



Bay House

Sixth Form

ENRICHMENT COURSES 2022

As well as your academic studies, you can also choose to take up enrichment courses which you would find both interesting and fun! It is also a chance to broaden your Sixth Form experience and meet new people. The courses are useful additions to any university or job application; some can also lead to further external accreditation. The majority of enrichment courses run for the whole year, although some are termly or half-termly. All enrichment courses are optional; however, once committed, all sessions must be attended. You may choose a range of courses if you wish; most courses will, however, be timetabled to take place at the same time.

Please note that all courses are subject to final timetabling and demand - there is, therefore, a possibility that some may not end up running

ONE YEAR COURSES:

Level 3 Mathematical Studies

Mathematical Studies is a one-year course which puts the focus on developing and consolidating the mathematical understanding and thinking skills of the student. It is an excellent complement to many A Levels and has the potential to help lower the grades required for University places. Mathematical Studies is also good preparation for the mathematical demands of higher education where there are mathematical elements involved which do not stretch quite to A Level. Course content will include Data Analysis, Personal Finance, Estimation, Probability, Critical Path Analysis and Cost Benefit Analysis.

Mandarin Chinese Studies, HSK (Chinese proficiency test) level 4

This course is designed for Chinese language students aiming to sit the HSK 4 Chinese Proficiency Exam. Using a combination of textbooks, outsources from China covering the listening, reading, and writing, students of HSK 4 are recommended to have 4 hours study per week to ensure them gain a maximum capability to sit the HSK 4 exam.

It is a continuous course and students are required to have passed HSK 3, or achieved GCSE grade 6 above, or students with equivalent language skills.

Each term is 2 hours lessons and 2 hours self-study.

Successful applicants may choose to study in China for short courses, with a support of scholarship.

Creative Ceramics – Bay House’s Great Pottery Throw Down!!

Would you like to learn a new skill or refresh an existing talent? Creative Ceramics offers clay and glazing techniques, in a relaxed atmosphere, offering the chance to design and create a couple of pieces for display within your college and home environment; also a perfect gift! This course has a proven track record for enjoyment, stress-busting, confidence building, course satisfaction and a yearning for more!! The only qualification needed is enthusiasm.

Criminology

Criminology is an exciting subject which will allow you to understand crime and deviance in detail. It studies the status, structure, dynamics and socio-human causes of crime, as well as solutions to developing means of intervention against criminal activity. You will focus on the impact that crime and criminal behaviour have on societies and explore how criminal behaviour can be explained. You will also look at the social reaction to crime and the effectiveness of anti-crime policies, including some aspects of the law. If you choose to, you will undertake a controlled assessment and an exam to obtain a Level 3 qualification. Questions such as ‘why do people commit crime?’, ‘how should we punish offenders?’ and ‘what is the role of the criminal justice system?’ will be addressed throughout the course. As this is an external qualification it should be noted that students will need to complete homework and treat it the same as they do their other subjects.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) is an amazing opportunity for personal development. Our students who take up the challenge of their Gold DofE develop essential skills for life. With a focus on five areas; volunteering, physical, skills, residential and expedition, the DofE expands the horizons of young people in so many ways. Working together and overcoming challenges in the outdoor environment develops self-reliance and confidence, with participation in these shared experiences allowing initiative and teamwork to flourish. Students are able to make a difference to the lives of those in their community, as well as learning new skills throughout the programme. Beyond your academic achievements, universities and employers want to see evidence of 'soft skills' that you have developed through extracurricular activities, such as communication, commitment, leadership and teamwork. Your DofE Award is a fantastic way to demonstrate and evidence these skills in practice. It is an important addition to your UCAS application or CV.

During the course, you will receive support in completing each section through drop in sessions and training days.; You will develop skills of navigation, first aid and campcraft in preparation for your expedition. We use an external provider to facilitate our expedition section.

The cost of the DofE Gold Award will be in the region of £390. This cost includes enrolment for the award, two expeditions and training sessions.

Full details about the DofE can be found at www.dofe.org

Football (Hampshire Colleges' League)

Matches take place each week against other colleges in the Hampshire League. Trials for a place in the First or Second team take place during the first week of term – further details will be given out nearer the time.

Model United Nations – Step into the shoes of World Leaders

Each year more than 400,000 students from primary school to university participate worldwide in Model UN conferences. These events involve role-play of UN meetings and are usually based on the Security Council or General Assembly committees. This enrichment course will allow delegates to work together towards their own Model United Nations conference which may be held either within school or countrywide at a national conference. This year we went to Kings College London; in 2022-23 we are hoping to attend an MUN Conference at the London School of Economics (LSE). Each delegate will represent a particular country and tackle real world problems and situations. The delegations represent the views of 'their' country, reflecting that country's national interests, rather than their own personal opinions on an issue. The topics are issues of global importance – such as the Ukraine conflict, the provision of clean water, nuclear weapons, human rights, economic justice or the Syrian or Israeli-Palestinian conflicts. You will work towards a re-enactment of a UN meeting, negotiating with other delegations through formal and informal debate. This is particularly of interest to students studying Politics, Economics, Geography or intending a future career in journalism, international business, the civil service, NGOs or in a diplomatic field.

Netball (Hampshire Colleges' League)

Matches take place each week against other colleges in the Hampshire League. Trials for a place in the First or Second team take place during the first week of term – further details will be given out nearer the time.

Recreational Basketball

At time of writing, the Warriors are through to the final, and the Heat/Celtics series is on fire! It's been a really good season in the NBA this year. There is also a professional basketball league here in the UK, and the standard is pretty high. The school has run a trip to the BBL final (Mens and Womens) in previous years which is a great event. If you fancy playing the greatest sport in the world, then shooting some hoops on a Wednesday afternoon is the place to start. No experience is necessary and the emphasis is on fun and keeping fit. If you are more experienced however, there should be an opportunity to learn some more advanced skills, provided we have enough committed players. The Wednesday afternoon session will mainly involve casual game play, but the sessions can be used to practise set plays and offensive/defensive manoeuvres if you wish to improve your skill level.

Recreational PE

If you'd like to keep fit and have fun in a relaxed environment then you can choose to participate in a variety of sporting activities such as table tennis, volleyball, badminton, basketball and more!

Student Resource Collaborator

A new opportunity to help support the delivery or enrichment of pupils' learning experiences in Key Stage 3 or 4, in a subject of your choosing. You will be supported in making resources that could be used as enrichment activities, revision resources or even something to help explain a topic you struggled with in the past. You will be supported by teachers and given training for how to make resources and support understanding. This enrichment opportunity will help develop your presentation skills, give you the chance to use your creativity to inspire younger learners, whilst you gain valuable experience in an education related field. You will be able to write about this in your applications to university or other progression routes, it is an excellent way to demonstrate a passion for a subject. How you approach the resources you make are up to you, you could make slideshows, videos, worksheets, puzzles, quizzes, it is up to you!

You will need to complete an application form to apply for this role and there will be an interview process, including a 3 minute presentation teaching a panel about a topic you are passionate about (doesn't have to be academic).

If you would like more information, please talk to Mr Farrelly

Tycoon Enterprise Competition

Do you see yourself on Dragons' Den, or as Lord Sugar's next apprentice? If so, then this exciting enrichment opportunity is for you. Tycoon is a national enterprise competition offered by the Peter Jones Foundation for Enterprise. It is open to all Sixth Form students, regardless of subjects studied, but it is anticipated that students studying A Level Business or Economics will find it a particularly valuable complement to their A Level studies. Students will work in pairs (or solo) to come up with a business idea and each 'team' is given a start-up loan from a £3,000 funding pot to launch their business. Each business then trades for a 7-week period, after which an evaluation is written. Business plans, evaluations and trading records are then entered into a national competition and the winners are announced at a special ceremony at Buckingham Palace. Examples of successful Tycoon businesses include a laptop lease business and a tea towel design company. This would be a fantastic addition to your CV, regardless of your chosen career path.

Tabletop RPG Society

Tabletop Roleplaying Games like Dungeons and Dragons, The Witcher TTRPG and Cyberpunk RED engage players in collaborative storytelling, where pivotal moments in the plot are decided by the roll of the dice. The hobby has exploded in popularity over the past few years with players and audiences alike.

By playing Tabletop RPG's you'll be developing and improving a wide array of valuable and transferable skills such as co-operative communication, group problem-solving, lateral thinking, improv, shared storytelling, acting/voice acting, game design and creative writing/worldbuilding. Interacting with the game world through the lens of a personally created character also provides players with a safe environment to step out of their comfort zone, allowing you to boost your self-confidence and empathy skills (according to the research, at least!). If you want to develop all of these interpersonal skills and tell incredible stories along the way, then sign up! Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a complete newcomer, Tabletop RPG Society is open to everyone.

Performing Arts and Drama-Let's Create!!

Missed the theatre recently? Are you itching to tread the boards once more? Or have you always been interested in being a part of a performance but have never had the chance to do so? This short course is an opportunity to build on your knowledge and performance skills in the Drama and Theatre industry and create performances of your choice. Whether it is opportunities to create your own pieces of work from scratch using subject content you are interested in, or to come together to explore and bring to life a script that will challenge and excite you in a way like you have never done before, this course will allow you to do so. Interested in the backstage workings and responsibilities? Again this is something we can explore. Our aim is to facilitate whatever type of performance work is of interest to you, so come, be creative and be inspired by others!

TERMLY COURSE:

Social Value

This pilot course is being designed with the national lead organisation for Social Value (Social Value UK), will involve keynote speakers from across the county on the topic and include the development of skills associated with Social Value measurement and stakeholder led community action. Each participant will be provided with an opportunity to turn their Social Value learning into a stakeholder led project. Each project will gain input by a panel of local and national Social Value experts, with some projects gaining sponsorship status for continued implementation post course completion.

Mindfulness

An opportunity to explore the practices of mindfulness and meditation; each session will offer the chance to engage in a practical experience as well as looking at the theories behind them. Mindfulness relates to being fully present and has been linked to enhanced well-being as has meditation which involves finding peace within. All are welcome!

GFM Boxing Academy

Boxing Awards is designed as a fun recreational programme for people of all ages, levels and abilities. The scheme incorporates boxing lessons and boxing practice in a progressive awards programme, meaning that all previous awards must be passed in order to proceed to the next. Here is a link to the levels of award:

<https://www.boxingawards.co.uk/levels-of-award> - this will give you an idea of what we could do.

HALF TERMLY COURSES:

Haematology - The Study of Blood

A brief race through Path Lab rather than Dracula's Den. The sessions will look at normal Red Blood Cells, White Blood Cells and Platelets and investigations into associated conditions/problem areas. Using anecdotal evidence from General Hospital work, these will include investigations into the Anaemias (Iron deficiency, Sickle Cell etc), Blood Groups/Rhesus, Infection, Leukaemia, Blood Clotting and Anticoagulants. Not just of interest to students wishing to read Biological Sciences/Medicine in future, but to anyone who has ever had a Full Blood Count investigation. Subject to confirmation, we may be supported by Portsmouth Hospitals Trust to examine blood films under the microscope. Blood film making (using fake blood and bone marrow) will also be demonstrated with attendees encouraged to have a go too. *(Depending on timetabling, this course will either run on a Wednesday afternoon or one day after school)*

Make sure you visit the Enrichment Fair in the MAIN Hall on Friday morning to find out more about these courses, then simply tick the relevant box on the option sheet and hand it in with other provisional enrolment paperwork at the end of the Taster days!