



# LENZIE ACADEMY S2 ELECTIVE

August – December 2023



Dear Parent/Carer,

In order to provide personalisation and choice within the S2 curriculum, pupils are asked to choose an elective. This will enhance their core subjects within the **Broad General Education**.

Pupils have been given information about the elective at a recent assembly and this booklet provides you and them with information about what each elective can offer. The aim of these electives is to provide the opportunity to develop skills, facilitate a deeper understanding of a subject in which there is a particular interest or provide a taste of a subject that may not be delivered in S1. All S2 pupils will have a two-period elective on their timetable – the first elective will run from August – December; the second from January – May 2024.

Pupils should select **four choices** for the first elective programme by completing an elective choice form. The deadline for completing the form is **Friday 23rd June**. Pupils will have the chance to fill in their elective choice form in school, **week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June**.

Regards,

Mrs. F. Clyne

Depute Headteacher

## **Anatomical Drawing**

(Department: Art)

In this elective, you will have the chance to draw and paint using a variety of media, including pencil, charcoal, chalk or oil pastel and paint. You will get your ideas from photographs, still lives and botanical drawings. If you are interested in developing your observational and recording skills whilst experimenting with media, this is the elective for you.



## **Architects of History**

(Department: History)

Do you enjoy researching? Do you like arts and crafts? You could be an 'Architect of History!' This course will bring to life various time periods in history. You will find out about, and research for yourself, famous historical civilisations, buildings and battles. In order to show your learning, you will have the opportunity to plan, design and create scale models, using a variety of different craft materials.



## **Creative Drawing and Painting inspired by Artists**

(Department: Art)



In the Art and Design S2 Elective, we will do several drawing/ painting/ paper and card building projects. These will vary in style to the work completed in class. We will look at several artists work, and create our own drawings, paintings and constructions inspired by them.

One sculptor is Antony Gormley and you can see his small paper figures and life size metal sculptures. Sometimes, we will work on a larger scale and use unusual materials and techniques to make it fun.

## **Dance**

(Department: P.E.)

The S2 Dance Elective will involve creating, learning and performing a variety of genres of dance including jazz, freestyle, hip hop and contemporary. You will learn about various choreographic devices and how they can be used to create a motif in groups/pairs. You will evaluate performances and recognise strengths and areas of development– e.g. timing, flexibility, cooperation and balance. This elective will not only be enjoyable but will improve your fitness, your flexibility and balancing skills. It will also allow you to work with other pupils who have a similar interest to you.



## Drama

(Department: Performing Arts)

Do you want to develop your acting skills? In this elective, you will have the opportunity to develop your characterisation and improvisation skills with a focus on posture, facial expressions, tone, volume and accent. You will also respond to a given stimulus and develop on-going evaluation skills. Units of work previously covered are “The Wild West”, “Titanic” and



“The Puppet Show.” The stage is ready for a new start. Could it be you??!!

## **Events Management – Lenzie Lions**

(Department: Business Education)

If you select this elective, you will be based in an IT room where you will be organising all administrative tasks for a local sports team called The Lenzie Lions.

Imagine you have recently been hired by Sarah Jones, Team Manager, as an Administrative Assistant to help her and other staff carry out work to a high standard and help create a professional image for the club.

You will develop IT skills in word processing, desk-top publishing and spreadsheets.





## **Foreign Language Film Club**

(Department: Modern Languages)



Does watching films excite you? Would you like to make your own film? Why not join us to watch an international film (with subtitles) followed by an opportunity to make a film in English which incorporates some French or Spanish language culture.

Your teacher will guide you through the whole process of making the script and the film. At the end of the elective, you will be able to present your finished film to the class and take it home to show off your film making skills to your friends and family.

## **Geography Virtual Fieldtrips**

(Department: Geography)

In this elective you will take part in a series of virtual fieldtrips around the world. Each lesson will focus on a different location taking you to every corner of the globe! You will study the inequalities that exist and improve your understanding of the world. There will also be the opportunity to use VR and digital technology to explore these locations "in person".



## Horticulture

(Department: Biology)

This elective is really hands-on. You will be working on developing the garden in the school's quadrangle: weeding, growing plants from cuttings and seed and preparing for changes in the seasons.

If you are creative, like being outdoors and want to make a difference to the school, this is the elective for you!



## LA Law: Mock Trials

(Department: Modern Studies)

If you choose this elective, you will learn, interactively, about the Scottish legal system. Using carefully constructed witness statements, you will prepare the prosecution and defence for specially written criminal cases. Through role play, you will be lawyers, witnesses, court staff and jurors. You will learn skills that are transferrable to other areas of education, now and in the future.

Participation may be of particular interest for those considering a career in law, journalism, the police or drama.



## **Maths at Work**

(Department: Maths)



Have you ever asked your teacher the question: when am I ever going to need this? If so, then this is the elective for you! Hear from a range of real-life experts including air traffic control, architecture, sports science, and events management and find out how they use Maths every day in their jobs. You will then get the chance to try some Maths activities linked to that career - note that no textbooks will be used in this class! This course might even give some of you the inspiration to go into a future career path in Maths!

## **Music Technology**

(Department: Music)

In the S2 Music Technology elective, you will learn how to record and mix audio and instruments using Garageband on iPads and Reaper on iMacs. You will work on projects including producing a radio play, mixing a rock band recording, creating an audiobook as well as working in friendship groups to produce a short multi-tracked recording of your chosen piece of music. There will also be a trip to North Lanarkshire College's recording studios, where you will experience a professional style studio environment.





## Outdoor PE Games/Activities

(Department: PE)

In this elective, you will experience a range of outdoor sports, games and activities. The purpose of this elective is to experience new outdoor activities but also to increase your skill level and fitness. You will also focus on working together and being part of a team.



## Philosophical Inquiry

(Department: RMPS)

In this elective, pupils take the method of Philosophical Inquiry that they have tried in RMPS to a whole new level. They are able to devise philosophical questions, elect which ones to discuss and then do practical philosophical reasoning to come to a mutual conclusion. Many pupils want to do PI (aka "circle time" every week). Here is your chance to do just that!



## **Practical Woodworking Skills**

(Department: Design Technology)



If you select this elective, you will be based in a Design Technology workshop and will be expected to adhere to all health and safety rules before you begin to manufacture a small project from wood.

There are three outcomes from the course: (i) Use a range of common hand tools, (ii) Make a range of wooden joints and (iii) Manufacture an accurate model from a working drawing.

This elective concentrates on the use of marking out tools and a range of bench tools in the construction of the model. If you liked manufacturing the acrylic clock in S1, you will enjoy this elective

## **School of Rugby**

(Department: PE)

A rugby elective is available in the PE department. Whether you are an experienced player, someone who has played before but maybe doesn't now or a complete beginner, then the rugby elective could be for you. You will experience a mixture of touch rugby, skill drills and contact games to develop your understanding of how to play rugby and your ability to play the game effectively. There will also be the opportunity to improve your fitness, learn how to use the school's gym equipment and play in the school team. The team is run jointly with Lenzie Rugby Club.



As a running, handling, catching, passing and kicking game, rugby has a lot to offer. Why not give it a "try"?

## **Science in Society**

(Department: Chemistry)

This elective looks at various experimental techniques used in industry to determine levels of pollution in the environment. The course also looks at how the pharmaceutical industry determines the content of their medication.

This is a great choice for anyone who might consider a career in the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency or a career as a pharmacist or analytical chemist.



## **Young STEM Leader Elective**

Department: Biology

The Young STEM Leader Programme (YSLP) is an exciting new opportunity that aims to spark greater interest and participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) among young people in Scotland.

Young people have the chance to inspire, lead and mentor their peers through the creation and delivery of STEM activities and events within their schools, communities or youth groups.

The elective will run for a full year and pupils who sign up must be willing to lead Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths initiatives or activities in school. Pupils participating will have the chance to achieve a STEM leader award.



### **How to sign up for Electives**

1. You will be issued with a copy of the elective booklet and an **elective choice form**.
2. You should read all the options and then select **FOUR choices** by writing them on your form. We will try to ensure you get one of the choices on your list.
3. Make sure your name and Guidance group is on your form.
4. If you have any questions about the elective, you should see Mrs. Clyne in her office (A13) as soon as possible.
5. The deadline for submitting your elective choice form is **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**.