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Year 7 - 2022

Elective Information Booklet

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INTRODUCTION

This *Year 7 2022 Elective Information Booklet* provides useful information about each Year 7 elective on offer at The King's College next year. Please read through this booklet to gain an understanding of the content for each elective course. **It is important to note that some of your electives have been preselected for you.**

Digital Technologies will be assigned to you and will run for one period for the whole year.

Year 8 students will also have **two** double-periods of electives on their timetable. These courses will run for a semester with a mid-year rotation. So that is four semester electives in total.

One of these semester electives has been preselected for you, that is **Visual Arts.**

The other three semester electives can be filled from the following choices:

Design and Technology

- Discovering Food
- Textile and Design
- Woodwork

Performing Arts

- Dance
- Drama
- Music

Note: you will need to choose one each from the Design and Technology and the Performing Arts lists.
The final choice is from either.

It is important to note that each listed course is not guaranteed to run, as many factors must be considered as the timetable is constructed. Further, two or more preferred courses may run on the same timetabled gridline meaning that only one can be studied, making the identification of more than just six courses of interest advisable.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

*** This elective is preselected for every Year 7 student for one period per week all year**

Do you want to learn about gaming, networks, simulations, web design, media, data? These are some of the topics covered in digital technologies. In this class, you will work on understanding how computers work using a variety of programs and computer systems. We will look at how computers are used around the world and the importance of 'data' in our evolving digital lives. From coding to cookies, this is an introduction to all things digital.

VISUAL ARTS

*** This elective is preselected for every Year 7 student for two periods per week for one semester.**

In Year 7 Visual Art, as well as drawing and painting, we plan to introduce more hands-on project techniques, like printing making, air dry clay modelling, screen printing and simple forms of sculpture. In Visual Arts, we investigate various artists and art movements, and you have the valuable opportunity to learn and practise important transferable skills, e.g. decision making, spatial awareness, self-reliance, focus, persistence, problem-solving, attention to detail, and a means to enhance your wellbeing, as well as express yourself. When working well, we listen to class playlists, and it is a great break from your core subject load.

DANCE

In 2022, the school is seeking students interested in a variety of dance genres. Students will be developing basic technical skills, refining basic dance techniques, and learning how to express themselves through the art form. Students will be afforded the opportunity to perform in front of an audience. This elective is fun, physical and engaging. Learning to dance helps to build confidence and keep you fit at the same time. Plus, you never know in your life when a stranger will emerge from the shadows to challenge you to a dance-off! Will you be prepared?

MUSIC

This exciting music elective is designed to get students playing, performing and recording different contemporary instruments such as guitar, keyboard and drums. Whether you can already play an instrument or not, we'll work together to create performances as a band (complete with singers and production crew). We'll cover important elements of music language to help us perform and put songs together. We'll write our own, arrange them, perform them, and produce them using GarageBand recording skills we've learned. This is a very creative and collaborative class, and we'll enjoy exploring the secrets of modern music artists such as Hillsong Young and Free, Billie Eilish, The Weekend (and more), as well as developing our own contemporary sound.

DRAMA

Drama is a course designed for students interested in gaining knowledge and skills in viewing and presenting devised and scripted drama. Students can expect to learn how to safely use processes, techniques and conventions of drama and to develop performances using selected drama forms and styles. Once students have finished the course, they will be able to create and critique their own drama performances as well as the work of their peers and other published texts.

DISCOVERING FOOD

This course introduces students to the kitchen learning environment. There is an emphasis on safety and health as well as discovering new foods and their sensory properties. In this course, students get to invent their own pizzas and muffins as well as investigate healthy eating options.

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TEXTILES AND DESIGN

Textiles and Design is a new elective being offered in 2022. This elective explores the foundation principles of garment design, the composition of different textiles and developing a design concept from idea to final piece. Students will learn basic design techniques with a focus on sustainability, use a variety of today's fabrics and equipment, investigate historical and cultural trends in fabrics and fashion, all whilst developing their creative design ideas.

WOODWORK

A major focus of the Technologies department will be to introduce students to modern-day material technologies and production methods. Students will develop understandings of the different environmental impacts associated with differing materials and be better equipped to select suitable materials to achieve the desired outcome when producing projects. Students will gain relevant skills and knowledge to assist in anything from home DIY to future employment endeavours.

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