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## Elective: Journalism

## Overview

Students will learn and develop some important journalism (and life!) skills such as interviewing, fact checking, reporting and editing. Students will produce articles and content for a course newspaper or magazine. Students will also be taught how to use English more effectively to write in a journalistic style.

## Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- be better able to research and gather information.
- be able to identify different types of journalism and styles of journalistic writing.
- have researched, written and edited an article or feature for a school magazine.


## Language Outcomes:

Students will:

- be able to use adjectives and adverbs to make sentences more powerful.
- be able to identify the differences between journalistic writing and other styles of writing.
- be better able to take notes and summarise important information.


## Sample Content:

## SESSION 1

## SESSION 3

- Different types of journalism
- How is journalism different to other kinds of writing?
- Create a school magazine/newspaper.
- Decide on a title and mission statement
- Journalistic skills:
- Summarising and note taking.
- Research and information gathering.
- Plan final article.

| SESSION 2 | SESSION 4 |
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- What makes a good story?
- How to structure an article.
- Language for impact.
- Decide on topic of article
- Writing and editing
- Fact-checking
- Produce final article.

FAQs.

## Can students choose this elective more than once per course?

Yes, students can repeat this elective if they wish. Each elective students can choose to focus on a different kind of journalism and produce a different kind of article (interview, factual news report, review, gossip piece etc.) - the opportunities are endless!

| HOURS BREAKDOWN PER 2 WEEK COURSE |  |
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| TUITION HOURS | PROGRAMME CONTENT |
| English Tuition: 30 hours | Project work in the classroom (student learn through doing a project with a specific outcome such as a magazine, short film or performance) |
| Electives Tuition: 18 hours | Chosen elective. Students choose 3 electives per course. Language learning is integrated into all these activities. Students each receive a handbook containing instructions, tips, activities and language tasks. |
| TOTAL: 48 |  |
| ACTIVITY HOURS |  |
| Evening Events: 20 hours | Evening events. The students usually come together as a group for the evening programme. Students participate in range of creative games, contests and shows which encourage team work, cooperation and above all communication in English. |
| Free Activity Time: 6 hours | Activity time These sessions are more relaxed with the focus on fun, making friends and relaxation. Activities can be sports, arts and crafts or whole group activities such as a Country Fair or a Sports Tournament. |
| TOTAL: 26 |  |
| STUDY TOURS |  |
| Study Tours: 3 days (9am-6pm) | Study Tours: Every student attends 3 full day study tours over a two week course. Students are prepared for study tours in class and the trips are integrated into the academic programme. Every student will visit London at least once during their stay. Other popular destinations include: Oxford, Warwick Castle, Greenwich, Cambridge and Brighton. |

