

Enrichment Guide 2022-23



**Solihull
Sixth Form
College**

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Enrichment at Solihull Sixth Form College

Solihull Sixth Form College offers more than just your academic studies. Our enrichments not only give you the chance to do something completely different but also help you broaden your skills, knowledge and experience giving you the edge when applying for higher education courses, apprenticeships or employment.

Our programme is designed to enrich your studies with options suited to your interests and aspirations, whilst helping you get the most out of your time with us. We have created a dedicated enrichment slot on the timetable to allow you to participate in the programme.

With 40 options to choose from, our range of opportunities will help you:

- **Connect with others** – enrichments are a great way to make new friends
- **Be physically active** – great for your mental health as well as physical health
- **Learn new skills** – give you the confidence to try new things and achieve
- **Give to others** – acts of kindness and giving to others to give you a sense of purpose and feel good!
- **Be mindful** – enjoy what is happening right now

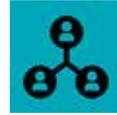
The programme includes enrichments where you can meet students who share the same interests as you, deepen your subject knowledge, explore your interest in an area unrelated to your academic studies, achieve another qualification, participate in sport, develop a range of new skills and have fun!

You can find out more about our fantastic range of enrichments in this guide.

Enrichment Options

All our enrichment options fit into one or more themes, giving you an idea about what to expect. Each theme is represented by an icon, as follows:

Enrichments that help you connect with other people



Enrichments that help you to be physically active



Enrichments that help you learn new skills



Enrichments that help you pay attention to the present moment (mindfulness)



Enrichments that allow you to give to others



All our enrichment options are listed on the next page, showing which of these five themes apply to each. You will also find these icons throughout this guide to remind you of the nature of each enrichment option.

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Signing Up

You will need to sign up for some enrichments at enrolment and others when they are advertised (see the list on page 5). As many of the enrichments run at the same time, you may not be able to choose more than one, but the enrichment summaries provide more information on this.

Introduction to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

What is the Duke of Edinburgh's Award?

Solihull Sixth Form College is very pleased to be offering our students the Duke of Edinburgh's Award enrichment. Created in 1956, this Award aims to improve the personal development and employability of



young people. Universities and employers also value the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the skills that are gained. Offering individual achievements that differ from person to person depending on their goals, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award encourages young people to get involved in exciting challenges. It promotes teamwork, self-discipline, empathy and independence and is something young people remember for the rest of their lives.

Structure of the Bronze DofE

The Bronze the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme has four sections: **Volunteering**, **Physical**, **Skills** and **Expedition**. You must do a minimum of three months activity for each of the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections, and take part and plan an expedition.

Examples include:

Volunteering (V) – you could take part in the volunteering scheme, which is lead by Tina Champion in the Student Development office. See page 47.

Physical (P) – this could include a team sport such as football, dance such as ballet, skateboarding or tennis.

Skills (S) – this section looks at developing a skill. This could include learning to drive, British Sign Language, growing vegetables, or doing an Extended Project (EPQ on page 19) - the list is endless.

Expedition (E) – on foot planning a guide for your local area.

There are plenty of enrichment options in this guide that you could get involved in which would count as evidence for your Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme. Check out the handy guide on the next page, which highlights which of the four sections related to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (V, P, S or E) each enrichment could be used to demonstrate. Also see more information on page 17 about the Bronze Award.

Choosing Your Enrichments

When deciding which enrichments you want to pursue, make sure you know how to sign up and whether it's possible to combine the enrichment with other options. Due to time commitments and timetabling, some options need to be chosen in isolation, meaning you cannot do more than one enrichment. These are highlighted with a pink cross in the second column of the table below.

Enrichment	Sign Up at Enrolment	Can Sign Up to Other Enrichments	Sign Up When Advertised	Duke of Edinburgh Award
ABRSM Music Theory	✓	✗		S
Archaeology Academy	✓	✗		S
Basketball	✓	✗		P
Beginners Spanish	✓	✗		S
Choir	✓	✗		S
Computer Programming	✓	✗		S
Core Maths	✓	✓		S
Creative Writing	✓	✗		S
Cricket	✓	✗		P
CSI Solihull	✓	✗		S
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award	✓	✓		E
English Academy	✓	✗		S
Extended Project Qualification	✓	✓		S
Football	✓	✗		P
Health Ambassadors	✓	✗		V
Healthcare Practitioners	✓	✗		S
Humanities Research School	✓	✗		S
Kitson Award	✗	✓	✓	V
Mentors in Violence Protection	✓	✗		V
Musical Activities	✓	✗		S
Netball	✓	✗		P
Pre-Medical School	✓	✗		S
Psychology Research School	✓	✗		S
Road Map to Employment	✗	✓	✓	S
Rugby	✓	✗		P
Social Sciences Academy	✓	✗		S
Sport for Leisure	✗	✓	✓	P
Sports Leadership	✓	✓		S
STEM programme	✓	✗		S
Stretch & Challenge	✗	✓	✓	S
Student Council	✗	✓	✓	V
Student Magazine	✓	✗		S
Student Societies	✗	✓	✓	V
Teaching Academy	✓	✗		S
Team Gambia	✗	✓	✓	V
Theatre-in-Education Company	✓	✗		S
Urdu	✓	✗		S
Visual Arts Academy	✓	✗		S
Volunteering	✗	✓	✓	V
Young Enterprise	✓	✗		S

ABRSM Music Theory



Enrichment Overview

This enrichment is part of the A level Music course and offers additional classes to prepare students for Grade 5 theory and beyond.

Why choose this enrichment?

This is a necessary part of the A level course, as well as for those wishing to study for their higher performance grade exams.

How long will the enrichment last?

September - April.

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson.

What will it cost?

No cost.

Who can sign up?

This is open to anyone wishing to do the grade 5 music theory examination, but compulsory for Music students, who do not already have a grade 5 theory certificate.

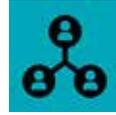
How do I sign up?

Sign up at enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.



Archaeology Academy

New for 2022/23



Enrichment Overview

The Archaeology Academy is open to any students who are interested in the past and the way in which it is studied. We will explore a wide range of topics, including British prehistory, scientific methods in archaeology, death and burial, post-colonial archaeology and learn about some important archaeological sites. You will be able to complete an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in an area you wish to study further.



Why choose this enrichment?

It is a chance to explore a subject not offered nationally at A Level, but that can lead to a wide range of careers and has links across the Humanities and Sciences.

How long will the enrichment last?

Full year.

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson per week.

What will it cost?

Approximately £25 if site visit or trip to British Museum.

Who can sign up?

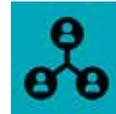
Any student, whatever your programme of study.

How do I sign up?

At enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.



Basketball Performance Academy with City of Birmingham Rockets



Enrichment Overview

The Basketball Academy is a high-performance squad playing in National Level competition. Training takes place within the College timetable and in sessions after the college day has finished. The Academy team is coached by very experienced staff from the City of Birmingham Rockets, who provide opportunities for students to train and play within their U18 structure outside of the college system. Fixtures are played in the ABL and take place on Wednesday afternoons.

Why choose this enrichment?

This enrichment gives you the opportunity to develop yourself physically, socially and emotionally. You will develop your teamwork and communication skills along with the organisation needed to balance training, game preparation and academic work.

How long will the enrichment last?

The commitment to the Basketball Academy is for the full year as training for this enrichment continues into the summer term.

How much time a week will it involve?

The commitment is for a minimum of 14 hours per week which is a mixture of training and game time.

What will it cost?

There are no costs to participate, however there may be options to purchase teamwear within the year.

Who can sign up?

The Basketball Academy is aimed at those with previous experience of playing within an organised league and club environment. However, those students demonstrating the potential to develop to the levels required within the trials will be offered a place within the training squad. The Academy is a male performance sport; however females can attend sessions within the Sport for Leisure enrichment programme which are led by Birmingham Rockets Coaches.

How do I sign up?

Trials take place following enrolment and attendance is compulsory for those students wishing to be selected. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.



Beginners Spanish



Enrichment Overview

This is a beginner Spanish course which will develop conversational skills. If you take holidays to Spain or are considering working in Spain in the future this course will give you some of the skills needed to get you started. It is a fun course, and you will have the opportunity to use the language lab.

Why choose this enrichment?

A fun, relaxing session. It will develop new skills, which are great to put on a university or job application form. Guaranteed to impress your friends and family when in Spain!!

How long will the enrichment last?

Full year.

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson.

What will it cost?

No cost. There may be opportunities for trips and visits. Students will need to cover travel costs.

Who can sign up?

Anyone.

How do I sign up?

At enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.



Choir



Enrichment Overview

A vocal group for anyone who is part of the Solihull Sixth Form community wishing to sing together. It will be mainly 20/21st century music. This will be a harmony group, so it is important we have all voices represented. We perform at both the Christmas and Easter concerts.

Why choose this enrichment?

Singing together is good for the body and mind. It's a great hobby that you can carry on throughout your life.

How long will the enrichment last?

September - April.

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson.

What will it cost?

No cost.

Who can sign up?

Open to anyone who is part of the College.

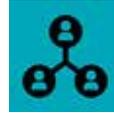
How do I sign up?

At enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.



Computer Programming

New for 2022/23



Enrichment Overview

This enrichment is an activity designed to support Computer Science students who have serious and realistic aspirations to develop their problem-solving and programming skills. This enrichment will increase your confidence working with different programming languages. This is a brand new enrichment and will be delivered by staff who have expertise in programming.



Why choose this enrichment?

This enrichment will further develop your programming skills and prepare you for the challenges of university and employment.

How long will the enrichment last?

September - May.

How much time a week will it involve?

1 hour 30 minutes of contact time per week.

What will it cost?

Nothing.

Who can sign up?

Computer Science students.

How do I sign up?

You can apply to join this course at enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.

Core Maths

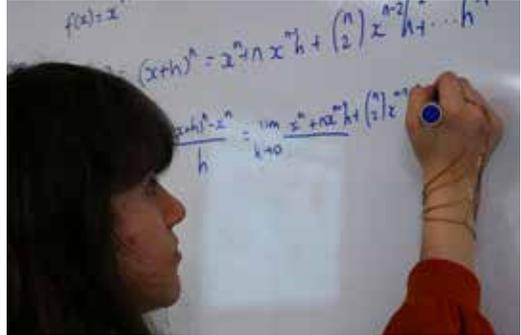


Enrichment Overview

Core Maths is a Level 3 qualification designed to prepare students for the mathematical demands of study, work and life. The course content includes tax and national insurance, Fermi estimation, the normal distribution, confidence intervals, percentages, critical analysis of graphs, correlation and data analysis. There is a focus on applying the mathematics to real life contexts. This content is aimed at building students' confidence with mathematical ideas and applications in their professional and academic life.

Why choose this enrichment?

The course has been designed to include mathematics content that closely aligns with other subjects, most notably A level Psychology, Sociology, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Business Studies, Accounting and Economics. Students enrolling on BTEC Applied Science will also find the skills learned highly applicable to supporting their course. It would also be useful for students wishing to pursue careers in teaching or healthcare (such as nursing). The qualification is equivalent to an AS level in terms of UCAS points.



How long will the enrichment last?

One year, over the course of Year 12. In May and June, there are two external 90-minute assessment papers.



Core Maths lessons are enjoyable and interesting. I always look forward to Core Maths lessons. The teacher is super friendly, nice, funny and always helps me whenever I need extra support.

Student Avani Sienna Kaur

How much time a week will it involve?

3 lessons per week totalling 4.5 hours. Intervention sessions may extend this to 5 hours in certain weeks. Students will also need to complete some homework and independent study.

What will it cost?

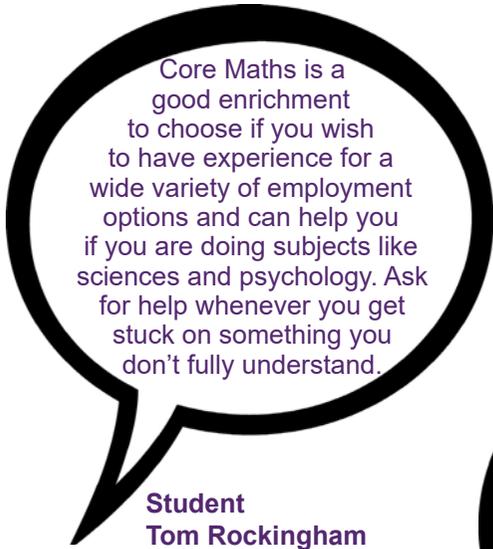
Students will need to purchase a scientific calculator (details at enrolment).

Who can sign up?

Interested students should have achieved a grade 5 or above at GCSE Mathematics and must not be studying A level Mathematics or A level Statistics as one of their 3 (or 4) A level choices.

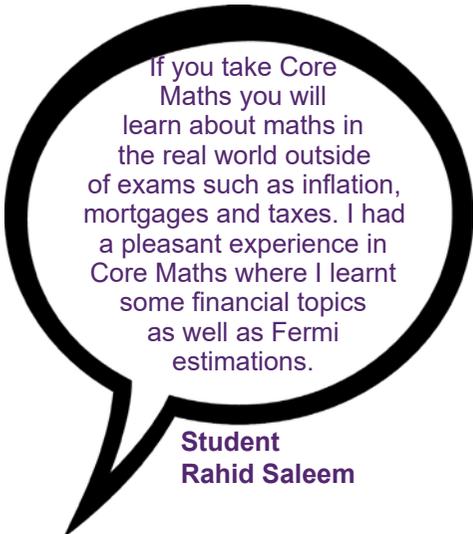
How do I sign up?

Students should sign up at enrolment. Students may also sign up to another enrichment alongside Core Maths.

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Core Maths is a good enrichment to choose if you wish to have experience for a wide variety of employment options and can help you if you are doing subjects like sciences and psychology. Ask for help whenever you get stuck on something you don't fully understand.

**Student
Tom Rockingham**

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If you take Core Maths you will learn about maths in the real world outside of exams such as inflation, mortgages and taxes. I had a pleasant experience in Core Maths where I learnt some financial topics as well as Fermi estimations.

**Student
Rahid Saleem**

Creative Writing



Enrichment Overview

This enrichment offers a workshop-style approach to improving and exercising your creative writing talents.

There will be opportunities to enter creative writing competitions, hear from visiting speakers and publish your work.

Why choose this enrichment?

This course is for fun and to allow you to indulge your creativity and develop your writing skills in a supportive group environment.

How long will the enrichment last?

September to Easter.

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson.

What will it cost?

No cost.

Who can sign up?

Any student, whatever your programme of study.

How do I sign up?

At enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.



Cricket

Enrichment Overview

The Cricket team is a summer activity which provides the opportunity for students to play within an organised College T20 league.



Why choose this enrichment?

This enrichment gives you the opportunity to develop yourself physically, socially and emotionally. You will develop your teamwork and communication skills along with the organisation needed to balance training, game preparation and academic work.

How long will the enrichment last?

The enrichment takes place within the summer term, although there is a yearly indoor competition in November.

How much time a week will it involve?

The commitment is for 5 hours per week which is a mixture of training and game time.

What will it cost?

There are no costs to participate, however there may be options to purchase Teamwear within the year.

Who can sign up?

The Cricket team is aimed at female and male players with previous experience of playing within an organised league and club environment. However, those students demonstrating the potential to develop to the levels required within the trials will be offered a place within the training squad.

How do I sign up?

Trials take place following enrolment and attendance is compulsory for those students wishing to be selected. You can join an autumn/spring sport alongside cricket. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.



CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) Solihull



Enrichment Overview

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to understand why someone commits a crime or how to solve crimes using blood spatter or finger-print evidence? Welcome to the world of criminology. This enrichment activity is open to students who are interested in finding out about the exciting work surrounding criminology. Students will benefit from academic knowledge and some vocational practice involved in criminology such as policing, forensics and crime.

Why choose this enrichment?

If you would like to find out more about criminology or are considering this for your career progression, this enrichment will give an enjoyable and exciting opportunity to investigate the world of criminology.

How long will the enrichment last?

Termly.

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson.

What will it cost?

There may be possible costs for local travel and events.

Who can sign up?

This course is for students studying any subject discipline who has an interest in finding out about criminology or is planning a future career in this area.

How do I sign up?

You can apply to join this course at enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.



Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award

New for 2022/23



Enrichment Overview

The DofE is a nationally and internationally recognised award favoured by employers and universities alike. By participating in the DofE Award you will develop key skills of confidence, dedication and commitment. You can design your own DofE programme. Activities within the DofE programme can be matched with those you are already doing. For example, activities like playing football, learning an instrument or being a member of the student council can be used as evidence towards the DofE bronze award. Most enrichment options within this guide can be used as a skill evidence for the bronze award. See page 4 for more information about how you can utilise your enrichment to support a DofE Bronze Award.



Why choose this enrichment?

Sign up to the DofE programme if you want to develop personal skills including time management, problem solving and initiative. It also improves your interpersonal skills and gives you friendships and memories for life!



How long will the enrichment last?

September 2022-July 2023.

How much time a week will it involve?

1 – 2 hours per week.

What will it cost?

£23 for course sign up fee. £10 at a future date for transport costs.

Who can sign up?

All Year 12 students can sign up to this course.

How do I sign up?

You can apply to join this enrichment at enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.

English Academy



Enrichment Overview

This enrichment is open to all students of A level English Language or A level English Literature. Students participate in seminars on a range of literature and language topics with members of the English Department and academics from several universities, attend a Royal Shakespeare Company production if possible, and study for an Extended Project Qualification.

Why choose this enrichment?

This enrichment offers students the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of English beyond the A level curriculum. The topics covered by the seminar programme in 2020-21 included Anglo-Saxon and medieval literature, Shakespeare's contemporaries, American literature, nineteenth-century novels, forensic linguistics and the literature of surveillance. It also offers students the opportunity to study for an Extended Project Qualification supervised by a member of the English Department.



How long will the enrichment last?

All of Year 12.

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson.

What will it cost?

If students attend a Royal Shakespeare Company production, approximately £25 towards the cost of transport and tickets.

Who can sign up?

Any student of A level English Language or A level English Literature.

How do I sign up?

At enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)



Enrichment Overview

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 duplicate any work completed for another subject but it can be related to it. The EPQ is assessed at A level standard and as such an A* is achievable. Examples of recent projects include making a music video, writing a short story, creating a dance performance, producing an animation, creating a webpage, designing a business. The possibilities are endless!

Why choose this enrichment?

The EPQ was created in conjunction with universities to help students develop the skills necessary for independent study at uni. EPQ students tend to develop excellent organisation skills and get a better understanding of how to manage and complete their own workload. This is not only useful for university and future employment, but also for A levels and BTEC studies.



It is an excellent qualification to talk about in the personal statement for UCAS and may also lead to a reduced offer for university places.

How long will the enrichment last?

September – completed in Year 12

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson.

What will it cost?

No cost.

Who can sign up?

All students.

How do I sign up?

At enrolment. You can sign up for another enrichment activity alongside the EPQ.

Football

Enrichment Overview

Football is an outdoor activity which provides the opportunity for students to play within an organised College football league and train on a weekly basis.

Why choose this enrichment?

This enrichment gives you the opportunity to develop yourself physically, socially and emotionally. You will develop your teamwork and communication skills along with the organisation needed to balance training, game preparation and academic work.

How long will the enrichment last?

The enrichment takes place between August and May with league fixtures starting in September.

How much time a week will it involve?

Mens Football team - The commitment is for 5+ hours per week which is a mixture of training and game time.

Womens Football team - The commitment is 1 training session per week with an additional 3+ hours on game weeks.

What will it cost?

There are no costs to participate, however there may be options to purchase Teamwear within the year.

Who can sign up?

The Football team is aimed at those with previous experience of playing within an organised league and club environment. However, those students demonstrating the potential to develop to the levels required within the trials will be offered a place within the training squad. Football is open to all, with training and games taking place under the appropriate governing body guidelines.

How do I sign up?

Trials take place following enrolment and attendance is compulsory for those students wishing to be selected. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.



Health Ambassadors



Enrichment Overview

If you want to go on to work within a health-related field after college, come and be a Health Ambassador! As a Health Ambassador you will educate, promote and facilitate awareness of health-related issues around the college. In previous years our Health Ambassadors have run workshops on Healthy relationships, have run campaigns about drug awareness and have worked alongside organisations such as umbrella to educate young people about safe sex.

Why choose this enrichment?

If you are interested in health matters you will enjoy this enrichment. If you are intending to follow a career in medicine, pharmacy, teaching, social work, youth work, counselling – any people facing work, this enrichment will give you the opportunity to increase your confidence working with people, delivering health messages and working as a team.

How long will the enrichment last?

September to July of Year 12.

How much time a week will it involve?

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.

What will it cost?

Nothing – just a willingness to give up some of your time.

Who can sign up?

Students in Year 12 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 do I sign up?

Sign up at enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.



“I have developed my confidence as I am better equipped to approach people and explain key concepts at the heart of mental health.”

Student Health Ambassador

Healthcare Practitioners

– World Skills

New for 2022/23



Enrichment Overview

Are you looking to pursue a career in healthcare? Would you like to demonstrate to universities or employers you have the skills needed? This enrichment supports your development and demonstrates you have what it takes!!

Health and Social Care Practitioners work with a wide range of people in a variety of settings who are facing ill health or medical conditions.

This WorldSkills UK competition showcases the values, behaviours and attitudes required to work in health and social care and what it means to provide quality care. Competitors will be expected to exercise judgement and take appropriate action to support individuals to maintain their independence, dignity and control through a variety of practical exercises.

The skills student's need to demonstrate:

- Health and Safety
- Empathy
- Communication skills
- Problem solving
- Stress management
- Person centred
- Moving and handling
- Flexibility

This is an individual competition and students must be working towards a level 3 qualification in order to enter. Most elements of the competition are remote, apart from the national stages. Competitors who are age eligible and have achieved the benchmark score will be invited to opt into Squad UK for the WorldSkills cycle.

Why choose this enrichment?

Any student who aspires for a career in healthcare. For example nursing, paramedic, dentistry, doctor, social care, pharmacist.

How long will the enrichment last?

Full year.

How much time a week will it involve?

60 mins (enrichment slot).

What will it cost?

No costs.

Who can sign up?

Anyone who is interested in working in the healthcare sector.

How do I sign up?

Sign up at enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.

Humanities Research School

New for 2022/23



Enrichment Overview

As part of the Humanities Research School you will have the opportunity to research and debate the challenges of the 21st Century and to complete an EPQ qualification. Each term there will be a visit or a guest speaker, and we will encourage you to enter your work and research into national competitions and student publications. You will also have the opportunity to take part in 'Model United Nations' events. This will give you an excellent grounding in the skills required to study for a degree in any Humanities subject and fantastic evidence for your university, apprenticeship or workplace application.

Why choose this enrichment?

According to the philosopher Professor AC Grayling, "If a society knew no history, it would have no sense of its present and no resource to navigate its future. The humanities stretch, develop and mature our sympathies and our understanding of what it is to be human."

How long will the enrichment last?

September 2022-July 2023.

How much time a week will it involve?

One period per week with termly visits by speakers and university trips.

What will it cost?

Attempts are made to keep costs to a minimum. There will be occasional costs for transport to venues.

Who can sign up?

Year 12 students of Geography, Geology, History, Philosophy and Religious Studies. Year 12 students who are interested in global issues and challenges and who are curious to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world. Anthropocene Adventurers!

How do I sign up?

At enrolment, or through recommendation in the first few weeks of Year 12 if there are spaces available. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.

Kitson Award for Services to the Community

New for 2022/23



Enrichment Overview

Terry Kitson was a governor of the College between October 1992 and September 1999. He is greatly missed by his family, colleagues and friends, but his work for the College is remembered through the naming of the Kitson Building and this annual award to support students who are providing a valued service in the wider community.

Why choose this enrichment?

The award will be made in the form of a bursary to Year 12 or 13 students who are involved in voluntary work within the wider community in the UK or overseas. Student may wish to use the award to support voluntary work which they are currently involved in, or an activity which they are planning during a 'gap' year. The award is seen as a competitive event, where the successful student(s) will have to demonstrate that they have satisfied a number of criteria. The selection process is also designed to support the student in developing and refining their project planning and presentation skills.

A total bursary of up to £2,000 is available to be shared between the successful applicants. In the event of two or more successful applicants, the selection panel will allocate a proportion of the bursary to each project, which is commensurate with its level of need.

How long will the enrichment last?

6 weeks during Term 2.

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson per week.

What will it cost?

No cost.

Who can sign up?

Open to all students.

How do I sign up?

Register your interest in January 2023. It is possible to do another enrichment alongside the Kitson Award.

Mentors in Violence Protection



Enrichment Overview

Do you want to be an active bystander challenging behaviours and situations which are inappropriate? Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) is one of the longest-running and most widely influential gender violence, sexual harassment and bullying prevention programmes in the world. If you are thinking about a future career in teaching, health and social care or public services such as the police, this is an ideal opportunity for you.

You will develop and lead sessions with your peers discussing a range of scenarios. The MVP programme will support you as an active citizen with the ability and capacity to support and challenge situations, attitudes and behaviour in a safe and effective way.

Why choose this enrichment?

You will have the opportunity to discuss current and relevant scenarios with your peers, looking at a range of situations and options which could be taken. Themes could include healthy relationships, online safety, exploitation, mental health, equality and radicalisation.

You will be responsible for planning MVP sessions and scenarios and working with groups of students who sign up to events you advertise. Leading these sessions will develop your communication, influencing and leadership skills; key skills for future studies or employment.

How long will the enrichment last?

Full year

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson a week. You may need to spend some additional time preparing the MVP session to deliver.

What will it cost?

No cost.

Who can sign up?

Open to everyone but places are limited.

How do I sign up?

Sign up at enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.

Musical Activities



Enrichment Overview

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 must sign up to this, and all take part in Choir every week as part of their course.

Why choose this enrichment?

This enrichment allows music and non-music students to work together, as well as giving the opportunity for non-music students to use the music facilities at Solihull. Successful bands/groups will have the opportunity to perform at some of the high profile college events.

How long will the enrichment last?

September - April.

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson a week, plus rehearsals and evening performances.

What will it cost?

No cost.

Who can sign up?

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

How do I sign up?

At enrolment, but if you miss signing up, speak to the Music teacher. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.



Netball



Enrichment Overview

The Netball team is an all year activity, which provides the opportunity for students to play within an organised College netball league.

Why choose this enrichment?

This enrichment gives you the opportunity to develop yourself physically, socially and emotionally. You will develop your teamwork and communication skills along with the organisation needed to balance training, game preparation and academic work.

How long will the enrichment last?

The enrichment takes place between August and May with league fixtures weekly.

How much time a week will it involve?

The commitment is for 5 hours per week which is a mixture of training and game time.

What will it cost?

There are no costs to participate, however there may be options to purchase Teamwear within the year.

Who can sign up?

The Netball team is aimed at female players with previous experience of playing within an organised league and club environment. However, those students demonstrating the potential to develop to the levels required within the trials will be offered a place within the training squad.

How do I sign up?

Trials take place following enrolment and attendance is compulsory for those students wishing to be selected. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.



Pre-Medical School



Enrichment Overview

The Pre-Medical school is an enrichment activity designed to support students who have serious and realistic aspirations to study medicine at university. Students will have the opportunity to explore the world of Medical Science outside of the syllabus. It will prepare students for university applications by developing their awareness of current affairs within this field, understanding of the medical profession and develop a greater appreciation of the essential skills and relevant experience required for a successful university application. They will develop their oracy and confidence while discussing ethical issues as well as current affairs.

Types of activities completed:

- Science book club
- Listening to and discussing podcasts
- Developing problem solving skills
- Developing study skills in Science
- Importance of work experience
- Online work experience through Medical Mavericks
- Visiting speakers
- Possibly a trip.



At the end of term 1, 30 students will be selected to receive additional support for applications to medicine. This will include university masterclasses, lectures and problem-based learning activities. In term 3, drop-in support will be available to help with personal statements and those who may be taking entry tests. Students are also encouraged to take an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in a relevant medically-related field. Partner universities include Aston, Birmingham, Keele, Leicester and Liverpool.

Why choose this enrichment?

Experience gained during this enrichment will give you a detailed insight into the skills and knowledge required to make a successful application to study medicine.

How long will the enrichment last?

Cohort 1 in the 1st term. Cohort 2 in the 2nd term. 30 students will be selected in November to complete the additional enrichment over 3 terms.

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson per week plus possible visits to universities etc.

What will it cost?

Attempts are made to keep costs to a minimum. There will be occasional transport costs.

Who can sign up?

Students must be enrolled onto A level Chemistry and at least one other Science A level. GCSE English and GCSE Maths must be a grade 6.

How do I sign up?

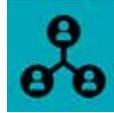
Sign up at enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.

“I enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the Pre- Medical School and the Stretch & Challenge Summer School. It enabled me to make new friends with the same interests as me, who I hope to remain friends with after College.”

Student Paige Cartwright



Psychology Research School



Enrichment Overview

Psychology students who join this specialist enrichment will have the opportunity to work with psychology professionals / researchers and visit universities. This opportunity gives students the chance to investigate the science behind psychology. In the first instance, students will investigate famous scientific studies and their methods of research; then students will develop their own research project. This enrichment leads to an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), giving students the chance to boost their university application with extra UCAS points.

If you are interested in continuing to study Psychology (or a combined degree such as Psychology and Criminology) then the Psychology Research School will be very useful for you.

Why choose this enrichment?

The Psychology Research School will equip you with many transferable skills. Such as:

- Develop knowledge beyond A level Psychology
- Grow your communication skills
- Develop the ability to research
- Refine your critical thinking
- Improve your employability

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The Psychology Research School will give you a real insight into how psychologists gather data and use it to formulate general laws of human behaviour. You will also get the chance to conduct your own psychological experiment. In previous years students have investigated:

- Why do we Dream?
- Does the media cause eating disorders?
- What is the impact of fame on child stars?

How long will the enrichment last?

September 2022 - May 2023.

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson and termly visits by speakers and university trips.

What will it cost?

Cost of travel to universities.

Who can sign up?

Year 12 Psychology students - students who are interested in studying a Psychology-related degree at university. This can include Criminology, Forensic Psychology and combined degrees with Psychology components.

How do I sign up?

Initial interest logged during Year 12 enrolment, then students are required to write a short essay about Psychology in the news based on specific criteria. This is a competitive process. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.

Road Map to Employment



Enrichment Overview

Led by a member of the Careers team, this enrichment takes the form of a series of workshops with 10-15 students, which will help students who are seeking employment to be able to:

1. Identify suitable job roles and employers
2. Submit quality applications in line with the employer's requirements
3. Prepare for interviews and assessment centres
4. Secure a desired role
5. Be ready to start the role

The content will support students who are seeking employment for any reason, including seeking full-time employment or apprenticeship after college, seeking work experience that will support their chosen university course or seeking part-time employment alongside their studies

The workshop topics are:

- Understanding your employment needs
- Exploring possibilities (including job hunting process)
- Applying for a role
- Preparing for an interview
- Preparing for an assessment centre
- Getting ready to start a role

The workshops will last between 1 hour, depending on the complexity of the topic.

Why choose this enrichment?

This enrichment will help develop the knowledge and skills needed to successfully and confidently apply for and secure employment. These are critical skills that will benefit students through their working life.

How long will the enrichment last?

The enrichment would run for selective student interest groups throughout the year.

Term 1: 1st half term – Year 13 Employment Seekers (Group 1); 2nd half term - Year 12 Students seeking work experience / part time jobs (Group 1).

Term 2: 1st half term – Year 13 Employment Seekers (Group 2); 2nd half term - Year 12 Students seeking work experience / part time jobs (Group 2).

How much time a week will it involve?

1 hour.

What will it cost?

No cost.

Who can sign up?

See targeted groups above. Open to all.

How do I sign up?

Via Coaching Class or referral by Coach / Self-Referral. You can sign up to another enrichment alongside Road Map to Employment.

Rugby with Birmingham Moseley Rugby Club



Enrichment Overview

The Rugby team is an all year activity, which provides the opportunity for students to play within an organised College Rugby league.

Why choose this enrichment?

This enrichment gives you the opportunity to develop yourself physically, socially and emotionally. You will develop your teamwork and communication skills along with the organisation needed to balance training, game preparation and academic work.



How long will the enrichment last?

The enrichment takes place between September and May with league fixtures weekly.

How much time a week will it involve?

The commitment is for 5 hours per week which is a mixture of training and game time.

What will it cost?

There are no costs to participate, however there may be options to purchase Teamwear within the year.

Who can sign up?

The Rugby team is aimed at those with previous experience of playing within an organised league and club environment. However, those students demonstrating the potential to develop to the levels required within the trials will be offered a place within the training squad.

Rugby is open to both males and females for training. Fixtures are for the male team only, however through the link with Birmingham Moseley there are opportunities for females to seek playing time through the Club.

How do I sign up?

Trials take place following enrolment and attendance is compulsory for those students wishing to be selected. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.

Social Sciences Academy



Enrichment Overview

This is an opportunity for A Level Economics, A Level Politics, A Level Sociology and Level Three Diploma Criminology students to examine topical issues at a greater depth than is possible on your course, and to complete an Extended Project in an area of particular interest to you that takes you beyond the specification of your course. 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.

Why choose this enrichment?

The course will make you even more marketable to university admissions tutors and will improve your curriculum vitae. Moreover, it will help you to explore your subject in great depth, so that you will get more out of your A Level course and further develop your skills.

How long will the enrichment last?

This is a full year course, as you will be working on your extended project and participating in a variety of Stretch and Challenge sessions.

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson a week for the main session and approximately 2 hours a week of independent study in completing your Extended Project Qualification.



What will it cost?

There may possibly be some local transport costs as we often travel to one of the local universities for master classes.

Who can sign up?

This course is for students intending to study Economics, Politics, Sociology, Criminology or a related subject at a competitive university.

How do I sign up?

You can apply to join this course at enrolment if you have a strong set of GCSE results and would like an additional challenge. Places are limited and there will be a selection process to decide which students can join the group. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.

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Sport for Leisure



Enrichment Overview

These sessions are recreational sport and physical leisure activities ranging from Badminton, 5-a side football, Table Tennis, Fitness, Basketball and many others. They occur across the middle of the day on at least two days per week.

Why choose this enrichment?

Sport for Leisure enrichment activities provide students with the opportunity to take part in a range of supervised activities. Students will develop new friendships and have a physical outlet in which they have fun whilst being active.

How long will the enrichment last?

These sport activities will occur from September - July.

How much time a week will it involve?

Sessions will be 55 mins with a minimum of 4 occurring within the week and will be a range of different activities.

What will it cost?

No cost.

Who can sign up?

All students can participate and are encouraged to do so.

How do I sign up?

Sign up when the sports are advertised. You can sign up to another enrichment alongside Sport for Leisure.



Sports Leadership (Level 2 Award)

Enrichment Overview

The Level 2 Sports Leaders course is a recognised qualification which allows participants the opportunity to gain experience and skills of planning and leading sports activities. The course has a combination of practical and theoretical assessment which needs to be completed to a sufficient level to be certificated.



Why choose this enrichment?

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.

How long will the enrichment last?

The course runs from September to April.

How much time a week will it involve?

Students attend the course for one lesson per week. Students must also complete 10 hours of voluntary work to demonstrate their leadership skills.



What will it cost?

There are no costs for the actual course, but there may be costs for travel depending on how the voluntary hours are met.

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 do I sign up?

At enrolment. You can sign up for another enrichment alongside Sports Leadership.

STEM Programme



Enrichment Overview

The STEM enrichment is an opportunity for students to further develop their skills and passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Students will work towards achieving the gold CREST award alongside exciting trips and visits. CREST is the British Science Association's scheme for STEM project work that inspires young people to think and behave like scientists and engineers. This is an independent project highly regarded by Universities and Employers in STEM subjects. It will give students the chance to explore areas of STEM that are not on the specifications of their subjects. At points within your project there will be opportunities to gain support from academics at Sheffield University's Engineering department.

Throughout the year, you will also have opportunities for trips and visits. This enrichment is open to all Science and Maths students and we particularly welcome female students as they are underrepresented in STEM careers.

Why choose this enrichment?

You will enrich and broaden your experiences of STEM, outside of your subject specification. You will develop research, critical thinking and practical skills. By completing the project you will be able to demonstrate you can work independently and are self-motivated.

How long will the enrichment last?

Full year

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson. You will be expected to work independently on your project outside of lesson time.

What will it cost?

There may be some costs to cover travel for trips and visits.

Who can sign up?

Open to all students who study an A level or BTEC in Science or Maths. If we have high numbers of interest we may go through a selection process. This enrichment is open to all Science and Maths students and we particularly welcome female students as they are underrepresented in STEM careers.

How do I sign up?

At enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.

Stretch & Challenge Programme



Enrichment Overview

The Stretch and Challenge enrichment provides extensive support and guidance for students applying to Russell Group universities including Oxford and Cambridge.

It consists of:

- a parents evening for students and parents/carers who may have little experience of the university application process
- preparation for university tests and interviews
- support with personal statements
- extra support for first generation university applicants applying to competitive courses
- a place on the Stretch & Challenge Summer School in June
- 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 (Students interested in medicine should also ensure they have signed up to the Pre-Medical School.)

Why choose this enrichment?

This enrichment aims to make students aware of aspirational university options early on in their time at college so that they can apply to summer schools and masterclasses at the earliest possible opportunity. It provides a community and support basis for students who enjoy academic pursuits and encourages students to stretch and challenge themselves by helping them access resources and events beyond their classroom lessons.

How long will the enrichment last?

December of Year 12 until January of Year 13.

How much time a week will it involve?

This will vary from month to month where sometimes just attendance at a meeting might be expected. All participants are expected to attend the Stretch and Challenge Summer School in June and if a student decides to apply for a competitive course or university such as Oxford or Cambridge, they will be expected to dedicate a lot of their independent study time to their application.



What will it cost?

Nothing, other than optional trips.

Who can sign up?

There is a recruitment process for the Stretch and Challenge Programme. Usually students will need to have a very good GCSE profile of strong passes and an academic record would contain evidence of:

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

How do I sign up?

Students with a strong GCSE profile are invited to a meeting in December to address the key commitments of the programme and are invited to attend subsequent events. For the Stretch and Challenge Summer School in June, interested students sign up via Moodle in May of Year 12. You can sign up for another enrichment alongside the Stretch & Challenge Programme.



Student Council



Enrichment Overview

As member of the student council you can be involved in shaping the decisions that involve all students at Solihull Sixth Form College. The Student Council is the voice of the student body. They help share student ideas, interests, and concerns with the College wide community. Another purpose of the Student Council is to give students an opportunity to develop leadership by organising and carrying out educational and charity events that contribute to the College's spirit and community. Roles in the Student Council include charity office, vice chair and voice officer to name but a few. The Student Council is set up to help improve the College by creating a place where student opinion can be developed, shared and presented to the College senior leadership team, governors, staff and other stake holders.

Why choose this enrichment?

You will develop many skills that are sought after by universities and employers. Skills such as communication, organisation, time management and leadership while connecting with wide range students and other professionals in college.

How long will the enrichment last?

This is a 2 year commitment.

How much time a week will it involve?

Weekly 1-hour meeting. You will also be involved in supporting events such as charity events, awareness events and be involved in student panels.

"I joined the Council because I wanted to get more involved with my college. This has been an opportunity for me to lead a team and work together to make student life better! I'm being listened to and issues raised by students are very quickly dealt with. With the Council, I get to organise events, hold charities and host many activities that make life at college very fun! I've gained great communication, leadership, organisation and team-working skills!"

What will it cost?

No cost.

Who can sign up?

Open to all Year 12 students.

How do I sign up?

Sign up at enrolment. You can sign up for another enrichment while also being part of Student Council.

Student Janvie Miah, Chair of Student Council

Student Magazine



Enrichment Overview

We will be producing a student-led and written termly magazine. The content will be driven by the editorial team. We also hope to work with a number of outside experts who will conduct sessions on different aspects of journalism. This is a real opportunity to be a member of our first editorial team and drive the direction of the publication. We're looking for writers, graphic designers, photographers, web designers - anyone who wants to contribute!

Why choose this enrichment?

This enrichment is particularly relevant if you are interested in a career in journalism, marketing, advertising etc. or if you enjoy writing, but prefer non-fiction writing to more literary forms. You don't need any previous experience – just enthusiasm.

How long will the enrichment last?

Full year.

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson, but you may want to put in additional time, particularly around publications deadlines.

What will it cost?

No cost.

Who can sign up?

Open to all.

How do I sign up?

At enrolment - but if you miss signing up at enrolment, talk to a member of the English team. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.



Student Societies



Enrichment Overview

Student societies are organised and operated by Students for Students. Student societies can encompass any interests, activity or hobby that you may have. Previous societies include LGBTQ+, Islamic Society, Environmental Club and BSL (British Sign Language).

Why choose this enrichment?

There are many benefits of being involved in student societies, you will be able to explore your interests. You will develop communications skills, leadership skills and meet lots of new people, that share the same interests as you. As well as having fun, you will develop skills highly valued by Universities and Employers.

How long will the enrichment last?

Termly, depending on student interest.

How much time a week will it involve?

You can attend as often as you would like. Each society lasts approximately one hour per week.

What will it cost?

No cost.

Who can sign up?

Open to all Year 12 and 13 students.

How do I sign up?

Speak to the Student Development Team based in Hampton building, Room H231. You can sign up for another enrichment alongside Student Societies.



“I saw societies as a way to make friends by bonding over something you all shared a common interest in.”

Student Muhammed Lone

Teaching Academy



Enrichment Overview

This specialist enrichment activity is open to all students who are interested in a teaching career. Students will benefit from a bespoke teaching programme that has been tailored to provide students with both academic and vocational knowledge of teaching practice. Essentially you will learn some of the building blocks of how to teach. This enrichment will be delivered in partnership with South Birmingham College Teaching School and the Summit Learning Trust.

Why choose this enrichment?

If you are considering teaching for your career progression, this enrichment will be extremely useful. You will gain knowledge of teaching practice and participate in work experience or school-based visits. There is also the opportunity to complete an Extended Project – a qualification highly valued by universities.

How long will the enrichment last?

Full year.

How much time a week will it involve?

1 period a week for the main session and 1-2 hours a week of independent study in completing your Extended Project Qualification.

What will it cost?

There may be possible costs for local travel and events. A clear DBS 'Disclosure and Barring Service' may also be needed. The cost of the DBS is approximately £60.00 and details of how to pay will be provided.

Who can sign up?

This course is for all students studying any subject discipline who has an interest in becoming a teacher in the future.

How do I sign up?

At enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.

Team Gambia

Enrichment Overview

This project involves a visit to The Gambia in West Africa to complete voluntary work in a nursery 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.

Why choose this enrichment?

Students from previous trips always say it's the best thing they have ever done – an experience that money cannot buy. The fundraising is a challenge but being able to see the difference that it makes to children's lives, makes it more than worthwhile. They love teaching the children in the school, being a part of Gambian culture and getting to know each other well is the added and unexpected bonus.

How long will the enrichment last?

One week in either November or December 2023.

How much time a week will it involve?

Regular meetings with lead staff in relation to planning for the trip (approximately 12 meetings in the January to November period). In addition, there is a considerable individual time commitment for fundraising and preparing teaching materials.

What will it cost?

The trip costs approximately £1000 per student plus approximately £75 for vaccinations/anti-malaria tablets. In addition, students are expected to fundraise at least £400 each (from January - November) to improve teaching facilities and sanitation at the school and pay teachers' salaries.

Who can sign up?

Places are available for up to 30 enthusiastic Year 12 Students, who are interested in learning more about life in a developing country. You can register your interest by emailing Janice Hamilton, Vice Principal.

How do I sign up?

Students will be invited to a meeting in December 22/January 2023. The 30 places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. You can sign up for another enrichment alongside Team Gambia.



Theatre-in-Education Company



Enrichment Overview

The Drama enrichment is a unique opportunity to work as a theatre company and experience producing a production for public performance. In 2020, our company participated in the NT Connections Festival collaborating with both The National Theatre and Nottingham Playhouse. Last year our students performed an original piece of verbatim theatre at The Birmingham Rep. This enrichment will involve developing performance and/or design skills to a live brief where you will work as young professionals to create imaginative and bold theatre.

Why choose this enrichment?

The experience is just the sort of challenge universities and employers value highly, for budding Drama students or creatives alike. You will also develop a range of transferable skills, such as teamwork, public speaking, leadership and problem solving. It is an opportunity to develop your creativity by taking on a production role such as a costume designer, technical designer, director or performer.

How long will the enrichment last?

October – July

How much time a week will it involve?

One lesson, with some post-4pm rehearsals where necessary.

What will it cost?

Approximately £25 per person (if participating in The National Theatre Connections Festival or a similar project).

Who can sign up?

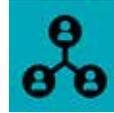
The opportunity is best suited to students seeking to progress to competitive HE courses in the Performing Arts and other creative subjects. However, we would also encourage students who have an interest in the theatre to join.

How do I sign up?

At enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.



Urdu for Everyone



Enrichment Overview

Urdu is the national language of Pakistan. It is the fourth most spoken language in the UK. This enrichment is open to everyone regardless of your ability. For those of you who already speak Urdu you are likely to be immersed in at home, but lack the understanding of the language. Language and culture are inextricably intertwined, so learning Urdu can be a good way to understand your heritage better. For those of you who are new to Urdu, this enrichment will help you learn the basics of the language such as learning the alphabet, common phrases and simple sentences. You will be able to practice your new language alongside more proficient Urdu speakers.

Why choose this enrichment?

This enrichment will enable you to learn a valuable new skill and a better understanding of cultural diversity.

How long will the enrichment last?

September 2022 - July 2023.

How much time a week will it involve?

One period per week, with termly visits from speakers.

What will it cost?

No cost.

Who can sign up?

Any Year 12 student can sign up for this enrichment. It is suitable for people who do not spoken Urdu or who speak it at home and want to understand it better.

How do I sign up?

You can apply to join this enrichment at enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.

Visual Arts Academy



Enrichment Overview

The Visual Arts Academy is a Qualification Enrichment. Year 12 students will gain an EPQ qualification which is assessed at A Level standard and can contribute towards university and employment applications. Students will produce a piece of independent work based on any aspect of the Visual Arts. Students may choose to work on specialisms such as Architecture, Painting, Ceramics, Textiles, Fashion Design, Photography etc. Students are encouraged to be creative and innovative. The work completed cannot be connected to any aspect of their A Level subjects.

Why choose this enrichment? What our students say:

“The Visual Arts Academy really aided the progression of my college studies as it allowed me to explore an area of art that was not included in my BTEC Course and that I had always wanted to pursue. Not only did the course fulfil that intention, but it taught me such skills as preliminary research and methods of presentation and communication that I have used in my work since and will continue to utilise, especially at university.” - Nina Dredger (BTEC Art & Design)

Destination: Goldsmiths, University of London - BA (Hons) Curating

Case Study examples:

Case Study 1: This course is ideal for Y12 students aspiring to study Architecture at University as these courses require a portfolio alongside qualifications.

Case Study 2: This course is fantastic for Y12 students who have not studied/achieved a Visual Arts GCSE but would like to embark on a Visual Arts investigation in a specialism of choice.

Case Study 3: This course would provide an excellent opportunity for a Y12 student studying an Arts course, who wish to develop work for portfolio that is not covered in the Visual Arts A Levels we offer.

How long will the enrichment last?

EPQ – Starts in September and completed in Year 12.

How much time a week will it involve? 1 lesson per week and independent study - to take place in the ‘Enrichment’ slot of the timetable.

What will it cost?

Students will need to pay for costs of sketchbooks, printing and other specialist materials. The Visual Arts department sell most materials needed at a reduced cost.

Who can sign up? All Year 12 students (both A level and BTEC).

How do I sign up? When you attend your enrolment interview in August you will be able to add the Visual Arts Academy EPQ to your programme of study. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.



Volunteering

Enrichment Overview

Young people are our future, and volunteering will allow you to develop soft skills which are essential in your working career. These skills then translate into wider impact, whether that's communicating with others about the importance of recycling, or leading others as CEO in an organisation. Whatever your future pathway, that change can start directly through volunteering.

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

- Being involved in a charitable event at college
- Working directly for a charity
- Being a College Health Ambassador
- Being a mentor to other students

Being a member of the student council

Remember that your volunteering experience can be used as evidence for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award (see enrichment guide page 16).



Why choose this enrichment?

Volunteering is a practical way for students to start thinking critically about some of the social issues which people face across the country. Whether it's raising money for a homelessness charity, supporting health ambassadors with a campaign on drugs, or supporting elderly relative who may be socially isolated, volunteering is a great introduction to these difficult topics, and shows students how they can take steps to make a difference. Reflections relating to such activities make a positive contribution to personal statements and job applications.

How long will the enrichment last?

Start of Year 12 to December of Year 13.

How much time a week will it involve?

At least 1 hour.

What will it cost?

No cost.

Who can sign up?

All Year 12 students.

How do I sign up?

Sign up to the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award at enrolment. You can do another enrichment alongside this.

Young Enterprise

New for 2022/23



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Do you have aspirations to be your own boss and experience what it is like to set up and run your own business? Do you have a business idea? Then this is for you! You will work with a business mentor and other students to develop your business idea, company name and manage the company finances. You will promote and sell to the public through pop up shops and an online store and gain the practical business experience, adaptability, entrepreneurial mindset and employability skills that a university, apprenticeship or future employer will be impressed with. There is also the opportunity to compete with other schools/colleges at a local, county, regional and national level, offering a variety of learning development opportunities including public speaking, interview skills and a chance to network with other companies locally, regionally and across the UK.

Why choose this enrichment?

If you have any interest in being an entrepreneur, applying for a business degree, or being involved in self-employment; it will give you the skills that you need – as well as a taste of what the world of work is actually like. It can be an opportunity to explore your creativity, develop your confidence and to feel the freedom of being your own boss. From participating in this enrichment, you will have serious evidence of direct experience of business activities. This is exactly what university business courses will want to see. They will acknowledge that you are not averse to a bit of risk-taking, enterprising, or commitment and will see this as a good sign for your general fit for the degree-level business course.

How long will the enrichment last?

All academic year.

How much time a week will it involve?

1 lesson per week, plus additional activities for fundraising etc.

What will it cost?

Nothing, but you will need to participate in some fundraising activities to cover the cost of your production, marketing and running costs.

Who can sign up?

Year 12 & 13 Applied Business and A Level Business students, plus anyone who is looking to take a Business course at university.

How do I sign up?

At enrolment. It is not possible to do another enrichment alongside this.

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