



Queen Elizabeth's *School*



Sixth Form Enrichment Programme

2023-2024



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WHAT?

EVERYTHING you are involved in, inside and out of College – it covers anything that is not part of your academic studies.

WHY?

To make YOU more appealing to employers and Universities by enhancing your CV and Personal Statement! It is more important than ever to have more than academic qualifications on applications!

WHO?

Each activity is run by different organisation, teachers and students. You can find out all this info on the Notice Boards in the Sixth Form foyer and the canteen or by asking John Wright who is the Lead Tutor for Sixth Form Enrichment.

- It is YOUR responsibility to ensure you get involved in the programme.

YOU MUST KEEP A RECORD OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING!

The Enrichment programme aims to open your eyes to the world outside your studies and most importantly have some fun! It is a requirement of being in the Sixth Form.

Volunteering is not only a great way to meet new people and try different things, but it can also form the basis of your Extended Project Qualification and the Sixth Form Diploma Award. It could also lead to part time employment and greatly enhances your CV and UCAS application.

Latest information on the activities will be given out via email and at the Sixth Form Gathering on Monday mornings.

Opportunities To Work with Year 7 & 8 at Barnfield:

Barnfield Reading Buddies

Work with individual or small groups of students to listen to them read. Many students at Barnfield struggle to read and need support to develop into confident and fluent readers. You'll need lots of patience and enthusiasm to help students build this vital skill. Full training given.

Staff to contact: Fenella Evans (fenella.evans@qe.devon.sch.uk).

Wellbeing Warriors

Undertake training from a qualified wellbeing practitioner and work with students on the Barnfield site to support positive mental health. Support Year 7 and 8 students by being a supportive mentor. Coach other Barnfield students to support their peers and run a team of Wellbeing Warriors around the campus. Full training provided.

Staff to contact: Richard Whitehouse (richard.whitehouse@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Knit and Knatter

Support a well-established Knit and Knatter group, led by Jill Kinch. Knit and Knatter is a fun way to support Year 7 and Year 8 students' social skills. Share craft activities while you natter.

Staff to contact: Jill Kinch (jill.kinch@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Opportunities To Work With Students Across All Year Groups:

Tutor Group Support

All 6th Form students will be encouraged to link themselves to a tutor group in Years 7 – 11. You will be able to support the classroom teacher with the morning routine and become a friendly face that the tutor group gets to know. Share your experience with students from the younger years and help others have a good start to their day. Time commitment is only one morning a week.

Staff to contact: Your tutor

MyPlace Board Games Club

MyPlace is a quiet space on each campus for students who need a quieter lunch and break space in the school day. Come along and run a board games club, lego therapy or jigsaws in MyPlace to support social skills and sensory time out for younger students.

Staff to contact: Kathy Radford (kathleen.radford@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Learning Mentors

Help out in lessons to support students with additional learning needs. Learn to scaffold work for students, act as a learning buddy and support students who find learning difficult. Full training will be given, plus a lesson scaffolding resource pack.

Staff to contact: Kathy Radford and Emma Taylor (kathleen.turner@qe.devon.sch.uk, emma.taylor@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Classroom Assistant

Help out in lessons further down the school and support students who need a little bit more help. This activity is entirely up to the subject teachers and is usually organised through them. You may also wish to help with students on a one-to-one basis further down the school who need extra help in their lessons.

Staff to contact: Organise yourself by emailing the subject teacher.

Lead Learner Programme – YEAR 13 ONLY!

Spend an hour per week coaching and mentoring a year 12 student in either a specific A level subject or study skills. A fantastic opportunity to use your academic talents to help others develop independent learning as well as demonstrating your passion for a subject which can be discussed on your UCAS Statement/Job application.

Staff to contact: Subject teacher

Sixth Form Peer Mentor

Receive counselling training and then provide a listening and supportive service to vulnerable students in lower year groups. You will also have the chance to support younger students academically, which would be of particular interest to any students wishing to be a teacher in the future.

Staff to contact: Marguerite Bridgman (marguerite.bridgman@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Leaders in Sport & Academic PE Mentoring

Volunteer as a sixth form PE assistant and you will have the opportunity to develop your coaching, leadership, management and organisation skills, along with gaining knowledge of different types of sports tournaments, practices and how they work. You will support PE staff in lessons and out-of-school events, gaining valuable sport and leadership experience. If you are an A-level PE student, why not come and develop your skills in communication, organisation, emotional intelligence, creativity and leadership by supporting peers through their GCSE PE course? You may be tasked with helping out in generic activities or to support specific individuals who may need help in understanding topics or recording information in lesson time.

Staff to contact: Colin Skinner (colin.skinner@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Sixth Form Activities & Clubs Available at QE:

Chess Club

New this year, a club dedicated to the enjoyment of playing chess. Whether you are a complete novice or experienced player, chess is a great way to test your critical thinking and problem-solving skills, perhaps even leading to an increased IQ!

Staff to contact: Ben Grant (benjamin.grant@qe.devon.sch.uk)

EcoWarrior Group

The focus of this group will be on sustainability and how we raise awareness of this and become more mindful across the school, creating links with Sustainable Cridton and the COP 26 group in Cridton.

Staff to contact: Tiffany Gaston (tiffany.gaston@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Debating Matters

Debating Matters offers a fresh, accessible and engaging format for debating contemporary issues. The competition has successfully pioneered a format for debate that takes ideas, argument and young people seriously. The focus is on content and substance over style, encouraging young people to engage in an intelligent contest of ideas and holding up their ideas to critical scrutiny.

Staff to contact: Tiffany Gaston & Sam Robbins (tiffany.gaston@qe.devon.sch.uk, sam.robbins@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

This is a life-changing experience. A fun time with friends, an opportunity to discover new interests and talents, a tool to develop essential skills for life and work and a recognised mark of achievement which is respected by universities and employers. For Gold D of E, you'll need to do your programme for at least 12 months if you've achieved your Silver Award, or 18 months if you've started at Gold level without doing your Silver. There are 4 sections – volunteering, physical and skills, an expedition and a residential, which is the big difference between Gold and the other awards, where you would undertake a shared activity in a residential setting away from home for 5 days and 4 nights. Gold D of E will be a challenging but enjoyable scheme to get involved with.

Staff to contact: John Wright or Alice Morgan-Nolan (john.wright@qe.devon.sch.uk or alice.morgan@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Identity and Diversity group (Pride & Prejudice)

This is an opportunity for Sixth Formers to mentor an identity and diversity group of Year 9s and 10s who are dedicated to helping improve the emotional and mental well-being of students going through school, as well as helping them to fully embrace and explore their identities. To educate people on sensitive topics like LGBTQ+ rights, Islamophobia, mental health issues, physical and mental disabilities, racism post-Brexit / Black lives matter and modern-day feminism to name but a few.

Staff to contact: Mark Baptist (mark.baptist@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Library Assistant

Support the library team by offering your assistance to staff the library desk during a free period, allowing students continued access to laptops, books, computers and a quiet place to study.

Staff to contact: Rob Angell (rob.angell@qe.devon.sch.uk)

MedSoc

Interested in a career in medicine? Need to know more about how to make a successful application? MedSoc welcomes students in Years 12 and 13 who wish to pursue a medicine-related career and are happy to mentor Year 11 students along the way.

Staff to contact: Julia Owen (julia.owen@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Music Groups

QE has hosted a variety of different music groups over the last few years, from the Jazz Band to singing groups to string ensembles, depending on the abilities of the students at the time. The groups perform at a range of events including assemblies for their peers in the school, concerts within the local community and the biennial summer concert tour.

Or if you would like to run your own music group or start a band using our rehearsal spaces and equipment, do get in touch.

Staff to contact: Lucy Welsman (lucy.welsman@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Politics Club

The Politics Club is a forum for discussing the theory and practice of politics. Through our involvement in the nationwide organisation, The Politics Project, students are offered opportunities to engage directly with politicians and participate in projects designed to stimulate an understanding of how politics really works. No prior knowledge is expected and all political views are welcome!

Staff to contact: Sam Robbins (sam.robbins@qe.devon.sch.uk)

QE writers

QE writers is a group which will meet, initially, once a month during a lunchtime, where Sixth Form students who are interested in different forms of creative writing can come together and share in a supportive and fun environment. You don't have to be studying English, just have a love for creative writing: poetry, prose or drama.

Staff to contact: Caroline Wilson (caroline.wilson@qe.devon.sch.uk)

School Production

There are a number of ways in which you can get involved with the annual School Production. Firstly, you can audition in September to be a member of the cast or, if you prefer, there are many opportunities to work as a member of the backstage crew. There are a variety of roles from hair and make-up to the shifting of scenery and organisation of props. You can also get involved with the creation of props, costumes, painting of scenery, rigging of lighting equipment and publicity. Whatever your interest and skill we can find a job for you! Finally, for those of you with a musical talent, why not speak to our Musical Director, Lucy Welsman, to see if you can take part in the orchestra.

Staff to contact: Vicky Evans or Lucy Welsman (vicky.evans@qe.devon.sch.uk or lucy.welsman@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Subject Ambassadors

Be the public face of the Sixth Form and promote your subject areas to prospective students and parents. Our subject ambassadors are a vital part of the Sixth Form team, taking tours on Open Days and organising support for calendared events such as Options Evening and the Diploma Award event. Contact Sue Evans if you would like to be on the team and she will let you know about upcoming events you can help with.

Staff to contact: Jasmin Groom (jasmin.groom@qe.devon.sch.uk) When: Throughout the school year.

Sixth Form Student Leadership Team

Each year, at the end of Year 12, we will invite applications to join the Student Leadership Team. Within this team we appoint Head Students, Deputy Head Students and Prefects. Your role will be to represent the 6th form in terms of building a strong student voice, speaking at events and open evenings, engaging with younger students and acting as a role model within the school. Please look out for this opportunity in the Summer Term.

Staff to contact: Vicky Evans (vicky.evans@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Sixth Form Skittles League

Take part in team and individual tournaments with staff and students.

Staff to contact: Pat Laver (pat.laver@qe.devon.sch.uk) Where: C16 When: Sign up in the foyer.

Sixth Form Water Sports & Surfing

Spend Tuesday evenings surfing at Putsborough in North Devon. This activity is for 6th Form Students only and is a great way to unwind at the end of the day.

Staff to contact: Alice Morgan-Nolan (alice.morgan@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Ten Tors Challenge

Train as part of the QE Ten Tors team and participate in the event in May.

Staff To Contact: Jenni Baker (jenni.baker@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Year 9 Art Group

Help organise, resource and deliver an arty lunchtime session for Year 9 students. Any ideas welcome!

Staff to contact: Justine Morton (justine.morton@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Volunteering Opportunities in the Wider Community:

Age Concern Crediton

Take a friend to talk to and socialise with older people at the weekday Day Clubs. Go anytime between 10.30am and 2.30pm Mon-Fri.

Who to contact: Age Concern Where: Deep Lane, Crediton When: When you are available.

Let Mr Wright know so he can let the centre know to expect you.

(john.wright@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Crediton and District Playscheme

Volunteer for a local charity that provides fun, educational and social bonding opportunities to children with additional needs from Crediton and the surrounding areas. As a volunteer you would be working alongside other supervisors to help ensure they give the children the support they need on trips.

Who to contact: Crediton Playscheme – contact creditonplayscheme@gmail.com for more details Where: around the local area and beyond When: in your own time.

Neighbourhood Friends

Neighbourhood Friends is a government-funded charity based by the congregational church. They are looking for volunteers to visit over 75s in their homes for an hour to offer practical support – often simply having a chat or clearing a driveway. The elderly patients will all have been referred by their doctors, often because they have returned home after a stay in hospital. Induction training will ensure that you are trained to help out and know what to do at all times.

Who to contact: Mr Wright (john.wright@qe.devon.sch.uk) Where: Around Crediton.

Reading Buddies

The Reading Buddies scheme helps children with their reading skills and confidence. They benefit greatly from the experience of one-to-one talking and reading with an adult. The scheme is very rewarding and the children enjoy and look forward to every session. Reading Buddies visit Hayward's primary school once a week to spend at least 40 minutes reading with children. If you sign up you must commit to weekly visits until they break for Easter, so please be sure before deciding to take part.

Who to contact: Vicky Evans (vicky.evans@qe.devon.sch.uk)

Volunteer work at Crediton Library

Volunteers are an important part of Devon Libraries and volunteering can give you the opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, improve your CV and help the local community. Help run adult or children group activities or give 1:1 support to people who want to improve their computer skills.

Who to contact: Devon Libraries Where: Crediton Library When: In your own time.

Start Your Own Club

Got an idea for your own club? If you have an idea for a lunchtime club, or if you know of anywhere that welcomes volunteers and would like to be a part of our Enrichment programme, then please see Vicky Evans.

Please note many activities are subject to uptake so may not run if there is not enough student interest.