



ENRICHMENT GUIDE 2017



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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

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 2017 - September 2018

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 2017.

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.

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 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.

Stretch & Challenge Programme

Course description: The Stretch & Challenge 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 Stretch & Challenge 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 very good GCSE profile of strong passes 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.

Serving Overseas

There will be an overseas volunteering trip during your time at College. Students sign up and start fundraising in Year 12 with the trip taking place in Year 13.

Further information will be issued in due course.



Volunteering

Course description: Individuals who freely give of their own time and energy to help others are always highly regarded. This may take the form of:

- Raising money for a charity
- Working for a charity
- Being a College Health or Charity Ambassador
- Being a mentor to other students or pupils

Taking a leadership role is especially valued, in the scouts, guides or similar organisations. Students completing 100 hours of Service to Others during two years of College will be eligible for College Colours.

Course duration: TBC.

Time commitment: Depends on the organisation or event.

Course costs: Depends on the organisation or event.

Who can sign up: All students.

How and when to sign up: Students should contact their Academic Coach or a Student Development Officer (SDO).



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 University of Birmingham



and Aston University. Visits will also be arranged to relevant places of interest. This year, Business Academy students attended visits to HSBC headquarters in Birmingham and also Innocent Smoothies HQ in London. Additionally, in collaboration with the Accounting and Finance Academy, students will get the chance to attend employer events from Paragon Finance and Phoenix Group.

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 day's 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.

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

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 2017 to July 2018.

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 £450 (2017 prices).

Who can sign up: Any student interested in a career in Engineering who is studying A level 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 2017. 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 participate in a Mooting competition at Wolverhampton University and a summer school at the University of Law. Trips and visits to relevant places of interest such as the Supreme Court, the Magistrates' Court and the Court of Appeal are also included as well as guest speakers, including solicitors, barristers and former students.



Course duration: October - July

Time commitment: Variable

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

Who can sign up: Year 12 Law students

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



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: High attaining 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

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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 2017 – April 2018

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

Course costs: Students are asked to contribute to 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 Academics as well as seminars with the College's English staff and attendance of Shakespeare productions at theatres or by 'livestream' in the College theatre. 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 Easter of Year 12

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

Course costs: Approximately £75 towards the cost of transport and tickets to productions and screenings. The College also provides a bespoke embossed Log book for completion of the Extended Project, and the texts to be studied are provided on loan.

Who can sign up: High attaining students on our A level English Literature and English Language courses, often with ambitions to study English at university. Commitment, passion and determination are necessary to complete the programme and the rewards are very considerable; Universities have been unfailingly impressed with Shakespeare Academy Extended Projects, even lowering entry grades to courses other than English, because of their quality.

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.

Social Sciences Academy

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Course description: This is an opportunity for A level Economics, Politics and Sociology students to examine topical issues at a greater depth than at A level and to complete an Extended Project in an area of particular interest which takes them beyond their specification. If you join this course you will be working in conjunction with members of the Social Sciences team at the College and lecturers from local 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,

Politics, Sociology or a closely related subject at a Russell Group university. Whilst most students in the group will be studying one of these A levels, it is possible to join the Social Sciences Academy even if you are not currently studying one of our subjects, but would like to pick it up at university.

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.

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

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 teachers.

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).



Solihull Theate-in-Education Company (Sol-TIE)

Course description: Interested in gaining real-live experience as an actor-teacher, in the new touring College Theatre-in-Education Company (Sol-TIE)? This enrichment will involve meeting with local school teachers, devising performances to a live brief and then touring to perform and conduct workshops in schools and the local community. The experience is just the sort of challenge Unis and employers value highly, for budding drama students or teachers alike.

Course duration: September - July

Time commitment: This enrichment will be timetabled during the day with some post-4.00pm rehearsals where necessary.

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: Sign up at enrolment so that your timetable can be arranged accordingly.



Collision Dance Company

Course description: This is a College Dance company, in which students develop their technique in different dance styles 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. The course is particularly beneficial to A Level PE students interested in becoming teachers or coaches. BTEC Sport students take this enrichment as part of their pathway.

How and when to sign up: Please tell your interviewer at enrolment if you wish to join this enrichment.

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: 6 hours per week including training and matches.

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: Trial sessions are held in August in the week following enrolment. Dates and times are published at this point.



Performance Sports Men's Cricket

Course description: The College has one cricket team, playing Summer British Colleges T20 and Warwickshire Cup matches. The team was 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: Trial sessions are held in August in the week following enrolment. Dates and times are published at this point.



Performance Sports Men's Football

Course description: There are two men's football teams, training once a week and playing in the British Colleges league.

Course duration: August - May

Time commitment: 5 hours per week including training and matches.

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: Trial sessions are held in August in the week following enrolment. Dates and times are published at this point.



Performance Sports Women's Football

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

Course duration: September - January

Time commitment: 1 hour training per week and 3 further hours when games are played.

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: Trial sessions are held in August in the week following enrolment. Dates and times are published at this point.



Performance Sports Women's Netball

Course description: There are two netball teams playing in the British Colleges league, as well as local tournaments.

Course duration: September - April

Time commitment: 5 hours 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: Trial sessions are held in August in the week following enrolment. Dates and times are published at this point.



Performance Sports Men's Rugby

Course description: There is one men's rugby team, playing weekly fixtures and national cup competition.

Course duration: August - May

Time commitment: 5 hours per week including training and matches.

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: Trial sessions are held in August in the week following enrolment. Dates and times are published at this point.



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 morning meeting per term.

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.

Charity Ambassadors

Course description: Students are invited to join with other interested students to raise funds for the charities they support. They work as a group to support each other's events.

Course duration: September to July each year

Time commitment: Initial meeting to decide together when and how frequently they want to meet. Typically it is bi-weekly and more regularly if there is an event which demands more organisation.

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

Who can sign up: Any students interested in charity fundraising.

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



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 in September/October of Year 12.



Pre-Driver Training

Course description: This five hour course provides 'hands on' experience to learn basic driving skills and manoeuvres with tuition by qualified driving instructors. Places are issued on a 'first come first served' basis, once payment of £50 is received and the day agreed.

Course duration: The course will run, on 3 different days starting at 10:00 and finishing at 15:30, with an half an hour for lunch. Applicants will be asked to state their preferred day when they attend the meeting at the start of the year. The precise days that week are to be confirmed.

Time commitment: 5½ hours in one day, during October Half Term. Half an hour will be given for your lunch break. Please bring a packed lunch and drink as the canteen will be closed.

Course costs: £50.

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.

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.



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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.

Other ways of getting involved outside the Student Council:

- As a Charity Ambassador. Supporting the Charities Officer this role allows you to be involved with the charitable fundraising in College.
- As a Health Ambassador. Here you can help to support local and national health promotion campaigns within the College.

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 Jodie Smith (Student Development Officer) when you start College if you want to know more.

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