

Celebrating Successes Extracurricular Activities

Chess Club

Chess club is easily one of the best clubs that SJB has to offer. The instructor is very friendly and helpful, not to mention a great teacher. Every session, we are taught different chess tactics that we try to incorporate into our games against one another. Some of the things we have learned so far are: basic checkmates, pins, forks and opening theory. Personally, I enjoy playing different people and learning new things to help me improve at the game. The club has a great atmosphere and I would recommend it to anyone who has an interest in chess.

By Jann Panaga 9LPE



Lego Club

Imagine, create, build, enjoy! This is what Lego Club is all about. There are so many sets available, from Harry Potter to F.R.I.E.N.D.S, from Star Wars to Lego friends, so much waiting to be created that you could build on your own or with friends! Lego club has taught me many things. Firstly, it has improved my ability to work as a team, as now I understand that working together and achieve great things. But to work as team, you need to have patience. This is another thing Lego club at taught me. Patience is something that no one can help you with, you have to be able to understand that you make mistakes, you might mess up once in a while but don't



let those take away your power. Lastly, Lego club has taught me that logical thinking helps to maintain that patience in order to build something spectacular. Thinking logically can also help us avoid ending up in a right old mess! It can also help us plan ahead, for example, my friend and I chose the Weasley's house to build from Harry Potter. The only problem was that the set wasn't new so all the pieces were scatted everywhere. We spent a whole lesson sorting out the pieces to make building the house so much easier for us! All we have to do now is build! I enjoy this club so much because it's a break from school and learning. It's also a massive stress relief as you can dive into the other world and forget about the problems from reality and focus on the world you are creating. At the end of all this you get a sense of achievement by being imaginative and creating something truly wonderful!

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Mathletes

I would recommend giving Mathletes a try. Mathletes is a relaxed club where you will have fun with challenges such as solving puzzles and games. My favourite is the sudoku and the countdown challenge! And if you're really lucky you might get a chocolate. Mathletes allows you to approach maths in a team setting and socialise with like-minded people. It has taken the fear out of maths and helped me speak in groups confidently.

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