



Enrichment Guide 2016



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Enrichment Options

During your time at college we strongly encourage you to broaden your experiences, develop your skills and deepen your knowledge and understanding of the world. To do this we want you to undertake a range of **Professional Development Activities**.

These will help you to become both a better a student and develop your future employability skills. The quadrant grid below and the courses detailed in this brochure can help you select options for completing your **Professional Development Activities**.

<p>Preparation for your future career</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Career Passport • Attend a Careers Guidance Interview and agree an action plan • Join a specific Vocational Academy and undertake work experience/work shadowing • Complete an Internship • Attend Professional skills workshops • Attend Pre University taster sessions • Join one of the College Academies • Complete an EPQs • Become a Subject Ambassador or guide <p>Paid employment</p> <p>Employers always value the qualities of someone who has successfully secured and maintains employment over a period of time.</p>	<p>Service to Others*</p> <p>Individuals who freely give of their own time and energy to help others are always highly regarded, This may take the form of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising money for a charity • Working for a charity • Being a College Health or Charity Ambassador • Being a mentor to other students or pupils <p>Taking a leadership role is especially valued, in the scouts, guides or similar organisations.</p> <p>*Students completing 100 hours of Service to Others during two years of college will be eligible for College Colours.</p>
<p>Creative</p> <p>Participating in creative activities either individually or as part of a larger team always says positive things about you, this may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing in an orchestra or group • Being part of a drama or performance group • Achieving recognised music, dance or drama qualifications, grades, or other awards • Undertaking structured creative writing or journalistic writing. • Undertaking creative work, such as photography, videography 	<p>Sporting</p> <p>The self-discipline required to train and perform over a sustained period of time attests to many positive qualities.</p> <p>You can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both individual or team sports • Sporting achievements, cups, medals, grades • Undertaking Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Career Passport

Course description: The Career Passport helps you develop for your future career. The best candidates for university and employment will include Professional Development Activities that demonstrate their range of skills and experiences. In order to count towards the Career Passport the Professional Development Activities should be completed during your time at College.



You will be able to pick up activities through the Enrichment Programme and your Academic Coach will guide and monitor your progress. There are three stages to complete in order to achieve the Career passport. If you are studying a BTEC programme the opportunities for completing the Career passport will be built into the course:

Stage 1. Completing a skills self-assessment.

Stage 2. Completing a range of Professional Development Activities.

Stage 3. Receiving feedback from external organisations and incorporating it into a CV or personal statement.

The Career Passport recognises different levels of achievement: a Gold, Silver and Bronze Career Passport. Each is based on different levels of completion of stage 2

- Gold award Career Passport. Students who complete 100 hours of Professional Development Activities
- Silver award Career Passport. Students who complete 70 hours of Professional Development Activities
- Bronze award Career Passport. Students who complete 35 hours of Professional Development Activities

Course duration: September 2015 - September 2016

Time commitment: 100 hours over the year

Course costs: There may possibly be some local travel costs.

Who can sign up: All students will be expected to participate.

How and when to sign up: Ongoing from September 2015.

Creative Writing

Course description: This enrichment offers a workshop-style approach to improving and exercising your creative writing talents. You will get excellent tuition in how to write in a variety of genres for a range of audiences and develop skills which make your writing effective. This course is for fun and to allow you to indulge your creativity. If you would like to write creatively and also gain a qualification, then consider enrolling for a general Extended Project Qualification. Please see the Enrichment guide for further details

Course duration: September to Easter

Time commitment: 1 period per week

Course costs: None.

Who can sign up: Any student

How and when to sign up: You must let staff know at your enrolment interview.

Duke of Edinburgh

Course description: This course is completed during Year 12. It is run through an external contractor. There are two main expeditions, the training and the qualifying expedition, and one short teaching expedition (completed locally). Other aspects of the course are completed outside college (Physical Service, Residential and Skill). These will be monitored by College using e-DofE.



Course duration: September - July

Time commitment: There will be meetings throughout the year as well as three scheduled expeditions.

Course costs: Students must attend an introductory meeting and, if they are interested, they need to see Suzanne Madeley at main reception and pay a non-refundable registration fee of £86 (this covers licencing and the student becomes a member of the DoE organization). There are a further 3 instalments of £125 throughout the year to cover administration, teaching and assessment. Students need to be aware that the expeditions incur additional costs for hire of some equipment, campsite fees and transport, food and personal clothing, etc.

Who can sign up: All Year 12 students

How and when to sign up: Students must attend an introductory meeting and if they are interested and pay the non-refundable registration fee to Suzanne Madeley at Main Reception. Students who do not complete the course may be entitled to some refund from the three £175 instalments where paid but when the supplier has incurred costs through the delivery of sessions, this may not be possible.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Course description: The EPQ is a piece of independent work of a student's choice, which can either be an artefact or an extended piece of academic writing. The focus is on research and planning skills leading to a final piece. There are a number of specialist routes available including through one of the subject academies. Students are encouraged to be creative and innovative. The work completed cannot be connected to any aspect of AS or A2 work. This is assessed at A level standard and as such an A* is achievable. It boosts university and employment applications.

Course duration: January in Year 12 - December in Year 13

Time commitment: 1 period per week

Course costs: None.

Who can sign up: All AS students

How and when to sign up: When you attend your enrolment interview in August you will be able to add the EPQ to your other subjects. There will be some short talks during the first term to give you more information about the EPQ before lessons start.



Gifted & Talented Programme

Course description: The Gifted & Talented Programme offers:

- extensive support and guidance for UCAS applications to Russell Group universities, especially for highly competitive courses such as Medicine, Law etc.
- preparation for university tests and interviews.
- support with personal statements.
- a place on the G+T Summer School in June.
- extension work opportunities.
- access to Moodle website with links, activities and aptitude tests which will strengthen applications to university.
- a specific programme for those students considering applying to Oxford or Cambridge.

Course duration: March of Year 12 - end of Year 13

Time commitment: 2 days Summer School in June of Year 12 and attendance at meetings as required.

Course costs: None.

Who can sign up: Students usually have A/A* GCSE profile and also:

- have an enthusiasm and interest in their subject and other academic pursuits.
- be proactive and independent.
- have the desire to seek out wider reading and research opportunities.
- take part in some sort of extracurricular activity – this could be the Extended Project Qualification or wider reading or work experience.

How and when to sign up: Students with a strong GCSE profile are invited to a meeting to address the key commitments of the programme. Teachers are also asked to nominate any other students who they feel are excelling in their subject area. Interested students then sign up via Moodle.



Model United Nations

Course description: We normally run one or two teams of students, representing a named country at a Model United Nations competition with other sixth form colleges. They work together and spend several months researching their allocated/chosen country, the issues facing them, and forming considered opinions on international issues. They then attend a 3-day event (Friday - Sunday) in Birmingham in March, at which they represent their country on several committees, building support for their resolutions in an attempt to have them passed by the UN general assembly. This enrichment leads to an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

Course duration: October – March.

Time commitment: 1 period per week (usually lunchtimes) plus 3-day event in March.

Course costs: Local transport costs apply for final conference weekend.

Who can sign up: Year 12 & Year 13 students with an interest in the world around them.

How and when to sign up: There will be a competitive audition in September/October.



Pre-Driver Training

Course description: This nine-week course provides 'hands on' experience to learn basic driving skills and manoeuvres with tuition by qualified driving instructors. The course also looks at driving safety and theory. Seven sessions are practical and the other two are theory based. Please note, this is a very popular enrichment and places are strictly limited.

Course duration: During the Autumn term, the course runs on 3 different afternoons at 4.00pm. Applicants will be asked to state their preferred afternoon when they attend the compulsory information meeting in Week 2 of the autumn term. Dependant on student demand, the course may also run during the Spring term.

Time commitment: Students are required to attend the course once a week over a nine week period after College.

Course costs: Places are issued on a 'first come first served' basis, once payment of £49 is received and the afternoon agreed.

Who can sign up: Students who are 16 in the autumn term, although the course is open to any student who feels they would benefit. Students do not need a provisional driving licence to participate.

How and when to sign up: At the enrolment interview students must register their interest. Payment should be made via Parentpay or by cash/cheque to the Central Admin Office in Meriden Building. The student information meetings will be advertised at the beginning of term.



Team Gambia

Course description: This project involves a visit to The Gambia in West Africa to complete voluntary work in a primary school in Abuko on the outskirts of Banjul. Students will improve their communication skills, develop confidence and the ability to work successfully as part of a team.



Course duration: One week in either November or December 2017.

Time commitment: Regular meetings with lead staff in relation to planning for the trip (approximately 10 meetings). In addition, there is a considerable time commitment for fundraising and preparing teaching materials.

Course costs: The trip costs approximately £850 per student plus approximately £50 for vaccinations/anti-malaria tablets. In addition, students are expected to fundraise at least £400 each (from January - November) to build more classrooms and pay teachers' salaries at the school.

Who can sign up: Places are available for up to 30 enthusiastic students, who are interested in learning more about life in a developing country. You can register your interest by Tyber messaging Janice Hamilton, Vice Principal.

How and when to sign up: Students will be invited to a meeting in January. The 30 places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Accounting & Finance Academy

Course description: This is an exciting opportunity for students to develop their employability skills through a vocational academy. Students will be required to undertake research skills into Accounting and Finance careers and develop employability skills through participation in work experience opportunities, career insight days and masterclasses with local employers and universities.

Course duration: Mid Autumn Term to the end of Year 12. For students planning to apply for College Leaver Programmes and apprenticeships with employers this will continue through Year 13.

Time commitment: Includes after College commitment; varies from week to week.

Course costs: There may possibly be some local transport costs.

Who can sign up: Students who have an interest in a career in Accountancy or Finance after A levels/BTEC or after a degree course; through employers college leaver schemes /apprenticeships, sponsored degrees or degree study at university level and are keen to develop knowledge of these areas and employability skills. Students may be studying a range of A levels or any BTEC course. The key factor is an interest in a career in Accountancy or Finance.

How and when to sign up: Most students will sign up for this vocational academy in November of Year 12, although it may be possible to join later in the year.

Business Academy



Course description: The Business Academy will give students the opportunity to attend masterclasses at Russell Group Universities covering a variety of subject related topics. There will also be the chance to attend the Access to Professions Conference and taster days at Aston University. Visits will also be arranged to relevant places of interest. Additionally, in collaboration with the Accounting and Finance Academy, students will get the chance to attend employer events.

Course duration: November - March

Time commitment: There is no specific time commitment as this will depend on the number of events opportunities students decide to access and attend themselves. There is likely to be a full days visit centrally arranged which would require time out of lessons.

Course costs: Students will incur their own transport costs to events. Normally these are free to attend. Centrally arranged trips will incur transport and admission fees if appropriate.

Who can sign up: Year 12 A level Business students.

How and when to sign up: At enrolment and during the first half term of the year.

Chemistry Nottingham Project



Course description: Initially about 50 students visit the University of Nottingham for an afternoon of demonstrations and talks. A smaller group of students are then invited to take part in a practical-based project investigating the characteristics of aspirin and vitamin C. Samples of aspirin are prepared at the College and taken to the University for analysis as part of a full day in the chemistry laboratories, focussing on spectroscopy and analytical chemistry. The group then returns to the University for a third time in June, to present their projects to a small audience of academics and post graduates. This is accompanied by a talk on applying for chemistry degrees and finishes with access to the university Open Day.

Course duration: January to June of Year 12.

Time commitment: An initial day visit in January, followed by two practical sessions at College and one day visit to carry out practical work at the University. There will also be several time slots to prepare for the final visit to present findings in June.

Course costs: Approximately £30 transport costs to the University of Nottingham.

Who can sign up: Year 12 Chemistry students who are considering Chemistry careers.

How and when to sign up: The initial visit can be signed up for in December. Following the initial visit in January, you can apply for a place. There are only 15 places, it is always oversubscribed.

Economics Academy



Course description: This is an opportunity for students to examine topical issues at a greater depth than at A level and to complete an Extended Project in this subject area. You will be working in conjunction with staff and students at Birmingham & Leicester Universities. There will be a small travel cost involved as we make trips to the universities.

Course duration: June of Year 12 - early-April of Year 13

Time commitment: 1 period a week for the main sessions and 2-4 hours a week of independent study in completing your Extended Project Qualification.

Course costs: There may possibly be some local transport costs.

Who can sign up: This course is for students intending to study Economics or a closely related subject at a Russell Group university. Whilst most students in the group will be studying A level Economics, it is possible to join the Academy if you intend to follow Economics at university but are not currently studying the subject.

How and when to sign up: Most members of this Academy will have been recruited in the final weeks of Year 12, but it is possible to join the group in September with the agreement of the course leader.

European Languages Centre

Course description: All Modern Foreign Language students are automatically part of the Languages Centre. Students complete guided study and conversation, as well as taking part on a number of trips and visits. Pictured right are recent German students on their exchange trip with partner school, Albert-Einstein-Schule in Schwalbach, near Frankfurt.



Course duration: All year

Time commitment: It will vary from week to week

Course costs: The optional trips and visits (including those abroad) do incur travel costs, which vary from trip to trip.

Who can sign up: Only Modern Foreign Language students

How and when to sign up: No need to sign up; all Modern Foreign Language students will be automatically enrolled to this.

Engineering Academy



Coventry
University

Course description: The Engineering Academy is for students who are interested in a career in Engineering or wish to experience the different types of Engineering available. Working in conjunction with Coventry University you will get hands on experience of working on real Engineering projects for example by designing and building a relief shelter. You will learn about different types of Engineering, the materials Engineers use and gain valuable transferrable skills such as team work and project management. You will also work with an international company on a specific project which you will present to the company's chief engineers at their offices. In addition there are a number of trips and visits to see Engineering in action such as a trip to the Jaguar Land Rover Plant. Some students will also take part in the summer visit to CERN in Switzerland. Students who have previously enrolled in the Academy have been able to secure work placements at engineering firms.

Course duration: October 2016 to July 2017

Time commitment: Most Wednesday afternoons in the Autumn term for work with Coventry University. Other half-days for trips and visits in the Spring and Summer terms. Three full days in the summer term for those students going on the CERN trip.



Course costs: The total travel costs to Coventry University will be approximately £40-£50. The CERN trip is limited to 20 places and costs approximately £400 (2016 prices).

Who can sign up: Any student interested in a career in Engineering who is studying A level Maths or Use of Maths.

How and when to sign up: Places on the Academy are limited to 30 students. Students should request a place at their enrolment interview. If places are over-subscribed, names will be pulled out of a hat and students will be notified via Tyber.

Humanities Academy

Course description: This is a specialist enrichment activity which supports students interested in applying for a Humanities-related course at university, or employment in a related industry, to deepen and broaden their experience of Humanities by working with national universities. The Academy has links with Salford, Nottingham and Leicester Universities that will support and guide the students projects. The projects will be ideal material for an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and students will be encouraged to create an EPQ that will support their career and university progression routes.

Course duration: Mid-Autumn term to the end of Year 12

Time commitment: Some after College commitment; varies from week to week.

Course costs: Possible charges for trips and visits, but this will vary from year to year.

Who can sign up: Any very enthusiastic Humanities student, with ambitions to study their Humanities subject/s or a new Humanities area subject such as Philosophy, Archaeology, Anthropology or Egyptology at University.

How and when to sign up: Year 12 Humanities students will have the opportunity to complete the Moodle application form in September 2016. There are only 15 places available.

Law Academy

Course description: Members of the Law Academy will have the opportunity to attend masterclasses at leading Russell Group Universities on topics such as assisted dying and the death penalty as well as participating in the 'How to get to the Bar' Law conference at St Philips' Chambers working with judges and lawyers. They will have the chance to attend a residential challenge at Aston University and an opportunity to develop an extended project on a related topic of their choice. Trips and visits to relevant places of interest (for example New York; Parliament; the Supreme Court, the Magistrates' Court and the Court of Appeal and the theatre) are also included as well as guest speakers, including solicitors, barristers and former students.

Course duration: October - June

Time commitment: Variable

Course costs: There may possibly be some local transport costs.

Who can sign up: AS Law students

How and when to sign up: Students will be given the chance to sign up via AS Law lessons.



Media Academy

Course description: Students studying our Media courses can benefit from recently established links with the University of South Wales's School of Media. This gives them the opportunity to receive extra guidance and mentoring, visits from staff and reciprocal visits to the University's Cardiff Campus. The Media Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) provides opportunities for students to investigate personal media interests. To aid the pupils' productions the department has a dedicated editing suite, with top of the range cameras and filming equipment. The EPQ is a free standing qualification. It involves choosing a topic and carrying out in-depth research into that particular area. It requires a high level of independent work and original thought – skills which universities value highly in school leavers. The work, which is worth the equivalent of half an A level, is usually presented as a 5,000 word report in an academic subject outside a student's main programme of work. The EPQ can be offered as a Media practical project whereby an artefact and 1000 word report are produced. All students are mentored in the Extended Project Qualification.

Course duration: September 2016 – May 2017

Time commitment: 1 period per week.

Course costs: Charges for trips, but this will vary from year to year.

Who can sign up: Year 13 Media students.

How and when to sign up: Places on the Academy are limited to 20 students. Applications to be made via Moodle to AS Media Co-ordinator/Teacher Rasbinder Gill by September 2016.

Politics Academy

Course description: This programme provides an opportunity to attend five university lectures at the University of Birmingham (as pictured right) on themes common to all Russell Group Political Science degrees. In addition, students will complete an Extended Project on a political theme of their own choosing. Students on the Academy may also contribute to the YourGov Politics magazine.



Course duration: June of Year 12 - early-April of Year 13

Time commitment: 1 period a week for the main sessions and 2-4 hours a week of independent study in completing your Extended Project Qualification.

Course costs: There may possibly be some local transport costs.

Who can sign up: Students interested in taking political science at university (please note you do not have to be studying A level Politics to qualify for the Academy, but you do need to have an excellent track record of commitment to your studies).

How and when to sign up: Send a Tyber message to Assistant Curriculum leader for Social Sciences in the Spring term of Year 12.

Pre-Medical School

Course description: The Pre-Medical School is a great opportunity for potential doctors! It involves visiting speakers, university masterclasses and lectures, visits to medical schools and hospitals, problem-based learning scenarios, support from medical undergraduates from Leicester University and more. Members of the Pre-Medical School not on a 4 A level programme are encouraged to complete an Extended Project based on their experience and research.



Course duration: Mid-Autumn term to December of Year 13

Time commitment: Includes some after College commitment, which will vary from week to week.

Course costs: Occasional transport costs.

Who can sign up: Very able students who have a serious aspiration to apply for a medical degree.

How and when to sign up: Membership is assigned via a selection process. Students are asked to express interest towards the end of the first half term. There are only 15 places and it is always oversubscribed.

Psychology Research School

THE UNIVERSITY OF
WARWICK

Course description: Psychology students will have the opportunity to work with Dr Liz Blagrove from the University of Warwick via this enrichment. This opportunity gives students the chance to investigate the science behind Psychology. In the first instance, students will replicate one of Dr Blagrove's own studies; then students will develop their own research project. This enrichment leads to an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

Course duration: July 2016 – April 2017

Time commitment: One period per week, and termly visits to the University of Warwick.

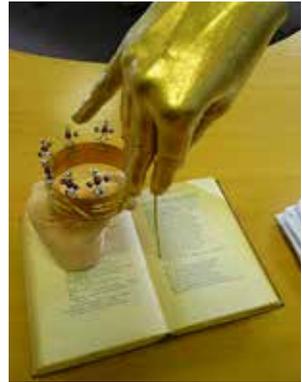
Course costs: Students are asked to contribute travel costs to Warwick.

Who can sign up: Year 13 Psychology students.

How and when to sign up: Initial interest logged during Year 12, then students are required to write a short essay about Psychology in the news based on specific criteria. This is a competitive process.

Shakespeare Academy

Course description: This is a specialist enrichment activity open to students on our A level English Literature and English Language courses. Students will benefit from workshops and mentoring with University Shakespeare Professors as well as seminars with the Sixth Form College's English staff and attendance of Shakespeare productions. Students will complete an Extended Project, which could take any form, from an essay to a magazine to a piece of artwork (see an example pictured right). The Universities of Birmingham, Warwick and Keele have been involved in this project.



Course duration: Mid Autumn term to the end of Year 12

Time commitment: Includes after College commitment, which will vary from week to week.

Course costs: Approximately £45 towards the cost of transport and tickets to productions and screenings.

Who can sign up: Very able students on our A level English Literature and English Language courses, often with ambitions to study English at university.

How and when to sign up: Students on the A level English Literature and English Language courses can apply in September. There are only 15 places available.

Sociology Academy

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM  University of Leicester

Course description: This programme provides an opportunity to attend several sessions delivered by university specialists at the Universities of Birmingham and Leicester, on themes that will take you beyond the A level specification. In addition students will complete an Extended Project on a sociological theme of their own choosing. Undergraduate mentors support students on this programme.

Course duration: June of Year 12 - early-April of Year 13

Time commitment: 1 period a week for the main sessions and 2-4 hours a week of independent study in completing your Extended Project Qualification.

Course costs: There may possibly be some local transport costs.

Who can sign up: Students interested in taking Sociology or a closely related subject at a Russell Group university (please note you do not have to be studying A level Sociology to qualify for the Academy, but you do need to have an excellent track record of commitment to your studies).

How and when to sign up: We recruit for this course in the final weeks of Year 12 through conversations between class teacher, the Curriculum Leader and the students concerned.

Teaching Academy

Course description: The Teaching Academy is for anyone interested in becoming a teacher (either nursery school, primary or secondary). The Academy explains the different routes into teaching and help you find work placements in schools. The academy has links with education departments at local universities and you will have the opportunity for a practice interview.

Course duration: September 2016 - September 2017

Time commitment: The time commitment will vary week to week. There will be opportunities to attend talks by speakers, visit local universities, have a practice interview and attend a work placement at a local school.

Course costs: There may possibly be some local transport costs.

Who can sign up: Students who are interested in becoming a teacher.

How and when to sign up: Most students will sign up for this vocational academy in September Year 12, although it may be possible to join later in the year.



Wider Medical Careers Academy

Course description: For students interested in the careers related to Medicine, including: Clinical Sciences and engineering, Biomedical Science, Dentistry, Nursing (general, children's, dental and mental health), Podiatry, Midwifery, Dietetics, Healthcare assistant, Ophthalmologist,



Paramedic, Physiotherapist, Prosthetist, Radiographer, Speech and Language therapist, Occupational Therapist, Operating Department Practitioner. Students will have the opportunity to research into the full range of medical-related careers and develop employability skills through participation in work experience opportunities, career insight days and master classes with local employers and universities.

Course duration: Mid-Autumn term to the end of the UCAS application process in Y13.

Time commitment: Includes after College and holiday period commitment that will vary from week to week.

Course costs: There may be some travel costs involved in visits to local hospitals.

Who can sign up: Students interested in the careers listed above.

How and when to sign up: Most students will sign up for this vocational academy in September Year 12, although it may be possible to join later in the year.

ABC Spanish

Course description: This is a beginners course (entry level 3 practical languages) in Spanish and, as such, requires no previous study of the language. All four skills are covered in the course: speaking, listening, reading and writing. Tasks are assessed in class; there is no homework.

Course duration: September - April

Time commitment: 2 periods per week

Course costs: There are no costs associated with this course.

Who can sign up: Any student

How and when to sign up: You must let staff know at your enrolment interview.



GCSE Russian

Course description: This is a beginners course, leading to a GCSE qualification. Students do exams in speaking, writing, listening and reading. Enrichment students study alongside students who are going on to do AS/A2 Russian. As such, students will be required to do homework.

Course duration: September - May

Time commitment: 4 periods per week, plus 30 minutes conversation time.

Course costs: There are no costs associated with this course.

Who can sign up: All students

How and when to sign up: At enrolment (we like Year 13 students to attend a summer Welcome to College session).



College Production

Course description: This is a year-long course for students to develop a range of performance skills in dance, physical theatre and acting. As a company, you will work towards several public showcases, and have the opportunity to work with visiting professionals and to attend theatre visits.

Course duration: September - July

Time commitment: This will be a largely after-hours enrichment, with sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.00 - 5.30pm. There may be additional rehearsals needed close to the showcase dates.

Course costs: None.

Who can sign up: The opportunity is best suited to students seeking to progress to competitive HE courses in the Performing Arts.

How and when to sign up: Auditions will be held early September.



Collision Dance Company

Course description: This is a College Dance company, in which students develop their contemporary dance technique and work together with the Dance teacher to choreograph Dance pieces which are performed at College shows.

Course duration: September - June

Time commitment: One 90-minute session per week at 4.00pm.

Course costs: If students are on the A level Dance course, there are no additional costs. If students choose to join the Dance Company, who are not studying A level Dance, costs of approximately £30 will be needed to cover any trips to the theatre to see dance performances.

Who can sign up: Any student interested in dance can apply, you do not have to be on the A Level Dance course.

How and when to sign up: Auditions take place in the Dance Studio in September (posters will be up and around College).



ABRSM Music Theory

Course description: This enrichment is part of the A level Music course and offers additional classes to prepare students for Grade 5 theory and beyond. It is mandatory for music students who have not completed Grade 5 theory.

Course duration: September - April

Time commitment: 1-2 periods per week.

Course costs: None.

Who can sign up: This class is mandatory for A level Music students who have not completed Grade 5 theory, and optional for those who want to study further.

How and when to sign up: Speak to Chris Phelps at your first Music lesson.



Musical Activities

Course description: Musical activities vary each year, but typically involve instrumental and vocal groups that all perform in the various concerts that the music department holds throughout the year. Examples include the College Choir, a Soul Band and various chamber music ensembles. All music students take part in Choir as part of their course.

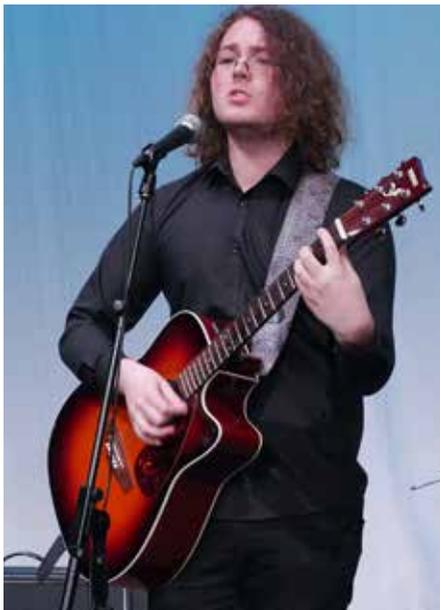
Course duration: September - April

Time commitment: 1-3 periods per week and evening performances.

Course costs: None.

Who can sign up: Music and non-music students who can play an instrument or sing and can read stave notation.

How and when to sign up: Complete the musical enrichment form at induction in September.



Level 2 Award in Sports Leadership

Course description: The Level 2 Award in Sports Leadership will give learners the chance to develop their organisation, motivation and communication skills, whilst also focusing on positive role models in sport, how to mentor others, and how to use leadership skills in a variety of settings. The course requires students to complete 10 hours of voluntary work to demonstrate their leadership. These hours can be completed in or outside of College.

Course duration: September - April

Time commitment: 1 period per week.

Course costs: None.

Who can sign up: Anyone looking to work in the sports industry or to work with children.

How and when to sign up: Find out more information at Welcome to College Day. Please tell your interviewer at enrolment if you wish to join this enrichment.

Performance Sports Women's Basketball

Course description: The College has a women's basketball team with training every week and matches as scheduled.

Course duration: September - April

Time commitment: 1 period training every week and matches as scheduled.

Course costs: There may be some potential costs for individual team wear.

Who can sign up: Enthusiastic players and anyone showing an interest.

How and when to sign up: Initial training sessions are held in September and students must request this enrichment at their enrolment interview.



Performance Sports Men's Basketball

Course description: The College has a basketball team playing in the British Colleges league, as well as other competitions.

Course duration: September - April

Time commitment: 2 periods training every week and matches as scheduled.

Course costs: There may be some potential costs for individual team wear.

Who can sign up: Experienced players and anyone showing an interest and commitment to join a college team.

How and when to sign up: Trials are held in August.



Performance Sports Men's Cricket

Course description: The College has two cricket teams, playing Summer British Colleges T20 and Warwickshire Cup matches. The team were T20 champions in 2014.

Course duration: April - July

Time commitment: 5 hours on match days.

Course costs: There may be some potential costs for individual team wear.

Who can sign up: Male students; previous playing experience would be preferred.

How and when to sign up: Trials are held in August.



Performance Sports Men's Football

Course description: There are two men's football teams, training twice a week and playing in the British Colleges league. The FA Level 1 Coaching certificate and fitness programmes are included as part of this enrichment.



Course duration: August - May

Time commitment: 2 periods every week and matches as scheduled.

Course costs: There may be some potential costs for individual team wear.

Who can sign up: Male students; previous playing experience would be preferred.

How and when to sign up: Trials are held in August.

Performance Sports Women's Football

Course description: The College has a women's football team playing friendly fixtures against local colleges.



Course duration: September - April

Time commitment: 1 period training every week and matches as scheduled.

Course costs: There may be some potential costs for individual team wear.

Who can sign up: Female students with an interest in the sport.

How and when to sign up: Initial training sessions are held in September and students must request this enrichment at their enrolment interview.

Performance Sports Women's Netball

Course description: There are two netball teams playing in the West Midlands leagues, as well as local tournaments.

Course duration: September - April

Time commitment: 1 – 2 periods training per week and matches as scheduled.

Course costs: There may be some potential costs for individual team wear.

Who can sign up: Female students; previous playing experience would be preferred, but anyone showing an interest.

How and when to sign up: Trials are held in August.



Performance Sports Men's Rugby

Course description: There are two men's rugby teams, playing within a long standing fixture list.

Course duration: August - May

Time commitment: 2 periods training per week and matches when scheduled.

Course costs: There may be some potential costs for individual team wear.

Who can sign up: Male students; previous playing experience would be preferred, but anyone showing an interest.

How and when to sign up: Trials are held in August.



Recreational Sport

Course description: This includes sport for recreation such as 5-a-side football, badminton, table tennis, and use of the College Fitness Suite.

Course duration: September - April
Time commitment: Normally takes place at lunch time each week.

Course costs: Free to students.

Who can sign up: Anyone who is interested in sport.

How and when to sign up: Find out more at Welcome to College Day, then send a Tyber message to Jez Ingram in September.



Bike User Group (BUG)

Course description: The aims of the group are to encourage students to cycle to College, to promote cycling in general, to encourage the development of facilities to meet the needs of cyclists and to create a forum where students can share their enjoyment of cycling and provide advice and guidance to each other.



Course duration: One meeting per term.

Time commitment: One Thursday morning meeting per term. Breakfast provided!

Course costs: None – just a willingness to give up some of your time.

Who can sign up: Students who either cycle to College or who might cycle to College in the future.

How and when to sign up: Apply through Tyber in September if you are interested. All students who apply will be invited to the first Bike User Group meeting in the Autumn term.

Health Ambassadors

Course description: Students are invited to join the Health Ambassadors scheme to increase awareness of health issues and engage with health promotion projects to enrich experience and voluntary work.



Course duration: September to July of Year 12

Time commitment: Initial meeting to establish possibilities, followed by a weekly commitment for the duration of a project or health promotion, to include training and delivery. Students will be expected to initiate their own health promotion delivery within the College.

Course costs: None – just a willingness to give up some of your time.

Who can sign up: Students who are interested in health matters, study subjects related to health or plan to study medicine, social work, teaching or other related health care courses at University/in employment.

How and when to sign up: Apply through Tyber message to Julie Maitland September/October Year 12.

Student-led Groups & Societies

Course description: The College is keen to comply with all equality legislation in support of its diverse student body. There are a number of active mainstream faith societies including a Christian Union and an Islamic Society. Other student interest



groups include a debating society, LGBT group, Anime Manga Society and another 6 this year. Students can suggest other groups they may wish to set up.

Course duration: Most student-led groups recruit during the first few weeks of each academic year, however most will allow students to join in-year.

Time commitment: It is up to the group members to decide how often they meet, however most groups and societies meet weekly, during lunch time.

Course costs: None – just a willingness to give up some of your time.

Who can sign up: All students.

How and when to sign up: If you are interested in joining an existing group or society or have ideas about setting up a new one, please talk to the Student Development Officers based around the refectory and complete a student society set up form.

Student Council

Course description: The role of Student Council is to represent student views and to help the College be responsive to the needs of fellow students, making their time here happy and productive.

You can get involved in a number of different ways:

- As a Class Rep in one of your courses. To become a Class Rep you need to be elected by your classmates in a secret ballot. You will represent the views of your class at student voice events.
- As a Course Rep. To become a Course Rep you need to be elected by your Class Reps. You will represent the views of your course at student voice events.
- As a member of the Student Council Executive. The Student Council Executive includes Year 12 and Year 13 Executive Officers and any student can go for any of these roles: Vice-Chair (In Year 13 this student will become the Chair), Charities, Events, Publicity and Voice Officers.

Course duration:

- Class and Course Reps are elected for a one year term of office.
- Year 12 Student Council Executive members are elected in November and remain in post until April of Year 13.

Time commitment:

- Class Reps attend a Course Meeting 3 times a year or once per term.
- Course Reps attend Course Meetings and 3 Student Council Meetings a year.
- Executive members have a much bigger time commitment and meet most weeks. The Year 13 Chair and Year 12 Vice Chair also become Student Governors and attend Governor meetings after College.

Course Costs: None – just a willingness to give up some of your time.

Who can sign up: All students.

How and when to sign up: Your course teacher will tell you about becoming a Class Representative in September. Look out for details about the Student Council Executive elections in the Student Bulletin. Please contact Kevin Doherty (Student Development Officer) when you start College if you want to know more.

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