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ENRICHMENT

Every student at a busy school can expect to be engaged in a large number of extra-curricular activities, as part of a holistic and healthy education. However, here at Woldingham we also believe in the importance of super-curricular activities that build on and support a student's academic pursuits. We offer a large number of these academically enriching activities, from Year 7 all the way through to the Upper Sixth, and have set aside time in our busy week when these activities can be prioritised.

Sixth Form Enrichment

In the Sixth Form, we aim to provide a programme which allows our students to think for themselves, to discuss topical issues, to extend their knowledge of and passion for their A Level subjects and to prepare themselves for university application. Excitement, rigour and independence lie at the heart of what we offer.

Cultural Society

This umbrella society is open to all Sixth Form students and embraces a number of different key cultural areas. **Debating** is a key element and all girls are encouraged to participate in the keenly-contested inter-house debates, as well as in debating with other schools and in wider competitions. The Cultural Society also invites in regular **speakers**, recently including Woman's Hour's Jenni Murray and Channel 4's Katy Wix, as well as encouraging the girls to attend interesting **cultural events**, such as the premiere of Matthew Bourne's 'Sleeping Beauty', and our own **literary** and **film** nights.

Greenwell Society

Members of this social sciences society promote understanding of and enthusiasm for Politics, Business, Economics, Ethics, Philosophy and History, and of course the links between them. Meetings are held weekly and Sixth Form students organise events for the rest of the Sixth Form and the wider school as appropriate, for example inviting in a representative from the US embassy to discuss the US elections. A place on the Greenwell committee is hard-won, and the students are proud to encourage others in their understanding of current affairs, as well as to learn from discussion with each other.



Oxbridge Preparation Programme

For all those interested in applying to Oxbridge, this programme aids students in every area of preparation, from the monitoring and discussion of super-curricular reading to interview preparation. Students benefit from a mixture of collective and individual sessions, as well as assistance with personal statements and the production of any super-curricular work. Students are also guided towards appropriate competitions and given support with preparation for them. Preparation for subject-specific tests is also undertaken by **MedSci Club**, **The Law Society**, **Maths Enrichment** and so on, as appropriate.





Law Society

An introduction to Law at university and a career in the legal world, this society meets weekly to discuss and learn about interesting and diverse cases and the investigation of the impact of the Rule of Law across all industries. Students gain experience of moots and advocacy, confidence in public speaking, and prepare for potential interviews and university tests such as the LNAT. Members of the society also have the opportunity to experience external lectures, including the Intelligence Squared Debates and lectures at UCL.

MedSci Club

Open to anyone with an interest in applying for medicine at university, this club meets weekly and offers the opportunity to discuss medical issues and developments in the news, preparing students for interview as well as increasing awareness and interest. Other aspects of application are also covered, such as the importance of work experience, types of medical school course, BMAT and UKCAT preparation and general interview practice.



Maths Enrichment

This weekly, timetabled session provides support for all A Level students applying to a top university to read Maths or a Maths-related subject, preparing them for potential interviews as well as for the MAT, AEA and STEP papers as required. Sixth Form students are also encouraged to enter the Senior Maths Individual and Team Challenges, as well as the Surrey Schools Senior Maths Challenge. These encourage students to attempt and enjoy more challenging problems, developing mathematical and team-working skills.



Economics Enrichment

This fortnightly, timetabled club provides an opportunity for some of the most able Economics students in both the Lower and Upper Sixth to discuss economic issues beyond the syllabus. Topics that have been discussed so far include: The Expectations-Augmented Phillips Curve, Cobweb Theory, the Euro Crisis, and why women earn less than men.





French Club

This club incorporates a weekly French Conversation Club for all students who have chosen not to study French at A Level but are interested in maintaining their oral skills for their own personal development. As well as this, there is a French Cinema Club open to Sixth Form students who are interested in European Cinema, or who wish to expand upon their French skills.

Ancient Greek

All students in the Sixth Form are given the opportunity to attend weekly lessons preparing for a Greek short course at GCSE level. This is particularly useful for potential Classics students at university level, but open to all.

Whole School Enrichment

Staff Lecture Series

Throughout the academic year, members of staff deliver 25-minute lunch time lectures to any student interested, on a non-curriculum based topic. Recent topics have included The Theory of Relativity, Game Theory, and The Brontes.

Dineen Lecture Series

Occasional lectures from visiting speakers on a wide variety of topics. Usually compulsory for appropriate year groups.



Junior Debating Club

For all in Years 7-9 who are interested in developing public speaking and debating skills. Girls prepare for debates amongst themselves, as well as occasional public debates, ensuring that they are fully cognisant with the rapid reasoning skills and confidence required for debating as they enter the senior school.

REthink

This fortnightly society meets to debate on theological, philosophical and ethical issues, encouraging students to develop an awareness and understanding of the ideas and traditions behind them, as well as developing debating and analytical skills. Students are also encouraged to enter essay competitions such as the national 'Philosophical Investigations' competition, won this year by a Woldingham Sixth Former.



Creative Writing Club

A weekly club for anyone interested in developing their creative writing skills, pursuing such intriguing ideas as writing a Petrarchan sonnet without using the letter 'e', or producing a haiku on a paperclip. Students are encouraged to share and discuss each others' ideas and work, and to improve their written expression.



Oxbridge Club

A club for anyone in Year 10 and 11 who enjoys discussion and lively debate! Students are encouraged to engage with each other on hot, topical issues, as well as to listen to visiting speakers, staff and Sixth Formers and challenge their viewpoints. This club provides early intellectual enrichment in preparation for university applications.



Gifted and Talented Club

All students on the Gifted and Talented register in Years 7-11 are invited to meet at least once per term for academic and pastoral mentoring, the raising of aspirations and to be challenged in their thinking. Students might be given a problem to solve, a topic to discuss or an article to analyse. Students are guided and set targets by the Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator. Girls in Years 7 and 8 are also invited to take part in courses with other schools.



Spanish Debating and Blog Club

For bilingual students in Year 10 and 11 and gifted students in the Sixth Form, this club encourages oral debate on current affairs chosen by students, who then go on to write articles for the Spanish blog. These activities encourage the development of research and debating skills, as well as allowing for the maintenance and progression of students' spoken and written Spanish.

Greek Club

Greek club meets weekly and offers girls in Years 9-11 (and Sixth Form too) the opportunity to begin Classical Greek. This is a fascinating but challenging subject where the first step is to familiarise themselves with the Greek alphabet. They can then proceed to read simple stories in Greek and learn something about Greek society and discover its influence on the Romans and on scientific discovery. They will also be surprised to find how much the English language has been influenced by Greek.





Enrichment Week

For all girls in Years 7 and 8, an entire week of lessons where all subjects focus on the same theme. Themes have included China and IT in the curriculum. Outside speakers are invited in to lead some sessions and departments work together to produce challenging and exciting tasks.

Maths Enrichment

All Year 7 and 8 girls benefit from an entire day of team problem solving and mathematical puzzling. In Years 7-9, girls identified as Gifted in Mathematics have a weekly programme of activities organised to encourage them to work on stretching, open-ended and investigative tasks. In Years 10 and 11, girls are offered the opportunity to study for a further maths qualification such as FSMQ or Further Pure IGCSE, twice weekly after school.

Other Competitions

Foyle Young Poets Award

Tower Poetry Prize

Peterhouse Cambridge Essay Competition (History and English)

Catholic Young Writers Competition

The Saatchi Gallery / Sunday Telegraph Art Prize for Schools

BAFTA UK Young Games Designers

British Biology Olympiad (Sixth Form)

Amnesty Competitions (cross-curricular)

Salters Festival of Chemistry (Year 8)

Biology Challenge (Year 10)

Chemistry Olympiads and Top of the Bench Competitions

Physics Challenge (Year 11) and Olympiad (Sixth Form)

Junior, Intermediate and Senior Maths Challenges, Individual and Team (UK Mathematics Trust)



Dissection Club

Open to any girls in Year 10 and 11, this club will allow budding vets, medics and scientists to learn the skills and benefits of dissection. Not for the faint-hearted!

