



## ENRICHMENT COURSES 2025

*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. 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**

### **Beginners' Sign Language**

An introduction to British Sign Language. Learn the fingerspelling alphabet and basic conversational sign language including signs for greetings, family, foods, animals, school and feelings. Also learn about Deaf culture and the history of sign language. No prior knowledge of signing necessary.

### **Chess**

From complete beginner to Grandmaster, chess enrichment offers you the opportunity to develop your chess strategy whatever your current ability. For just a small sacrifice in time, you can learn new openings, tactics, and chess essentials, as well as being able to challenge your peers for the right to crown yourself 'Ruler of the board' in the yearly Bay House chess championship.

### **Classical Literature and Mythology**

Classical Literature and Mythology offers sixth form students a rigorous and enriching opportunity to engage with the foundational texts of Western civilisation. Through the close reading and discussion of epic works such as Homer's Iliad and Virgil's Aeneid, students will explore the literary, historical, and philosophical dimensions of the classical world. We will also consider the enduring legacy of ancient mythology in contemporary culture—examining its influence on literature, film, and the arts—thereby fostering a deeper understanding of its relevance today.

This is particularly well-suited to students pursuing A Levels in Ancient History or English Literature, and those considering related disciplines at university. However, it welcomes all who have an intellectual curiosity about the ancient world and its stories. Participation will develop skills in textual analysis, critical thinking, and cultural interpretation—key attributes for further academic study

## **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, they could make 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.

## **Creative Writing**

Always wanted to start a novel? Or do you prefer flash fiction? Whatever type of creative writing you would like to do, this course will help you develop your ideas and techniques. We will set up an online magazine to share our work, enter writing competitions, even put on a Poetry Slam. The intention is to facilitate whatever form of creativity club members would like to pursue, so come, share your ideas and be inspired by others!

## **Debating**

The Sixth Form Debating Society provides an opportunity for you to engage in the issues that really matter. From gambling to EU membership, gun crime to Christmas adverts, we’re always on the lookout for new members to join our opinionated team! The society meets weekly to hold a structured debate on a motion selected by its members and we ensure that no point is left unpicked! We regularly take part in national debating competitions, such as ‘Debating Matters’, and stage competitive debates with other colleges. If you like voicing your opinion and don’t shy away from a controversial topic, then the Debating Society is for you. Maybe, with your help, we’ll finally get to the bottom of the trickiest debate of all: is the Jaffa Cake actually a cake or a biscuit?

## **Filmmaking Club**

“You can really make things with your iPhone that look extraordinary. You can make things with your friends... It doesn’t have to be perfect, but you’ve just gotta make a lot.”

Greta Gerwig (Director of Barbie)

The Bay House Filmmaking Society is the ideal place for anyone who wants to collaborate with a group of like-minded people and create stories together. Whether you’re interested in operating the camera, editing, writing scripts or performing, there’s a wide variety of roles required to make a film come together. Last year’s projects included short films to match a brief, as well as longer projects, such as a music video, and a 15-minute long episode of an original “mockumentary” sitcom inspired by *The Office*. While open to all students, and with no experience in filmmaking necessary, the Filmmaking Society would also be useful to A Level Film Studies students, to help consolidate the content learned in class and expand portfolios for anyone applying to advance to Film School after A Levels.

### **Football (Hampshire Colleges' League)**

Play weekly football fixtures against other colleges and sixth forms within Hampshire. Both teams will be entered into a league and cup competition.

### **Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) TWO YEAR COURSE**

The Duke of Edinburgh Award allows you to spend time with friends and make new ones, as well as allowing you to discover new interests and talents. The five sections allow you to develop essential skills for both life and work and this is a recognised mark of achievement; which is highly respected by employers. You will spend time giving back to the community through volunteering, building up your fitness in a physical section and learning or developing a skill through the skills section. You will also complete a 4 day expedition, where you get to experience walking and camping in Wild Country (Snowdonia). You will see spectacular scenery and completing the expedition will give you a huge sense of achievement. By participating in DofE it paves the way for a productive and exciting future as by achieving the award it provides you with the skills and confidence for your future pursuits. You can make a difference to other people's lives, become fitter and make friends. You will create memories to last a lifetime. There is no expectation that you have to have completed the Bronze or Silver Award. There is a cost associated with DofE and there is an option to participate in Gold DofE AND another enrichment.

### **Level 3 Mathematical Studies**

Throughout GCSE students often say "when will I ever use this in life?", well, Mathematical Studies is the type of maths everyone has wanted...it is real life maths! Learn how you will be remunerated when you get a job, how finance works including mortgages and student loans, how to evaluate a decision, how to present information logically and many more real life maths skills. This course also has some crossover with Business and Social Sciences A Levels, and students in the past have commented how useful it has been to support those subjects. At the end of the one year course you will sit an exam and get a level 3 qualification.

### **Model United Nations – Step into the shoes of World Leaders**

After the success of holding our own MUN Conference in 2024 and 2025 with delegates from across Hampshire, we are looking to run the Conference again and are looking for keen global citizens to take part. 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. 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, International Relations, International Business or intending a future career in journalism, international business, the civil service, NGOs or in a diplomatic field.

### **Netball (Hampshire Colleges' League)**

Weekly netball fixtures against other colleges and sixth forms in Hampshire. The team will be entered into the league and cup.

### **Recreational PE**

A session of non-competitive and recreational sport/physical activity with a qualified PE teacher. You will be offered a wide range of sports and activities throughout the year.

### **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. Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust has donated blood films for us to examine under the microscope. Blood film making (using fake blood and bone marrow) will also be demonstrated with attendees encouraged to have a go too.