



Complementary Studies Courses

(6.1 EXTENSION STUDIES)

2011 – 2012



This guide contains details of all Complementary Studies courses available to you from September.



These are divided into three groups:
Creative and Visual
Active and Performance
Community, Communication and Ideas


You must choose **6** courses from any or all of these groups at enrolment. You will be allocated ONE of these early in September, depending on your timetable, when the course runs and how many apply for it.

Make sure that you are prepared to really get involved in each of your choices, as you'll be committed to it for two terms!

Please read the course descriptions carefully to avoid disappointment.

You will be able to ask questions about your choices during enrolment in September.

**Additional courses included in this guide –
Italian Language & Culture, French Language &
Culture, Community Sports Leaders Award, Debating Society.**

There will be a charge for courses marked  to cover materials or external teaching staff. More information on these will be provided at enrolment, but the sum should not exceed £20

COMPLEMENTARY STUDIES COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

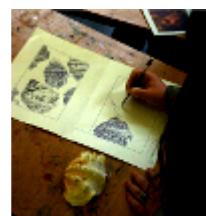
CREATIVE AND VISUAL

BIG MURAL ART CLUB*

Be part of a team that will bring Art into areas of the college for all to see, Murals can have a dramatic impact on the attitude of passers by. The course will help develop your painting, drawing and artistic abilities. As a team we will develop possible ideas and designs, the most successful of which will then be exhibited somewhere in the college.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Individual artistic skills
- Team work
- Creativity
- Planning
- Communication



CREATIVE KNITTING*

Term One: Learn how to knit (in plain and purl stitches) a hat, scarf with glove pockets or try a more difficult pattern from the Ravelry website. They are ideal Christmas presents!

(Large needles will be used for both projects to speed things up!)

Charity Knit - Knit a square for a large quilt to give to a charity to keep someone warm in the winter!

Term two: Learn how to follow a pattern and choose a more demanding project for the spring to improve stitch technique. Adventurous students might like to write their own patterns and look into dying their own wool. A simple sleeveless top could be the garment you knit.

Advice given on costs – You will need to buy your own wool, although some basic supplies are provided to start you off. Needles provided.

Skills developed on this course include:

- Problem Solving
- Communication - discussion and your own design work.
- Practical skills.



CREATIVE NEEDLEWORK*

We'll be using beautiful fabrics and easy techniques to make fun projects for yourself and your friends. Previous experience of needlework is useful but not essential. A variety of techniques will be used, including sewing by hand and machine, appliqué, embroidery and quilting.

Course Aims

1. Basic introduction to sewing, patchwork, embroidery, piecework
2. Design, embellish and sew a variety of projects using basic needlework skills
3. You will become proficient in a variety of needlework skills

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Communication - discussion and your own design work.
- Practical skills.

CREATIVE WRITING

Students will be encouraged to write in a variety of styles and genres, including short stories, poems, play scripts, comedy scripts and song lyrics.

Stimuli such as music, art and movies will be used. Students will be invited to respond to them.

Students will be encouraged to think like writers and to develop their talents and abilities. At the end of the course an anthology of students' best work will be produced.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Listening skills
- Working with others
- Experimenting with different styles of writing

COLLEGE MAGAZINE

Are you a budding journalist? Do you relish the written word and do you want to get your opinion across about things that matter to you? You will work in a small team to create a series of magazines for Esher students, outlining key events and activities and commenting on current affairs, fashion and any other areas of interest. The magazine will be produced in digital format and you will learn In-Design and layout skills as well as how to write succinctly and in an engaging way. This is the course for you if you are interested in a journalistic career. You will generate writing, time management, editing and team work skills.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Interpersonal skills
- Reflection on work and being self critical
- Research and interviewing skills
- Writing skills
- In-Design Software skills



DRAWING AND PAINTING FROM PHOTOS*

Working from photographs is potentially problematic and can prove to be a dead end creatively if not explored intelligently. Is copying from a photograph a valid creative process?

In this Comp study we will investigate the role of photography in fine art and how we can use it as a catalyst to create exciting and innovative work. We will invent and use unusual processes, methods and tools.

We will look at the work of Chuck Close, Sigmar Polke, Marcus Harvey and Jonathan Yeo. And will explore marking, process and materials and use photography as a starting point.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Individual artistic skills
- Creativity
- Analytical skills

ETHICAL FASHION - 'DRESS WITH A CONSCIENCE'*

Ever thought about where your clothing comes from and where it goes when you discard it? Learn about the journey of your clothing, from cradle to grave. You will study this through films, talks and hands on activities. You will also be introduced to *Fair Trade*, and organic clothing and look at how you can make a difference to your environment.

You will learn how to become 'Ecochic' by recycling, customising and reinventing your wardrobe and maybe even organising a swishing event. This applies to both genders, we all wear clothes!

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Analytical and research skills
- Communication – discussion and debate.
- Practical and creative skills



EXPERIMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY

This course explores the theory and practice of photography through practical workshops and group/ independent briefs. You will learn about different genres of photography by looking at a range of iconic photographs and photographers, and discussing how visual language can be used to convey meaning in a still image. You will then develop your own photographic ideas in lessons, taking and editing images to create a series of collections for a final exhibition.

The main focus of the course is your own creative development as a photographer. You will be encouraged to experiment with a variety of techniques, models, settings, props and locations.

Although you will be given classroom based lessons, the majority of this course involves taking the initiative, working with others and using the environment around you.

This course is particularly suitable for art and design and media students, or anyone with a passion for photography. You must be prepared to explore ideas outside classes with your camera.

Essential equipment needed - You must have a digital camera for this course.

Skills developed on this course include:

- Analytical skills - analysing photographic examples.
- Principles of photography
- Communication skills - discussion groups.
- Problem Solving - idea development.

FILM MAKING

This course gives students the opportunity to learn about different genre styles, identifying the key aspects of each and then using this knowledge in practical production. Students will spend a lesson looking at examples, a lesson planning their own projects, a lesson filming their ideas and another lesson uploading their in-camera-edited films, adding sound and music and exhibiting their work to each other.

Topics to cover include: Film genres, TV advertising, film trailers, TV programmes.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Creativity and visual skills
- Team work
- Communication



INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER BASED DESIGN

This is a course for those of you who would like to learn about the fundamentals of design and layout within a variety of different media. You will explore different design and layout techniques, learning how to utilise Photoshop and In-Design for creative purposes. You do not need to be a student studying Arts subject to do this course but you will need to be enthusiastic about developing your creative skills. Please note that this looks at Photoshop and In-Design from scratch.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Reflection on work and being self critical
- In-Design and Photoshop software skills
- Visual creativity.

PRINTMAKING*

Ranging from mono-printing, collograph, woodcut/linocut, through to screen printing. The printed outcomes will be developed from manual and digital art work. This is a practical course. You will be encouraged to design the artwork yourself...whether it has graphic or fashion interpretation is totally up to you.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Creativity and design skills
- Problem Solving
- Drawing skills



SCREEN WRITING

There is always something at stake in a good movie. Not just something someone wants but something that must be acquired, no matter what the risk.

Are you a creative and visual person who would like to see your ideas on the big screen? In this beginner's course, anyone with an interest in creative writing and film will have the opportunity to learn about the art of screenwriting and what it entails.

We will look at the differences between screen and novel writing, how to create engaging movie characters and the obstacles they must face in order to obtain their goals and how to write believable and relevant dialogue.

Skills you will acquire:

- To format an industry standard script;
- To create a synopsis for your own feature film;
- To construct a plot using the 3-Act-Structure;
- To write key scenes for your feature;
- To design character profiles and backstories;
- To write concise dialogue following the "Rule of 3".

TECHNICAL THEATRE*

In the course you will be provided with an opportunity to gain experience and practice some of the skills associated with theatre lighting, sound, set design or costume. One of your lessons will be held over lunchtime, in addition to which, you will be expected to work on the college productions in the evening. Students taking the course will complete a NCFE qualification in Technical Theatre

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Creativity and design skills
- Team work
- Time management



WEB DESIGN

This course will develop your expertise in creating and working on websites using Dreamweaver and HTML. Over the course you will create web pages of your own, learn techniques for incorporating website material and how to upload to the Internet.

If you are taking A level Applied ICT this course will give you a useful preparation for the A2 unit on Developing & Creating Websites.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Planning and creating visually effective web pages
- Building websites using Dreamweaver and CSS / HTML
- Working with text, multimedia (video, audio, animations) and images on web pages

ACTIVE AND PERFORMANCE

BADMINTON

This will take place in the sports hall. If you have played before and interested in developing your skills further this will be the ideal course. You will learn to develop your basic skills and tactics.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Improving your range of strokes and shots
- Coaching your peers and team work
- Reflecting on your own performance and acting on advice



BASKETBALL (TEAM)

The College has one team which plays regularly against other schools and colleges on Wednesday afternoons in the S7 College's league. The team will also compete in the British Colleges Sport National cup competition for the first time next season. The standard is high with many squad members playing at a high level for their club sides. Trials will take place during the first two weeks of term. Team coach is Andrew Mawson. Team colours Black and white.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Improving your range of basketball skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Leadership skills



CHEERLEADING*

Cheerleading is an opportunity to have fun, dance and learn acrobatic routines, all of which help to improve your co-ordination skills and team working. Esher Eagles have had a successful year and if you would like to join the cheerleading team then this is for you.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Communication skills*
- Use of initiative and creativity*
- Leadership*

COLLEGE CHOIR (JAZZ, POP & GOSPEL)

This is a chance to sing a variety of music including jazz, pop, gospel and musical theatre with the mixed-voice Contemporary Choir. No previous experience is necessary nor is the need to read music. The Choir performs several times during the course of the year with a band.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Team work*
- Individual musicianship*

- Time management

COLLEGE PRODUCTION PERFORMANCE

The College Production takes place in the spring term of each year and any student can audition to become part of the company. We pride ourselves on a high standard of production and therefore expect 100% attendance at rehearsals and 100% commitment at all times. The chosen play will be announced at the beginning of the autumn term.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Acting/Musicianship
- Time management
- Teamwork and communication skills



COLLEGE PRODUCTION MUSICIANS

This is an opportunity for students to be part of Esher College's annual College Production Show, performing in the band/pit orchestra or as a lead/backing singer in the chorus.

You must play an instrument to grade **5 standard** or be able to sing confidently.

You be auditioned at the start in September and for both sight reading and performance ability. At the audition, you should be prepared to play a piece on your instrument or sing with or without a backing track accompaniment. Once you have a place in the band or a vocal part you will need to rehearse weekly and full attendance is vital for the success of the show. You must be available for each of the dress and technical rehearsals and for each of the show nights.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Musicianship
- Time management
- Teamwork and communication skills



DRAMA AUDITION WORKSHOP

This is for students who wish to prepare for Drama school or for studying Drama at university. You will perform drama pieces either on your own or in pairs. We will perform both Shakespeare and contemporary monologues.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Communication skills-public performance
- Working as part of a team
- Reliability

DANCE

Improve your fitness level, try a new dance style, have fun and perhaps appear in a production. A wide range of styles and levels offered from the beginner to advanced level dancers. Students taking this course have the opportunity to do their Dance Leader Award qualification which comprises a portfolio and learning how to teach others. This is a Sport UK Level One qualification.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Communication skills
- Use of initiative and creativity
- Leadership
- Physical fitness



DIVING (SCUBA)

“The PADI Open Water Diver course is the world's most popular scuba course, and has introduced millions of people to the adventurous diving lifestyle.” On completion you will be a qualified scuba diver able to dive almost anywhere in the world to a depth of 18m. This will enable you to discover the wonders of what lies beneath including some of the most amazing wrecks, beautiful fish, turtles and corals.

You will learn to use basic scuba gear and you will also learn about basic scuba diving skills, terminology and safety procedures. You will also learn about marine biology.

The course consists of three main phases:

- Knowledge Development to understand theoretical principles of scuba diving
- Confined Water Dives to learn basic scuba skills in a safe swimming pool environment,
- Open Water Dives to review your acquired skills in a real environment.

Course is taught through - weekly lesson at College plus 6-7 pool sessions on **Friday evenings** at **Putney Leisure Centre** during the first 2 terms. Alternative venues and times may be possible but the teaching times & facilities are not as suitable. There will also be an additional **2 days for the open water dives**, where students will complete 4 dives each at Wrayesbury Diving Lake near Staines.

Cost - The cost of this course will be **£275** per student (Normal price is £399). This includes all tuition, kit hire, crew pack (including all course teaching materials) and certification. There will be a further entrance fee to Wrayesbury dive centre in May – approx £20 for the 2 sessions. All Students who apply for this must be medically fit, complete a medical self assessment questionnaire when enrolling and **must** be able to commit to all planned sessions.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Communication
- Working as part of a team
- Reliability
- Planning

ESHER RADIO

This is an opportunity to be a part of Esher College's internet radio station. You must be completely committed to producing and / or broadcasting your own show as part of a group or as an individual. You will broadcast live in the College canteen at lunch time to your fellow students and over the internet. Please note that some lunchtime commitment will be required in addition to our weekly group meeting.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Communication skills-public speaking
- Working as part of a team
- Reliability

FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

This course will take place in the sports hall and consist of competitive games, warm up and skills practice. You will develop skills throughout the year, and learn how to maintain your fitness from week to week. All participants/players must bring the appropriate kit, including non-marking footwear.



This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Development of your football skills
- Team work and reliability
- Leadership

FOOTBALL (TEAM)

The College teams will play in the Surrey League and the Surrey Cup. Games take place virtually every Wednesday afternoon. If you are selected you must be prepared to commit yourself to the team.



This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Further development of your football skills
- Team work
- Leadership

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Have you been inspired by the recent Women's World cup? Whether you are keen to start playing or you already play football then this is for you. We will train each week and we will also have fixtures on a Wednesday afternoon. You must be committed to taking part in these.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Further development of your football skills
- Team work
- Leadership

JAZZ CONCERT BAND

This is open to all instrumentalists who wish to continue playing lively and fun music in an ensemble environment. Any standard welcome from Grade 1 - 8. Both written and improvised music is taught and opportunities exist for solo roles if you would like to take that extra challenge. There are concert opportunities in and around the local community.

This course will enable you to develop the following skills:

- Musicianship
- Team work
- Organisational and time management skills
- Performance techniques

MUSIC THEORY

Need to pass Grade 5 theory in order to do more practical exams? This is the place for you. A fun, relaxed and informative musical learning experience. You will also be entered for the ABRSM external exam and gain a qualification which can earn you UCAS points. Other grades can also be covered at this time.

This course will help you develop your musical knowledge and provide you with a stepping stone to further musical study, giving you valuable tools for use in performing and composing.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Musicianship
- Analytical skills
- Music notation skills

MUSIC TECH CLUB

Develop recording and music technician skills. Hands on practise using programmes such as Pro-tools and Logic to record, edit and master. Suitable for anyone who is interested in Music Technology. You will work with the Song Writing Club to develop demo recordings of new work.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- IT skills
- Music editing and manipulation
- Communication and teamwork

NETBALL (TEAM)

The College has two teams playing local colleges and schools on Wednesday afternoons.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Further development of your netball skills
- Teamwork
- Communication skills



PILATES

The ancient tradition of Yoga has inspired this form of exercise based on a series of postures and movements. It will help to release everyday tension and enhance relaxation as well as improving energy levels and muscle tone. Good for releasing exam stress.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Teamwork
- Listening skills
- Observational skills

RUGBY (TEAM)

The College has one team which plays regularly against other schools and colleges on Wednesday afternoons in the S7 colleges league. The college is also developing a second team, which last year enjoyed five friendly fixtures. The team enters the national Daily Mail Cup and Sevens tournaments.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Further development of your rugby skills.
- Team work
- Leadership skills



SONG - WRITING CLUB

A weekly opportunity to write lyrics, melodies and chords with other singer/songwriters and have your songs performed and recorded. You will be given advice on structuring your songs, developing ideas and writing interesting harmonies for backing singers or instrumental sections.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Musicianship
- Creativity
- English language skills

TENNIS

Enjoy playing tennis at any level throughout the year. Develop your skills and stamina, and compete in a mini-league. Open to complete beginners or experienced players.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Further development of your tennis skills.
- Team work
- Physical agility and strength.

THEATRE WORKSHOP

Theatre Workshop is a small scale production of a straight play working towards to parents and friends at Christmas. We pride ourselves on a high standard of production and expect 100% attendance at rehearsals and 100% commitment at all times.

This course will help you develop a variety of skills which include:

Acting

Time Management

Teamwork and communication skills

COMMUNITY, COMMUNICATION AND IDEAS



ART HISTORY

Interested in discussing art? Do you have strong opinions about the art of today?

Explore the history of art from ancient to modern through a weekly focus on one piece of work which will connect it to the past and present examples from the long tradition of Western art. We will discuss how and why art works were or are made, what they mean to us now, or meant to others in the past.

This course is open to all but you must be prepared to contribute to class discussion. Artworks in all media and styles will be considered during the course through slides, books and films.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Analytical skills
- Visual awareness
- Discussion and communication skills
- Cultural awareness

BOOK CLUB

Love reading? Then come along to our Book Group. As well as feasting on plenty of biscuits and tea, in each session we discuss an exciting novel or short stories that the group selects from an amazing range of texts. Some will be classics, some will be modern, some will be written by authors from far flung corners of the globe. So if having a fun, friendly chat about some fascinating literature sounds appealing, and if you want to try out some new and unexpected books - join us!

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Reading
- Discussion and communication skills
- Analytical thinking

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

This activity is particularly suitable for those thinking of entering the caring professions. It involves going out into the community to help in local care homes, nurseries and schools. Placements typically involve spending a minimum of 1 hour and ten minutes assisting with various tasks. In schools you may be asked to help children with reading, sports, art, drama etc, or to help the teacher prepare materials for class use or help to clear up after a class. In care homes and day centres you may be asked to talk with the old people or help to organise activities. In special schools you may be asked to help children enjoy a swimming session. Students will follow a short induction course with talks from caring professionals and will start their placements after half term.

This course requires a **very firm commitment** and may require a CRB check. (PTO)

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Reliability and time management
- Resilience and problem solving
- Use of initiative and creativity



COMMUNITY SPORTS LEADERS AWARD

Sports Leaders UK provides nationally recognised leadership awards and qualifications that help people develop essential life skills such as organisation, motivation, communication and working with others. All of the awards and qualifications are practical - candidates learn by doing rather than through written work. And, we don't do exams - assessment is made upon a candidate's ability to lead and demonstrate their leadership skills for a certain period of time, within a specific setting.

Candidates don't need to be sports stars or prima ballerinas - instead an interest in their chosen activity, a positive attitude and a willingness to volunteer are all that is required.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Reliability and time management
- Team work and leadership
- Communication and promotional skills

DEBATING SOCIETY

The debating society provides the opportunity to always get the better of your opponent! In this society you will debate everything from the demise of the British press to the future of the space travel. This is an excellent way to show how articulate and well informed you are- and to learn how to win every argument.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Analysis and testing of arguments
- Team work
- Personal communication.

ECO TASK FORCE

Are you concerned about the environment but, feel there are such big issues your efforts would be wasted and you could make little difference? Well have you heard about the ripple effect? Drop a pebble into a lake and it makes ripples that spread and get bigger. **You can be the pebble!** You can directly link with fellow students and promote awareness of green sustainability and environmental issues.

As a team you can choose your own agenda and decide which topics you have an interest or passion for, then, what practical measures you can use to spread the word.

ECO TASK FORCE (Continued)

You will organise and run several activities throughout the year and be responsible for the planning, organising and running of 'Green Week'.

Don't sit back and wait for someone else to do the campaigning, do something positive and be part of this practical team. If you have a conscience about the damage we are doing to our environment, this is the perfect group to join and make a difference.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Reliability and time management
- Communication and debating
- Use of initiative and creativity
- Team work, organising and planning



ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

This course will look at how we can and can't work to live on the earth in a sustainable way. It will look at the science relating to issues such as our attempts to feed a growing world population, our impact on the atmosphere in areas such as global warming, our management of fossil fuels and other resources, and the ways in which we can (and can't) recycle items we use. The focus will be on getting to grips with the science underpinning environmental issues and on separating this from the popular myths.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Communication and debating
- Reflection on and analysis of evidence
- Awareness of current world events

ETHICS AND DEBATES IN CONTEMPORARY LIFE

Did you go on the student protests? Do you care about who has political power? Do you feel horrified that sweat-shops exist or that some people are persecuted for their beliefs? This is a course that will explore the concept of activism and debate ethical issues. It will also have a practical element; we plan to raise awareness around college about issues, particular groups and aim to make a change for the good by celebrating difference and the importance of human rights for all. This is the course for you if you want to show that you are an empathetic and thoughtful individual in a personal statement or on a c.v.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Debating and communication
- Diplomacy and empathy
- Teamwork



FILM CLUB

You must be **very committed** to analysing and discussing films, and preferably enrolled upon a Media or Film Studies related A Level/OCR National to consider this course.

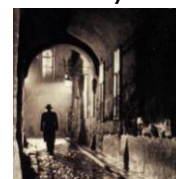
Extra Time Commitments: On a bi-weekly basis you will have to attend a compulsory lunch-time screening.

Course Description

Film Club gives students the opportunity to explore the world of film through screenings, class discussion and online reviewing. You will be studying a vibrant mix of vintage hits, international classics, blockbusters and art movies; by discussing and writing about films, you will sharpen your critical skills and broaden your film knowledge.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Analytical skills
- Communication – discussion and debate.
- Awareness of cultural issues



FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

This is a course for students who have studied French in the past or for complete beginners. You will develop some knowledge of French culture (this includes France but also about 30 French speaking countries such as history, fashion, geography, tourism...) through music, films etc. You will also brush up your language skills to be able to use them when visiting a French speaking country, being able to greet people, introduce yourself, order a meal or book a hotel room....

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Linguistic skills
- Communication skills
- Team working



ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

This course is open to complete beginners and students who have done some Italian in the past. You will explore the cultural aspects of the language in cinema, cuisine, fashion, history and geography... and acquire a basic level of Italian which will enable you to get by on your next holiday to Italy. You will learn how to order food and drink, book a train ticket, make a reservation, introduce yourself and others etc.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Linguistic skills
- Communication skills
- Team working

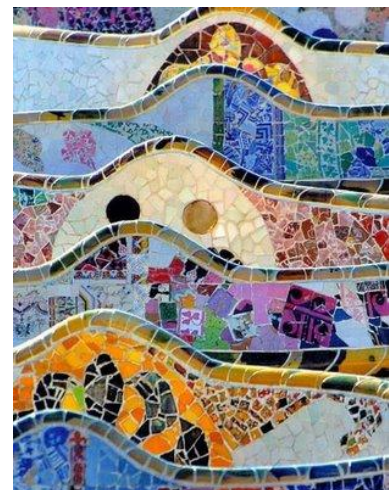


SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICAN CULTURE

This interdisciplinary course is open to students with an interest in the culture of the countries of the Spanish-speaking world and also for those with little or no knowledge of Spanish language. The course combines the study of basic Spanish grammar with the practice of communicative skills. It also introduces students to key historical events in the Hispanic world such as the Spanish Civil War, Francoism and the Cuban Revolution, major trends and relevant figures in contemporary Hispanic literature, art, cinema and documentary photography. Lastly, it provides a brief introduction to a range of exciting topics on Hispanic popular culture such as fashion (Balenciaga, Agatha Ruiz de la Prada), music (Flamenco) and gastronomy (la dieta mediterránea).

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Linguistic skills
- Communication skills
- Team working
- Leadership
- Cultural Awareness



100 YEARS OF REBELLION IN POPULAR MUSIC

The course is a cultural history of popular music which takes you on an exploratory journey from the mods to the rockers, the hippies to the punks, and the jazz-babies to the ravers. Some seminars will be based on exploring musical genres and eras, and others will be driven by debate. The relationship between counterculture and mainstream culture will be considered, and the idea that each movement in pop music can be read as a rebellion against the iconography of preceding types of music will be central. Students will write music reviews, keep an on-line blog, and finally produce their own pop documentary for radio.

This programme develops a basic understanding of some psychological theories and skills including:

- Critical Thinking
- Debating and communication skills.
- Cultural awareness



INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

This is an intellectually challenging and stimulating course which will introduce you to the principles and practice of philosophical enquiry and debate. You will learn how to formulate and evaluate philosophical arguments through the exploration of intriguing issues such as: Does God exist?, How can we be sure of what we know?, What does justice mean?, What does it mean to be free?, Are moral right and wrong merely an opinion?

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Analysis of philosophical arguments
- Debating skills
- Lateral thinking



INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

This wide-ranging course is suitable for students who are studying Psychology at A level and also for any other students who are interested in the subject. You will explore different issues/ areas related to Psychology dependant on the group you are placed in. One group will explore key psychological ideas through the use of TV, film and other media. Aspects covered may include addiction, autism, mental disorders, neurology and memory.

Dependent on numbers, the other group will explore psychological theories and research in the field of adolescent development and learn to apply them to understanding themselves and others. You will learn basic skills for helping and supporting young people which could lead to further training in counselling skills

This programme develops a basic understanding of some psychological theories and skills including:

- Analytical skills
- Discussion and communication skills
- Empathy and role play skills.

PSYCHOLOGY IN FILM (An Introduction to Psychology through the Movies)

This course is for students who are interested in psychology and in exploring themes such as cognitive theory, classical conditioning and mental illness through the medium of film. Examples of films to be screened include Memento, A Clockwork Orange, A Beautiful Mind and One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. **As some of the films carry an 18 certification, parental authorisation will be required in order to participate with the course.**

This programme develops a basic understanding of some psychological theories and skills including:

- Critical Thinking
- Textual Analysis
- Discussion and debating skills.



SCHOOL MENTOR/HELPER SCHEME

This scheme will train and then place you in a local SECONDARY school as a classroom assistant. It provides an opportunity for you to work with a class or in some cases with individual students. Where possible the subject area that you help out in can be chosen by you but you must be prepared to give a definite commitment to the school, including being prepared to travel there by yourself. It is especially relevant for those students who are thinking of entering teaching, educational psychology or who want to get involved in the local community. It will look very good on future CVs and application forms. Placements will commence after half term once the training is complete. (PTO)

SCHOOL MENTOR/HELPER SCHEME (Continued)

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Initiative and problem solving
- Reliability and time management
- Self Reflection

SOCIETY AND CULTURE SINCE 1945

This course will take you through the main social, political and cultural events and issues occurring over the past 50 years or so, discussing their significance and how they have impacted upon today's society. We will look at a number of feature films which illustrate the social, political and cultural issues of the period, such as 'Brassed Off' and 'Billy Elliott'.

It is a course that is aimed at anyone wishing to improve their general knowledge of society and modern social history. It will also help to prepare you to enter the big wide world as a young adult needing to understand how we got to where we are today.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Debating skills*
- Research skills*
- Analytical skills*
- Problem solving skills*

20TH CENTURY DESIGN HISTORY

This course will view the development of design in relation to major art and design movements. In the context of political, scientific and cultural developments that occurred throughout modern history, architecture, graphic design, industrial design, photography, painting, television, film and new technologies all affect each other in (often) unpredictable ways. Through discussion and varied forms of presentation we will observe and compare these relationships and its role in society and popular culture.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Discussion and communication skills
- Visual awareness
- Cultural awareness



YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Young enterprise is a scheme that allows students to set up and run their own business, with help and advice from industry experts. It is particularly suitable for business studies students as participants gain valuable business experience. It is also highly regarded by universities and employers because of the development of soft skills such as communication and team working. Students finance, market and manage their own operations and human resources with the aim of making a profit.

At the end of the course a report is produced and companies have the option to enter the Young Enterprise Company Competition.

This course will help you to develop a variety of skills which include:

- Communication and team work
- Financial management skills
- Reliability and reflection