ROOM 13

## European Space Agency CanSat Competition

#### Teacher

#### Dr Jakub Bochiński Dariusz Aksamit

The ESA CanSat Competition club offers a hands-on experience where teams of 4-6 students take on the challenge of simulating a space mission. Each team will design and build their own small satellite, which, if successful, will be launched on a supersonic rocket to an altitude of 3000 meters. Teams will consist of students with skills in science, engineering, electronics programming, mechanical CAD design (including 3D printing), management, and outreach. The club will have weekly one-hour meetings, supplemented by a four-hour Saturday meeting once a month.

Y11,Y12,Y13

Term: I, II

17:10 - 18:10

ROOM 11

once a month Saturday 4 hours meetings with Dr Bochiński

NOTE: Trial lesson is scheduled for 7th September, 10:00 - 14:00

## Introduction to Psychology

#### Teacher

#### Dr Katarzyna Borzym - Grzesik

Psychology aims to understand and describe the mental characteristics and attitudes of individuals and groups. Given its focus on the fundamental principles of human behavior, psychology finds applications across various fields, from economics to natural sciences. In this course, students will explore different psychological approaches, includina humanistic, psychodynamic, cognitive, and behavioral perspectives. They will also gain insights from specific research areas such as social psychology. The course is designed to familiarize students with Psychology as an optional A-Level choice and to spark their interest in the subject.

Y9, Y10, Y11

Term: I, II

## Japanese Culture Club

# Teacher **Hristo Stefan**

Have you ever been in touch with Japanese Culture? Have you happened to experience anime or Japanese music? Do you enjoy history, literature or traditional arts? These and many more have been reasons why Mr. Stefan has studied and visited Japan, and perhaps they can become reasons why you'll engage with it further, whether you are an absolute beginner or a lasting enthusiast. This is a club aimed at an audience of any level of cultural awareness. The club requirements will involve regular reviews and different forms of assessment. At times, Mr. Stefan runs social and cultural events and workshops, based on student preferences, some of which may include: anime screening, karaoke, origami crafts, tea ceremony, traditional board and card games, and more. All year groups are welcome! またね!

All groups Term: I, II

**17:10 – 18:10** ROOM 24

## Volunteering Club

#### Teacher **Edyta Czerwonka**

Would you like to help others but aren't sure where to start? Are you interested in gaining experience as a volunteer in organizations related to your future academic interests? Do you want to expand your empathy? Join our club, where Ms. Czerwonka will guide you in collaborating with non-governmental organizations that align with your passions and interests. During our sessions, you'll have the opportunity to organize meaningful initiatives within our school and promote the idea of volunteering to help fellow students discover the beauty of giving back.

All groups Term: I, II

17:10 - 18:10 ROOM 28

## Mindful Gardening

#### Teacher **Kay Czepli - George**

Mindful Gardening is a hands-on AHS elective where you'll get to roll up your sleeves and grow your own plants while picking up reallife skills for sustainable gardening. If you enjoy being outside and working with your hands, this class is perfect for you! You'll learn how to plant flowers, vegetables, and herbs, compost effectively, and use eco-friendly gardening techniques.

But it's not just about gardening—working outdoors has been shown to help you relax and recharge. This course gives you a break from the usual classroom grind, allowing you to clear your mind and de-stress. By the end of the course, you'll have your own thriving garden, a sense of accomplishment, and a boost in overall well-being. You'll leave with practical skills, fresh air, and a clearer head!

All groups Term: II, III

17:10 - 18:10

**ROOM 25** 

### Y11 GCSE Statistics

# Teacher Tymoteusz Zdunek

GCSE Statistics is a new qualification that we introduced at Akademeia last year. Recognizing the significant role of statistics in various fields and careers, even beyond those directly related to mathematics, we've decided to expand its availability. Starting this year, GCSE Statistics will not only be part of the express set curriculum but will also be offered as a club. Please note that joining this club involves additional end-of-term exams and external exams in May 2025. Besides mathematical skills and methods, the course includes a substantial amount of theoretical knowledge, making it suitable only for highly motivated and high-performing students. Those with a grade lower than 7 in Mathematics may not be eligible to join.

Y11 Whole year

**17:10 – 18:10** ROOM 30

# FIRST LEGO League Challenge\*

# Teacher Marek Kozak

In this club, students will enhance their critical thinking, coding, and design skills through hands-on STEM and robotics activities, inspired by the FIRST® LEGO® League Challenge. As part of the club, students will form a team to compete in this global competition, which focuses on realworld challenges. This year's theme, "SUBMERGED<sup>SM</sup>," explores life beneath the ocean's surface, encouraging students to innovate for healthier oceans. Participants will design and build a robot to complete specific missions and develop a project to address an ocean-related problem. Along the way, they'll learn valuable skills in teamwork, innovation, and problem-solving. The club is open for students up to age 16.

Y9, Y10,Y11 Term: I, II

17:10 - 18:10 ROOM 31B

# ACAP (Akademeia Community Action Program)

# Teacher **Landon Basham**

Take your community engagement to the next level by coordinating local community events, engaging in scholarly development around the unique challenges presented to people in our modern world, and equip yourself with the leadership skills necessary to have a measurable, meaningful impact upon our global community.

All groups

Whole Year

16:25 - 17:25

**CANTEEN** 

## **Creative Writing**

# Teacher **Dr Adam Anders**

If you've ever written a few words of fiction because you felt an inner desire to write, you're a writer. This elective is designed to give you a focused way of exploring that, by creating and finishing a short story up to 5000 words in length. We will work towards the satisfaction of having a completed story by beginning with ideas, form, and the simple act of writing. By the end of the semester, you will have had a short story workshopped by your classmates and the teacher, with time to complete the allimportant process of re-writing. Guidance on where to submit your stories for publication will come as your second reward in the final class - the first being a completed and polished short story.

Y10,Y11, Y12, Y13 Whole year

**16:25 - 17:25** ROOM 25

## British Biology Olympiad

#### Teacher

#### Dr Mark Baynes Dr Jakub Mikoszewski

During our meetings we're reaching into the extracurricular content and analyze the professional science journal articles in a seminar, exchange-based style. Not only does this approach support the British Biology Olympiad preparation but it allows to escape the limitations of the A level/iGCSE specification and also increases a chance of getting inspired by the previously unseen research, hypotheses and ideas (consider your personal statements). That Club also serves as a great supplement for all students aiming at BMAT, UKCAT, NSAA or IMAT pre-university exams.

Y11, Y12, Y13

Term: I, II

16:25 - 17:25

**ROOM 30** 

### Linux Club

# Teacher **Sviatlana Volchak**

"High tech low life" it is a motto of cyberpunk movies where technologies overcome humanity values. To prevent this we need to know the technologies. And the best way to understand computers is to study free and open source software. Welcome to Linux Club!

We will not only learn GNU Linux operating system, but different programs and applications for everyday life and work. We will study computer security aspects and safety for your personal data. We will work with the console, yes, this black screen with acid colored text like in movies about hackers. Finally the system will no more be a magic for you. You will be a manager and administrator!

All groups

Term: I, II

17:30 - 18:30

**ROOM 4A** 

### **Music Band**

#### Teacher **Julia Seeholzer**

The Akademeia Band comes together to learn music and perform at various school events. Vocalists and instrumentalists welcome! Band will be split into two smaller groups: each group is required to rehearse for one hour per week, with additional rehearsals before school events as required. Signing up for band is a year-long commitment and attendance at school performances is required.

All groups

Whole year

16:25 – 17:55

**ROOM 17** 

## Poetry Club

# Teacher **Sonia Blank**

Art is a way of giving form to our experiences and feelings. Poetry is one of those forms and I would like to invite you to join the Club in order to interact with, enjoy, and explore it in a very relaxed and supportive setting. I believe this will be an important step for those who already love poetry and those who are perhaps a bit intimidated by it, towards building up your academic analysis skills useful in GCSE exams, but more so, to broaden your understanding of the human experience through the lens of various poets. Term I will focus on reading poetry while Terms II and will focus on writing.

All groups

Term: I, II

17:30 - 18:30

**ROOM 21A** 

### Physics Research

# Teacher Adam Markiewicz

Have you ever wondered it you can determine the number of matches in a matchbox from the sound it makes when shaken? This is one of the problems that participants of the International Young Physicists' Tournament (IYPT) were faced with. It is a scientific competition between teams of secondary school students, sometimes referred to as the "Physics World Cup". In this club we will attempt to research some of the IYPT problems. It is an opportunity to embed yourself in real physics research, where answers are not known in advance and is up to you to decide what kind of experiments need to understand what is going on.

Y10,Y11,Y12,Y13

Term: I, II

16:25 - 17:25

**ROOM 11** 

# Research, Explore and Develop (RED)

Teacher

#### Dr Nataliya Marchyk Jakub Kalecki

You have passion for natural sciences and would like to Research, Explore and Develop your ideas, to try some experimental techniques and dip more into the practical aspects of being in the laboratory. You can work on your own scientific project(s) which later can be shared with the school community in the form of presentations/posters. Moreover, this will be the space where you will have guidance and support to prepare for various competitions, such as E(x)plory, Samsung Solve for Tomorrow, Crest Awards, etc.

Y10, Y11, Y12, Y13

Term: I, II

17:30 - 18:30

## Sailing Club\*

# Teacher Julia Oleksiuk

We invite all sailing enthusiasts and those who aspire to become one to join the Akademeia Sailing Club! The program includes both theoretical and practical sessions, covering topics such as boat structure, basic maneuvers, weather forecasting, and regatta rules. The course will culminate in a short sailing trip where you'll put your newly acquired knowledge into practice on the water.

All groups

Term I

16:25 – 17:25

**ROOM 24** 

NOTE: Club starts from 8th Oct

# Student Filmmaking Project

# Teacher **Dr Adam Anders Justin Lenderking**

Create a film from scratch with your colleagues! Collaborators of various disciplines, including actors, writers, artists, photographers, musicians, and more, will work together on creating a short film. This interdisciplinary club will allow artists the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of creating a film. You will be guided by Dr. Anders in the filmmaking process, starting with developing an idea and ending with a polished, edited film. Collaborators will be expected to do some of the work in small groups/individually outside of class and meet during the club to bring their work together.

All groups

Term: I, II

16:25 – 17:25

**ROOM 25** 

# The Akademeia Post: School Newspaper

# Teacher **Sonia Blank**

The school newspaper is a platform by students, for students, where you can inform, educate, and entertain your peers. It's a great place to share key information about upcoming events, opportunities, and deadlines. Whether you're interested in journalism, creative writing, artwork, photography, or sharing your opinions and reviews, this is the place for you. Writers, photographers, artists, designers, and editors are all welcome to join. It's an excellent opportunity to test your skills and contribute to the school community.

All groups

Whole year

16:25 - 17:25

**ROOM 21B** 

### Translation Club

# Teacher **Dr Michał Albert Fijałkowski**

Explore how to apply your language skills professionally as a translator or interpreter. Students from all languages and levels are welcome!

In the Translation Club, you will:

- Delve into the intricacies of the translation process, from literature to professional texts
- Understand the challenges of translating deeper linguistic and cultural nuances.
- Learn different translation approaches, analyze diverse texts, and practice translating yourself!

All groups

Term: II

16:25 - 17:25

# The Rise and Fall of Imperial Japan

#### Teacher

#### Peter Davidson

Through lectures, film, and workshops we will explore the turbulent and impactful rise and fall of Imperial Japan covering Japan's military expansionism from seclusion to world power and to its defeat in 1945.

This club will also cover the IGCSE History Breath Study: Japan in transformation, 1853-1945. Students sitting IGCSE History in Year 11 who attend this club may choose to complete this Breath Study as part of their Paper 2.

Y10, Y11

Whole year

16:25 - 17:25

# Debate Team - National and International Competitions\*

# Teacher Radosław Czekan

The Debate Team offers an exclusive opportunity for 8 dedicated students to master argumentation skills and achieve success in both national and international debating competitions. Selected debaters will represent the school in prestigious events such as the Polish Schools Debating Championships, World Championships, IPPF, and Re:Solved.

This team requires a significant commitment, including extensive after-school work and a strong desire to learn and grow. Selection will take place in early September through an online test and in-person trials. Please note that students who do not maintain sufficient engagement may be replaced.

The team will be coached by a seasoned trainer, a semifinalist at the World Universities Debating Championships (EFL) and former National Team Coach (2020-2022), whose students have set national records at the World Schools Debating Championships and achieved top international rankings.

Y10,Y11,Y12,Y13 Term: I, II

**16:25 – 18:25** ROOM 30

# Fashion is my passion. How to become a fashion designer.

#### Teacher

#### Kamila Gawrońska-Kasperska

Join our fashion design class to explore your creative potential and cultural roots while drawing inspiration from the visionary work of best known designers. We'll work on extravagant, avant-garde designs, learning the full process from sketching to final creation. In the second part, we'll refine our projects into functional, ready-to-wear fashion, covering various styles like haute couture and street fashion. Perfect for students serious about fashion design, with opportunities to participate in competitions.

All groups

Term: I, II

16:25 – 17:25

**ROOM 21B** 

# The Higher Maths elective

# Teacher **Dr Paweł Józiak**

The Higher Maths elective is designed for Year 12 and Year 13 students who are already taking Further Maths A Levels and wish to deepen their mathematical knowledge. This club will explore university-level material, provide practice with tasks from the Polish and British Maths Olympiads, and cover advanced topics from entrance exams like MAT and STEP. Classes will be conducted by Dr. Paweł Józiak, an assistant professor assistant professor at Warsaw University of Technology in the Department of Probability.

Y12, Y13

Term: I, II

17:30 - 18:30

**ROOM 4A** 

NOTE: The trial lesson is scheduled for 18th September, 17:30 - 18:30

# Introduction to Business Management | *online*

# Teacher Alicja Staśkiewicz

Do you have a business idea but aren't sure how to bring it to life? Want to develop the practical skills needed to launch your own company? The Business Management Club is the perfect place to start! We'll guide you through every step as you prepare to participate in the prestigious Youth Mini-Enterprise program, where you'll create and run a real business within the school.

Here's what you'll do:

- Brainstorm Your Business Idea: Work with your peers to identify a unique product or service that meets a market need.
- Develop a Business Plan: Learn how to create a solid business plan, covering everything from your mission and vision to financial projections.
- Raise Capital: Discover the ins and outs of funding, and work together to gather the capital needed to kickstart your business.
- Launch Your Product: Dive into the world of marketing and sales as you introduce your product or service to the market.
- Manage Finances: Gain essential skills in financial management, including budgeting, pricing, and maintaining financial records.

But that's not all. As a member of the club, you'll also have the chance to compete in the Mini-Enterprise of the Year Contest, where the winner will represent Poland at the GEN-E Entrepreneurship Festival, a prestigious European competition organised by Junior Achievement Europe. Weekly meetings will conducted in English; however, proficiency in Polish may be required for participation in the competition at the national level. The teacher will provide the necessary knowledge and guidance on how to prepare for the competition, but students should be prepared to work on their individual business projects outside the classroom as well.

Y10,Y11,Y12,Y13

Term: I, II

16:25 – 17:25

**ROOM 4A** 

Link to the trial lesson

## School Without Borders

#### Teacher

#### Monika Koblak Magdalena Pałyska Vladislava Reznyk

School Without Borders is an initiative that was launched in the school year of 2021/2022. Its goal was to develop an initial structure for an online programme of classes of different subjects for young refugees living temporarily in the Ritsona Refugee Centre in Greece. In the following years we developed the project onsite and ran Polish, English, Maths and Computer Skills classes with a group of Afghan refugees located in Warsaw.

In 2024/2025 we are going to expand the programme further with the experience that we gained so far. We are going to expand our students' groups with both Afghan and Ukrainian youth with the experience of forced migration. The AHS students will choose either Tuesday or Thursday for their contribution to the programme. They will participate in preparing and running the classes for refugee students. It is still an openended project that this year will have the objective of:

- Learning more about the current situation of refugees in the European Union, with a special focus on Poland and the situation of Afghan and Ukrainian refugees;
- Advancing the onsite educational programmes for subjects such as: Elementary and Advanced English, Mathematics, Polish, Computer Skills and developing their study material, lesson scripts and learners' notes that will be as structured as possible given the circumstances and diversity of the young people attending them;
- Learning about useful theories of education, involving especially peer-topeer educational models, that could help prepare a programme that will authentically serve the needs of young refugees attending School Without Borders classes;
- Learning the key facts about the geopolitical situation and migration policies involving the EU, non-EU countries bordering with the member states, and countries from which most refugees come from.

The club is run twice a week, students can select one of the time slot that will be most sutiable for them.

Y11, Y12, Y13

Whole year

16:25 - 17:25

ROOM 28/29/31A

& Thursday 17:10 - 18:10

NOTE: Trial lesson is scheduled for THURSDAY, 5th September

# First Steps in Scientific Writing | *online*

#### Teacher

#### Dr Joanna Jurek

Scientific writing workshops is dedicated to all students who want to learn how to write scientific paper suits for research publication-this workshop is not only great opportunity to improve your professional writing skills and develop teamwork abilities to discuss and explore new research concepts but also start to build own research portfolio recognizable by academia worldwide.

What to expect?

- Learn about latest trends in health sciences research.
- Brainstorming and interdisciplinary approach to develop own research niche.
- Learn to use databases and AI tools for scientific writing.

Once the publication is published, you will receive link to publication or paper copy of magazine.

All groups

Term: I, II

16:25 - 17:25

**ROOM 4B** 

NOTE: The trial lesson is scheduled for 18th September, 16:25 - 17:25

Link to the trial lesson

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## **AHS Chemical** Influencers Club

#### Teacher Dr Nataliya Marchyk Hristo Stefan

Be an influencer, but chemically! This is an opportunity to develop skills such as (i) communication (ii) time-management (iii) creativity or innovative ideas and (iv) practical skills. This club aims to guide you towards weekly preparation of Chemistry educational resources for higher primary pupils with the aim to introduce concepts and terminology, but also laboratory conduct. The monthly lab seminars for pupils will be conducted initially in Polish, mostly, with gradual transition to English, and therefore Polish speaking is a mandatory requirement. The club will also facilitate opportunities to showcase work in assemblies, Science Fair and/or AHS social media (TikTok, Instagram, etc), so your platform skills and strategies will also benefit highly. Above all, you will feature as a rolemodel for your younger enthusiastic peers! Don't hesitate to participate!

Y10,Y11,Y12 Term: I, II

17:10 - 18:10 **ROOM 13** 

### Electro Club

#### Teacher Dariusz Aksamit Svetlana Volchak

Every single one of us uses electricity every day but not everyone knows how it actually works. Let's learn electricity laws and discover electronics together in Electro Club!

We will learn the basic electronic components like resistors, transistors, diodes, buttons, capacitors. We will dive into computer logic and how integral circuits use it, as well as how to read and understand electrical schemes. We will build counter with a display. Receiver and transmitter of a signal gives us a remote control. Depending on the student's interests we will create custom PCB board or work on advanced Arduino projects. This Club can be the first step of your engineer and programmer career!

Y10,Y11

Term: I. II

**ROOM 11** 

## Feminist History of Art & Music

#### Teacher Aleksandra Wittchen

The aim of this club is to explore works of art and music by women artists from across the centuries, which are omitted in the traditional history of Western culture. It can act as a supplement to general studies in Arts and Humanities, but will also equip students with basic skills of visual and musical analysis. The explorations will be backed with reading of some crucial texts of feminist art criticism and musicology. For students continuing from last year - don't worry, we will be exploring new artists!

All groups

Term: I, II

17:10 - 18:10

**ROOM 24** 

## Maths Challenge

#### Teacher James Poole

This elective will be preparing students to compete in the most established international mathematical competition such as UKMT (United Kingdom Mathematics Trust) and Maths Kangaroo. We will be focusing on developing a set of mathematical thinking skills so that you will be able to successfully solve these challenging and engaging mathematical problems. These skills will involve critical and analytical thinking. Students will be trained to approach difficult mathematical problems by logically breaking them down and thinking outside

Y9, Y10, Y11

Term: I, II

**17:10 – 18:10** 

# The Arabic Language and Culture Club

# Teacher **Dr Diana Diaków**

The Arabic Language and Culture Club is a unique extracurricular club that provides an introduction to the Arabic language and Middle Eastern studies for students in years 9, 10, and 11. The club aims to expose students with the basics of Modern Standard Arabic (Fusha) and Levantine dialects, inviting them to explore the rich culture and heritage of the Middle East. Through interactive sessions, discussions, and hands-on activities, students will expand their linguistic and cultural knowledge and awareness. Students will also learn the basics of Arabic calligraphy and prepare decorative items for AHS events. You do not need to know any Arabic to sign up!

Y9, Y10, Y11

Term: I, II

17:10 - 18:10

**ROOM 27** 

## Wharton Competition

# Teacher **Liam Higgins**

The Wharton Global High School Investment Competition is far from your typical investment challenge. Teams of 4-7 students will tackle a real-world case study, working together to meet a potential client's longterm investment goals. With a curated list of stocks and ETFs, and access to the Wharton Investment Simulator (WInS), students will develop an investment strategy, analyze industries, and build a \$100,000 virtual portfolio over 10 weeks. The competition is highly selective, with only 3 teams under the guidance of Mr. Higgins. Teams need to be confirmed and officially entered by September 10th. Teams can be between 4 -7 people and students must arrange their own teams, preferably with the maximum number of members. Spots are limited, so don't miss

Y11, Y12, Y13

Term: I, II

17:10 - 18:10

**ROOM 28** 

# The Making of Modern Britain

#### Teacher **Brendan McClintock-Ryan**

The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there." These words, penned by a British novelist, capture the essence of Britain's remarkable transformation since the 1950s. We will look at this transformation through a cultural lens, touching on the emergence of the 'teenager' and youth society, the Swinging Sixties, the punk era, and the ways in which the digital revolution has transformed British society. Through music, film, art, and social movements, we'll consider what we can learn about history, politics and society through its cultural products.

This club is designed for those studying A Level Politics or History, or those interested in taking those subjects. But all who are curious about the UK's culture or are considering British universities are welcome to take part. As well as teaching politics and history, Mr McClintock-Ryan grew up in England and has family links to Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, as well as to Britain's colonial past in the Caribbean. Having come of age during the "post-Britpop" era, with bands such as the Arctic Monkeys on the radio and Big Brother appearing on British TV, Mr McClintock-Ryan offers both academic insight and personal experience of British culture and society.

Y11, Y12, Y13

Term I

17:10 - 18:10

# The Model United Nations (MUN)\*

#### Teacher

#### Peter Davidson Brendan McClintock-Ryan

This club offers a unique opportunity to experience what it's like to participate in the United Nations. You'll sharpen your debating and public speaking skills, practice the formal processes of an MUN, and become a more effective researcher while broadening your understanding of global issues. A key component of this club is participating in local and international MUN events hosted by schools and universities, so be prepared to take your debating skills to the international stage.

All groups

Term: I, II

**17:10 - 18:10** ROOM 30

### The Musical

Teacher

#### Dr Adam Anders Justin Lenderking Aleksandra Wittchen

Participate in the most exciting and memorable event any high school can offer – the high school musical! We need dancers, singers, and actors, preferably all three in one. Audition and join the happiest and proudest crew in the school. This year's musical will be 'Little Shop of Horrors'

All groups

Term: I, II

17:10 - 18:40

**Auditorium** 

## "Confronting Evil": Understanding Mass Violence

#### Teacher **Anna Wojas**

"Confronting Evil": Understanding Mass Violence This club will explore the foundations of political, ethnic, and religious conflicts that have led to genocide and mass violence throughout history. We'll delve into what constitutes genocide, its legal frameworks, and the various forms it can take, including colonial and cultural genocides. Through global case studies, we'll investigate why and how these atrocities occur, examining the roles of perpetrators and societal factors. Most importantly, we aim to understand what drives individuals to participate in massacres and turn against their own communities. The club will also include monthly documentary screenings to complement our discussions and deepen our understanding. This is perfect for those interested in human rights, history, and social justice.

Y12, Y13 Term: I, II

**16:25 - 17:25** 

## DataCamp

# Teacher **Landon Basham**

Learning the basics of data science and artificial intelligence through guided, hands-on practice with real-world projects. Whether you're a mathematician, humanitarian, social or natural scientist, data is all around you. Designed for students who want to explore computer science at a slightly smaller scale, Data Camp is a great opportunity to build skills in one of today's fastest-growing career fields.

Y9, Y10, Y11, Term: I, II

16:25 - 17:25 ROOM 4A

## 3D Printing Club

# Teacher Sviatlana Volchak

3D modeling combines art and technology, and at AHS, you have the chance to bring your designs to life using our 3D printer. You'll create your first custom model—whether for yourself or for the lab—and then keep going with more projects. The printer is also essential for producing models used in physics classes, which are so well-made that they could be shared with schools worldwide. As part of the club, we'll compile the best practicals featuring custom AHS models into a book, making it perfect for those interested in book design and layout. If you see yourself as a multidisciplinary creator, this club is for you!

All groups Term: I, II

**16:25 - 17:25** R

**ROOM 11** 

#### Film Club

# Teacher Justin Lenderking

The film club will be a club to watch and discuss a range of films - new ones, old ones, funny ones, sad ones, weird ones, etc. The club will meet once every two weeks so that we can watch the films in one sitting. We will have some discussion, which will follow a particular theme, ranging across various artistic, social, and political ideas connected to each film, but the primary focus will be to enjoy a range of excellent and fun films!

All groups Term: I, II

16:25 - 18:25 Auditorium

NOTE: The club runs every two weeks. A trial meeting is scheduled for Friday, 6th September.

## Japanese Language Club

# Teacher **Hristo Stefan**

Have you ever learned Japanese Language? Have you happened to experience anime or Japanese music? Are you fascinated by learning "complex" languages? These and many more have been reasons why Mr. Stefan has studied Japanese, and perhaps they can become reasons why you'll engage with it further, whether you are an absolute beginner or a lasting enthusiast. This is a club aimed at beginner-level language ability, although knowledge of hiragana/katakana and some basic phrases would add hugely to the initial steps in the journey of "Nihongo". Weekly meetings will cover the Japanese script, sentence patterns, vocabulary, conversations and role-plays used in formal and casual daily situations. The club requirements will involve regular reviews and different forms of assessment, so independent practice is almost crucial to your progress. At times, Mr. Stefan intends to run social and cultural events and workshops in collaboration with the Japanese Culture Club, based on student preferences, All year groups are welcome! またね!

All groups

Term: I, II

16:25 - 17:25

**ROOM 28** 

# Y11 pre-A-level Mathematics

# Teacher Marcin Bartnik

The club is intended for students from Y11 who express interest in choosing A-level Mathematics in Y12, however the level of their current performance in key skills is lacking and they are potentially in danger of not meeting the thresholds(70%) set by Maths department for the end of term 2 and term 3 scores. The club will focus on the following skills: algebra, inequalities, indices, graph transformations, straight line and quadratics.

Y11

Term: I, II

16:25 - 17:25

**ROOM 31B** 

# Maths Competitions (Advanced)

# Teacher James Poole

This elective will be preparing students to compete in the most established international mathematical competition such as UKMT (United Kingdom Mathematics Trust) and Maths Kangaroo. We will be focusing on developing a set of mathematical thinking skills so that you will be able to successfully solve these challenging and engaging mathematical problems. These skills will involve critical and analytical thinking. Students will be trained to approach difficult mathematical problems by logically breaking them down and thinking outside the box

Y11, Y12

Term: I, II

16:25 - 17:25

**ROOM 30** 

## Psychotraumatology

# Teacher **Dr Diana Diaków**

This club is dedicated to exploring the complexities of psychological trauma. Students will delve into the various types of trauma (relational, emotional, vicarious, transgenerational, etc.), gaining a clear understanding of what trauma truly is—and what it is not. This club focuses heavily on critical thinking - we will be debunking common myths and pop psychology surrounding trauma, particularly misinformation often found on social media. The club will also focus on a scientific approach, and students should expect reading research papers: the latest research papers to understand how trauma is studied and understood within the psychological community. Additionally, we'll explore the different approaches to trauma treatment and the professionals who specialize in this field.

Y11, Y12, Y13

Term: I, II

16:25 – 17:25

## Polish for non-polish speakers

All non-native Polish students who would like to develop their Polish language skills can sign up for Beginner Polish or Intermediate Polish clubs. If you are interested in joining these classes, please write directly to: <a href="mailto:schedule@akademeia.edu.pl">schedule@akademeia.edu.pl</a> with Mr Stefan Głowacki <a href="mailto:stefan.glowacki@akademeia.edu.pl">stefan.glowacki@akademeia.edu.pl</a>, Head of Polish, and your mentor in cc.

## Extra GCSE subjects for Year 10 students

Year 10 students may also wish to take Music, Drama or Art and Design GCSE classes. Please note that these classes lead to a GCSE qualification and therefore require a much greater time commitment than afternoon clubs and electives. If you would like to take either Music, Drama or Art and Design GCSE, please write directly to: <a href="mailto:schedule@akademeia.edu.pl">schedule@akademeia.edu.pl</a> with Mr Ron Fränzel <a href="mailto:ron.franzel@akademeia.edu.pl">ron.franzel@akademeia.edu.pl</a>, Head of Year 10, and your mentor in cc'.

Music

Teacher

Aleksandra Wittchen Julia Seeholzer UNDERSTANDING MUSIC COMPOSITION PERFORMANCE

8:30 - 9:55

8:30 - 9:55

Tuesday

Wednesday

Drama

Teacher

**Justin Lenderking** 

DEVISING DRAMA
AND TEXTS IN PRACTICE

8:30-9:55

8:30 - 9:55

Tuesday

Wednesday

Art & Design

Teacher

Sophie Lowden

Magdalena Strzelczak

8:30 - 9:55

14:50 - 16:15

Tuesday

**Friday** 

Sport is integral to the physical and personal development of young adults. Our school recognises this and has integrated sport classes for all Fifth Form students, according to their academic timetable.

Year 12 and Year 13 students have the option of voluntary sports classes and are encouraged to join one of the Sport Clubs. Participation is a Sport Club is especially recommended for Year 12 students. Involvement in sports promotes interdisciplinary learning, helping students establish connections between physical activity and academic subjects.

To further cater to our students' athletic interests, the school has an array of sport clubs available at various times. These clubs run not only in the afternoons and on Saturday mornings but also during early sessions before the school day begins. These clubs are available up until the end of the school year, ensuring students have plenty of opportunities to stay active and engaged.

## **Monday**

Volleyball Club & Volleyball Team

Teacher

Paweł Chrostowski Ron Fränzel

All groups

Whole year

**17:10 – 18:10** 

18:10 - 19:10

**Tuesday** 

Teacher **Edyta Czerwonka** 

Basketball Girls

All groups

Whole year

16:25-17:55

# Wednesday

### Zumba

Teacher

Shaghayegh Nazari

All groups

Whole year

7:25 - 8:25

## **Thursday**

## Basketball Boys

Teacher

Maciej Domoradzki

All groups

Whole year

17:10 - 18:40

## Football Boys

Teacher

Maciej Domoradzki

All groups Whole year

Sept - Oct: 16:15 - 18:00

From Nov: 17:45 - 19:00

## **Friday**

# Badminton and Table Tennis

Teacher **Edyta Czerwonka** 

All groups

Whole year

16:25 - 17:25

## Cycling Club

#### Teacher **Edyta Czerwonka**

This club is perfect for students who enjoy cycling and are looking for companions to explore interesting cycling paths, or for those who want to experience the beauty of this sport for the first time. We will organize cycling trips outside Warsaw twice a term. In Term I, the trips are scheduled for September 21st and October 5th; dates for Term III will be determined later. Each trip will cover a distance of approximately 50-70 km (3-5 hours). Participants are required to have their own bike (road, gravel, or mountain) and a helmet.

All groups Terms: I, III

Term I: Sept 21st & Oct 5th

NOTE: If students are interested in creating additional sports clubs (e.g., Frisbee, Girls' Football), they should contact Mr. Domoradzki by 6th September. If there is a minimum number of students and an available time slot, the classes will start from mid-September.

### **Student-led Initiatives**

## The Cubing Club

#### Leader Stanisław Ożynski

#### All groups

In this club, you will be able to learn how to solve the classic Rubik's cube and different variations of the puzzle. If you already know how to solve it, you will be able to improve your cubing skills. Cubing can develop your thinking abilities, and it's a fun skill to have. As the end goal of the club, we will maybe organise an official cubing competition in our school so you can experience the speed cubing community for yourself.

If you are interested, please send me an e-mail: stanislaw.ozynski@students.akademeia.edu.pl

# The FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC)\*

Leader: **Katarzyna Kozak** Co-Leader: **Jan Stęczniewski** 

#### All groups

The FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) offers an incredible opportunity to dive into the world of robotics! In this thrilling competition, you'll have the chance to design, build, and program a robot, which should be able to perform certain tasks. But it's not just about the technical aspects; you'll also develop essential teamwork skills, as you'll be a part of a dedicated team of passionate students!

While participating in FTC requires a significant time commitment, the skills and experiences you'll gain are truly invaluable. You'll engage in hands-on engineering, programming, and creative problem-solving, all while making new friends.

Please note that the competition takes place in the Netherlands, with the finals held in the US, and the school/sponsors may not cover all the associated costs. Additionally, due to the nature of the competition, some classes will be conducted in Polish, and knowledge of this language is necessary.

## Role-Playing Game Club!

#### Leader Stanisław Stęczniewski

#### All groups

Did you ever want to be someone else than you are, but it was impossible? In RPG you can be anyone you want to be, from a secret agent to a mage. Whether you prefer to wield a sword, shoot a gun, cast spells, or negotiate with dragons, there's a place for you at our table.

If you are interested, please send me an e-mail: stanislaw.steczniewski@students.akademeia.edu.pl

Adventure is waiting for you!

### CanSat P2P

#### Leaders Aleksiandr Kuryła Jakub Rudnicki

#### Students participating in CanSat

Run by two former CanSat finalists, CanSat P2P is a new club dedicated to offering unparalleled support and guidance to CanSat teams. Led by Aleks and Kuba, who both achieved second place in last year's national CanSat competition, the club promises a wealth of expertise and experience.

Aleks excels in multiple programming languages and is skilled to assist with any software engineering aspects of your CanSat project. Meanwhile, Kuba brings exceptional skills in CAD adaptive design using Fusion 360 together with 3D printing. Their combined technical knowledge ensures comprehensive support for every facet of your project.

Beyond technical guidance, CanSat P2P offers invaluable insights into report submissions, preflight testing, and launch campaigns—key elements for success in the competition. Open to all AHS students, regardless of year group, the club is not limited to current CanSat competitors but welcomes anyone with an interest in engineering.

Our mission at CanSat P2P is to cultivate a thriving engineering community centered around the CanSat competition. By joining, you'll receive toptier mentorship and become part of a supportive network that nurtures both current participants and future innovators. Join CanSat P2P and take your CanSat project to new altitudes!

## **Student-led Initiatives**

### Innovation Hub

Leaders Nicola Stanisławska Julia Wojas Patrycja Namysł

#### All groups

Are you passionate about science and technology? Do you want to connect with a global community that shares your enthusiasm? Join Innovation Hub - an international science magazine and online platform where high school students from around the world publish popular science articles, research papers, photography, movie and book reviews, and much more. Whether you're fascinated by the latest technological advancements, and groundbreaking scientific discoveries, or love to explore complex scientific concepts, Innovation Hub provides a unique opportunity to develop your passions and share your work with a worldwide audience. Become part of a diverse community of aspiring scientists and writers today.

To learn more about this initiative, visit our website: <a href="https://www.innovationhub.world/">https://www.innovationhub.world/</a>

### Information about additional costs

Debate Team - National and International Competitions LEGO League Model United Nations Sailing Club The FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC)

As part of the club, students may participate in various competitions and/or trips. These activities are optional and require parental consent. With their approval, any additional costs for transportation, accommodation, and registration fees will be added to the parent's invoice.

