

SCHOOLS IN BRITAIN - NOT ONLY LESSONS



1 What are after-school clubs?

All schools have after-school clubs. They offer students a **choice** of interesting activities, from dancing and chess to judo, cooking and sports. There are also clubs to help students with their homework. Sometimes students take extra Math classes or they have French, Spanish or German conversation classes. Teachers usually **encourage** their students to go to these clubs. Students enjoy after-school clubs and they learn a lot of new things.

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School trips are an important part of school life, too. Teachers take their students on day trips to museums, art galleries and other places of interest, like Stonehenge or the Roman baths in Bath. Sometimes they go to theatres and concerts, too. There are also trips to visit interesting cities in the UK, like Oxford or Stratford-Upon-Avon. Schools sometimes organize sports trips, too, like skiing in France or Italy, and adventure sports courses like rock-climbing or kayaking.

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All secondary schools have teams for sports such as football, rugby, netball and hockey in winter and tennis, cricket and athletics in the summer. There are usually training sessions at lunchtimes and after school. The school teams play competitive matches against other schools in a **league**.

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Some students have music lessons to learn to play an instrument at school. Schools often have an orchestra and a **choir**, and there are sometimes rock, jazz and folk bands, too. School orchestras



and choirs have **rehearsals** at lunchtime and after school and give concerts during the year. In December, music teachers usually organize a Christmas concert.

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The school theatre production is another important part of school life. Schools usually have one theatre production a year, often a **play** by Shakespeare like *Hamlet* or *Romeo and Juliet*.



Musicals like *The Lion King* and *Mamma Mia* are also popular - the school orchestra plays the music and students sing, dance and act. The performances are usually in the evening and students' families and friends come to watch them.

READING

1. Read the text above and write the paragraph titles in the empty spaces.

- A. Do British schools have music lessons?
- B. What sports activities do schools have in the UK?
- C. ~~What are after school clubs?~~
- D. Do schools do theatre productions?
- E. Do students go on school trips?



2. Read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1. What do students learn at after-school clubs?
They learn lots of new things.
- 2. Where do teachers take their students on day trips?

- 3. When do school sports teams have training sessions?

4. What music groups do schools have?

5. How often do schools have a theatre production?

6. Who do students invite to the school theatre production?

WRITING

3. Use the information about Nathalie to complete the dialogue.
Write full sentences.



NATHALIE SMITH (YEAR 9)

Extra activities:

Monday lunchtime: piano lessons

Tuesday after school: Spanish club

Thursday after school: Dance club

Teacher: Do you have music lessons?

Nathalie: Yes, I do. I have piano lessons.

Teacher: When are the lessons?

Nathalie: _____

Teacher: Do you learn any languages after school?

Nathalie: _____

Teacher: Which day do you go to Spanish Club?

Nathalie: _____

Teacher: Do you only do two extra activities?

Nathalie: _____

Teacher: When do you go to Dance Club?

Nathalie: _____