

The Cherwell School

Extended Day Programme

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Extended Day Programme?

The Extended Day Programme is for students in year 7 and 8 and has been running since January 2015. It takes place two afternoons a week (Monday and Tuesday) at the Cherwell School between 3.20pm and 5.20pm. The first hour consists of sports and games, and the second hour is devoted to supervised homework and academic study. Biscuits, Squash and Fruit are provided after the first hour.

Why does the school offer this programme?

The Extended Day Programme provides an environment where students can enjoy some physical activity and then approach their homework/academic study with refreshed minds and bodies. We run it after school in recognition that the school day finishes early enough for students to be able to benefit from this programme. There are also well-known benefits from physical activity and peer group academic study.

Does my child have to attend all sessions?

No. Students can register for as many or as few weekly sessions as they wish. They can also choose whether to attend both sessions or just the sports or just the study session.

Which sports and activities are included?

During colder months, activities are indoors and include basketball, dodge ball and indoor football. Outdoor activities such as football and tennis are popular choices for the warmer terms. We hope to offer a selection at each session (some options are of course weather-dependent).

What happens during the study session?

Students sit in a supervised classroom, completing homework individually or in small peer groups as appropriate (supervisors offer support). If students are present in these sessions without specific homework for that evening, additional material to develop their key stage 3 learning will be provided.

How much does it cost?

We are asking for a parental contribution of £5.50 per 2 hour session. If students attend only 1 hour of the 2 available there will be a cost of £3 per session.

What if the fee is too much for our family, but I still want my child to participate?

Some students may be eligible for a reduced fee. If your child is a Cherwell Scholar the reduced fee is explained further on letters available from the South Site admin office or via email extendedday@cherwell.oxon.sch.uk

What about other after-school clubs that don't charge?

Students who participate in free after-school clubs, and who represent the school at sports which practice after school for free, are very welcome to continue attending those clubs. You can find out about these clubs on the schools website and we will inform students of the activities available via form tutors.

Can I go to a free club and then attend the homework/study session, and pay less?

Yes, but you will need to indicate that you wish to do this from the beginning of term. As outlined above, the cost would be £3 (Cherwell Scholars refer to alternative letter).

How is the money collected?

Students are registered after completion of the Extended Day Programme registration form. Forms will be sent out to each student towards the end of each term for the following term. Payment can be made by cash or cheque and must be paid in full when returning the registration form.

Can Child Care Vouchers be used towards payment?

Unfortunately, Child Care Vouchers can't be used towards payment at the moment.

Can I cancel my child's attendance at any given session if necessary?

In emergencies, a child's attendance can be cancelled by emailing the Extended Day Programme co-ordinator on extendedday@cherwell.oxon.sch.uk but we will not be able to refund the money for that session. Supervisors hold an attendance list for each session and they will be notified of your child's absence.

What are the arrangements for supervision?

Grant Madden and Michael Hopkins from the PE Department run the programme. Both are first aid trained and have undergone a safeguarding (DBS) check as appropriate.

Does my child need to bring any special equipment to school?

We offer a range of sports/activities each session and given that some will take place outside (football for example); suitable PE kit will be required. At minimum, children will need to have appropriate footwear (i.e. shoes that fasten securely and allow for freedom of movement)

What about refreshments?

Biscuits, squash and fruit are provided between sessions, but children are advised to bring an additional snack if they want/need it. They are also strongly encouraged to bring their own water bottle.

How far in advance to I need to register?

We ask parents to register one term in advance. Reminders about re-registering are sent to parents towards the end of each term with a deadline return date.

Who do I need to contact for more information?

The Extended Day Programme co-ordinator can be contacted via email on extendedday@cherwell.oxon.sch.uk