



August 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

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 and each elective ties in with our BGE Academies from S1 and S2. Pupils will be opting into additional time in a particular Academy area that they are interested in.

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/S2. All S2 pupils will have a two-period elective on their timetable- the first elective, will run from August to December; the second from January to May 2026. Pupils should select **two choices** (a preferred choice and a backup choice, in case an elective cannot run) for the **first** elective programme by completing an elective choice form online. the deadline for completing the form is **4PM on Tuesday 17th of June**. The form will go 'live' on the S2 Year group Team at **4PM on Thursday the 12th of June**. The form cannot be changed once it is submitted, so pupils should ensure they have read the booklet thoroughly before selecting their choice.

Regards,

Miss A. Steel

Depute Headteacher



(Department: Music)

In the S2 Music Performing and Technology elective, you will continue to develop your instrumental skills and also use the iPad to learn about recording through Garageband. Audio capture, mic'ing techniques and special effects will be taught in this elective along with some class solo and group performing.



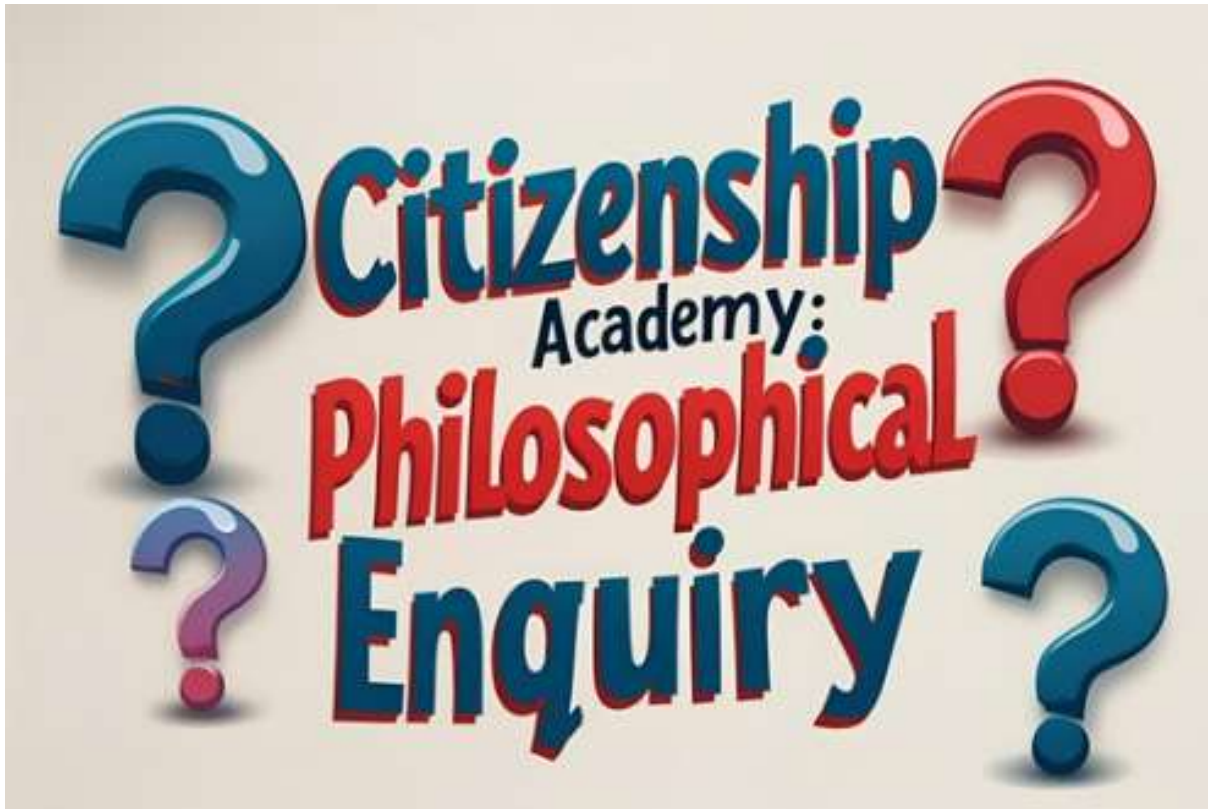
(Department: HFT)

If you are creative and have an interest in sewing, this could be the elective for you. In this elective you will have the opportunity to develop sewing skills and create a number of hand-made items as well as having the opportunity to upcycle, where you can transform old materials into something new. In this elective you will get the opportunity to be creative and develop some basic sewing and designing skills.



(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 transferable 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.



(Department: RMPS)

Philosophical Inquiry is the method of community inquiry that we sometimes use in RMPS. Pupils sit in a circle and generate philosophical questions that we can agree or disagree upon. We take it in turns to contribute viewpoints, but everybody actively listens to the arguments being given. In the elective we can discuss ANY question that we choose e.g. is a Jaffa cake a cake or biscuit, or do I see the same colour blue as you see?



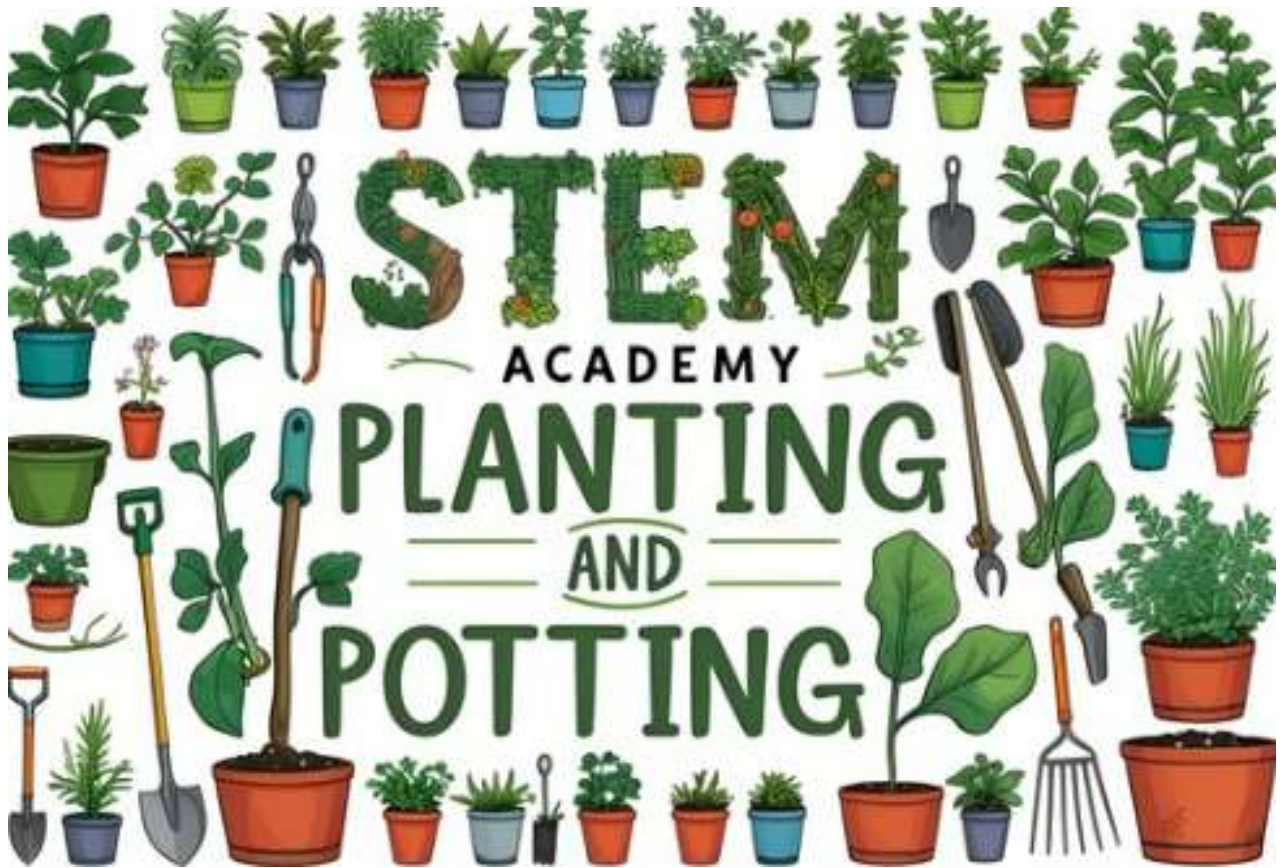
(Department: History)

Have you ever visited a museum and felt bored? One clay pot after another. Was something missing? How could it have been made more exciting? If you think you could create an engaging museum exhibition for young people with similar interests as you, this is the elective for you. You will have the opportunity to plan, design and create museum exhibitions which will bring a historical subject to life, as well as take VR tours of some of the greatest museums and historical sites in the world.



(Department: English)

Do you love films? Do you dream of entering the film industry one day? Screen Education - also known as Film Education - will give you an opportunity to develop your critical, cultural, and creative knowledge and skills. Through the study of screen-based media, we can learn not only about the technical screen aspects of the film industry, but also about the world we live in, the people within it, and ourselves. Screen Education is a creative subject that will allow you to develop your media literacy skills by giving you the opportunity to research, design, create and produce your own film content!



(Department: Biology)

This practical, interactive elective will focus on the development of the Contemplation and Commemoration Garden in the quadrangle. The garden holds significant importance within our school community as it serves as a space for honouring and remembering pupils and staff of Lenzie Academy. This elective will involve activities such as planting and nurturing plants, weeding, and preparing for changes in the seasons. No prior gardening experience is required!



(Department: Chemistry)

This elective looks at various experimental techniques used in industry to determine levels of pollution in the environment, how the pharmaceutical industry determines the content of their medication and how forensic techniques solve crimes. This is a great choice for anyone who might consider a career in the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency or a career as a pharmacist, analytical chemist, or forensic scientist.



(Department Geography)

This two-part elective offers an exciting opportunity to take on the 'Wind Farm Challenge' and complete the John Muir Award.

The Wind Farm Challenge- Part 1

Working in teams, you'll take on the challenge of designing, building, and testing a model wind turbine. Your goal: to generate the highest amount of electricity. This task will develop your problem-solving, teamwork, and engineering skills.

You'll also step into the boardroom in a *Dragon's Den*-style presentation, where you'll pitch your wind turbine design to a panel—testing your communication, creativity, and persuasion skills.

John Muir Award – Part 2

Building on the work you began in the S1 BGE Academy, this part of the elective focuses on completing your John Muir Award. In partnership with *Friends of Lenzie Moss*, you'll take part in hands-on conservation activities to help protect and preserve our local nature reserve.

Please note: some activities will take place outside the classroom—so come prepared for outdoor work and real-world impact!



(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, co-operation, 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.



(Department P.E.)

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.



(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"?