

# Year 7 - Scholars Academy

2024-2025

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Welcome to the Durrington High School Year 7 Scholars Academy Programme. At Durrington, we like you, want the best for all our students and want them to have the highest aspirations and ambitions for themselves. The Scholars Academy Project is aimed at providing our highest achieving students in years 7 a series of enrichment sessions, activities and workshops across multiple subject areas allowing them to explore topics and develop skills beyond those in their normal curriculum.

## **Who is invited to be part of the Scholars Academy?**

The Scholars Academy is made up of approximately 30 students from year 7. Your child has been selected based on their entry data on joining Durrington and/or the positive start they have made to their studies with us., which has identified them as having some of the highest potential in the year group.

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## How does the Scholars Academy work?

Being part of the Scholars Academy gives students access to a wide range of extra-curricular sessions aimed at further supporting their academic progress and study skills at DHS. Each half term will see students attend 2-3 extra curricular sessions run by DHS staff from a particular subject area. Some sessions may also be run, solely or partly, by visiting guests such as DHS alumni that have gone on to be specialists in particular fields. These sessions will give students the opportunity to explore parts of their subjects not normally covered in their year 7 curriculum. This booklet provides you with details of the sessions we already have planned for the Scholars Academy, but we are constantly looking to expand this provision even further.

In addition to the subject specific sessions, there will also be additional and bespoke sessions throughout the year including:

- How to prepare/revise for secondary school assessments\* (Parents/Carers may also attend these sessions)
- Careers specific sessions with our Careers Leader Mr Henry
- Head Teachers Breakfast Sessions (Dates TBC)

If you have any questions regarding the Year 7 Scholars Program please contact Mr Crockett at [bcrockett@durring.com](mailto:bcrockett@durring.com).





## **Autumn Term**

**Subject: English**

**Dates: 6/11/24 and 20/11/24 - Location G35E**

**Workshop Topic: *Creative Writing***

*Building on their work in lessons, students will get the opportunity to write a complete narrative of their choice and also analyse and deconstruct a series of challenging, but interesting short stories, to develop their writing skills.*

**Subject: Geography - Location F29H**

**Dates: 28/11/24 and 12/12/24**

**Workshop Topic: *Mapping Our World***

*These two workshops will encourage students to explore the history of maps in Geography and how these have evolved over time. Students will also learn about the necessary features of a map and develop their own mapping system for our local area - which will involve them working collaboratively and develop their team work skills to create an effective map of large area.*





## Spring Term

**Subject: Modern Foreign Languages - Location UO6L**

**Dates: 14/01/25 & 21/01/25 & 28/01/25**

**Workshop Topic: Introduction to German**

*These workshops will introduce students to basic conversational German allowing them to apply their language learning skills to a new language they don't normally get to study in lessons.*

**Subject: Social and Moral Education**

**Dates: 12/02/25 & 26/02/24 & 05/03/25 - Location S2**

**Workshop Topic: A Mock Election**

*Students will develop their knowledge of what an election is and in doing so developing an understanding of that is happening in their local communities and nationally. Students will plan how to run an election (learning about different voting methods), encourage the electorate (other pupils) to vote and learn about the policies of different parties, before taking part in election hustings and doing a mock Prime Ministers Question Time.*

**Subject: Science - GO3S**

**Dates: 10/03/25 & 18/03/25 & 25/03/25**

**Workshop Topic: How is STEM saving the world**

*A series of sessions looking at how we track the spread of diseases around the world,, before considering complex questions such as "can we rid the world of disease?" and "can we ensure health for all in an emergency?"*



## Summer Term

**Subject: Art and Design - Art Department**

**Dates: 06/05/25 & 13/05/25 & 20/05/25**

**Workshop Topic: Art and Design Workshops**

*Students will get the opportunity to take part in a variety work shops exploring different artistic disciplines, from developing their observational drawing skills through a session entitled "Talking about Art", to creating Continuous Line Wire Sculptures and Expressive Painting.*

**Subject: Computer Science - F24T**

**Dates: TBC**

**Workshop Topic: Programming**

*Students will develop the programming skills they have started to learn during their Year 7 lessons, and apply these to a variety of micro-bits and robots, to get their machines performing tasks and taking part in challenges.*

**Subject: History**

**Dates: 24/06/25 and 01/07/25 - F34H**

**Workshop Topic: Ancient Greek Society -**

*This session will look at ancient Greek society. We will explore how power was shared, people's views in society and what they valued. Students will get an insight into a society which at times was advanced and very modern, and at others one of chaos and disorder.*



\*Details regarding the additional sessions, including the Headteacher's Breakfast and Careers sessions will be sent out in due course.



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