



Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form

Curriculum Enhancement Week

Preference booklet

**Tuesday 18th June 2024 -
Thursday 20th June 2024**



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Introduction:

Welcome to the inaugural curriculum enhancement week at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form.

Curriculum enhancement week involves a tremendous amount of effort. It is made possible because of the outstanding collective effort of the school staff, who in some cases give up their free time in order to offer our students the most incredible experiences.

For three days from Tuesday 18th June to Thursday 20th June, all lessons will be suspended and all staff and students will spend these 3 days pursuing one of the many activities detailed in this booklet.

Students will opt for one of our many amazing clusters, these include in school options, out of school trips and some clusters which contain a combination of in school days and out of school days. We also have several residentials happening (these may leave earlier due to lasting more than 3 days).

Our main aims of curriculum enhancement week:

- Enable students to try something new beyond our broad academic curriculum.
- Encourage students to learn and use additional skills that may not be fully developed in the academic curriculum.
- To strengthen the working relationships between student and teacher.
- To give students the opportunity to show leadership skills in different settings.

All students in year 7 to 10 are required to take part in curriculum enhancement week, in line with the school policy, **holiday is not authorised during curriculum enhancement week.**

How to choose an activity:

- Read through this booklet carefully.
- Students are to choose 3 clusters in order of preference. This year we are offering a large number of clusters, it may not always be possible to allocate every students' first choice, so please select two other clusters that you feel you would also enjoy.
- Students cluster preferences must be completed on the google form - [Curriculum Enhancement Week Preferences Form](#)
- The deadline for completing the google form is **Monday 6th November.**

Payments:

Following the preferences process closing and students being allocated an activity, parents/carers will be sent a letter confirming their child's allocated cluster. This letter will contain information as to what payments are required and when.

Every activity, unless free of charge, will require a deposit on or before the 8th of December. The full balance for activities must be paid by Thursday 18th April 2024. Prices shown in the preference booklet are approximations based on the full number of students participating in the activity, therefore they are subject to a slight change.

A cluster may be withdrawn if it is no longer financially viable. We offer a wide range of clusters including low cost and free clusters which should satisfy those who do not wish to pay a larger amount.

Payments must be made via parent pay, we are unable to accept cash or cheques for any activities.

Please be aware that should your child fall ill or for any other reason decides that they do not want to go on the trip, the school insurance will not cover this. No refund will be given unless a replacement student takes their place.

Support with payments:

We are delighted to say that those students, who are pupil premium, have 50% of the cost of non residential trips, covered by the school.

For students wishing to attend a residential trip. where parents/guardians believe you may be eligible for support due to being on a low income, whether working and/or receiving benefits, we have a couple of charities that can be contacted for support.

Norwich Charitable Trusts - Anguish's Educational Foundation

Website - <https://www.norwichcharitabletrusts.org.uk/grants-for-individuals/>

Email- info@norwichcharitabletrusts.org.uk to receive an application form.

The Foundation of Joanna Scott

Website - <https://www.foundationofjoannascott.org.uk/>

Here you will find an application form for school residential trips which needs to be returned to secretary@foundationofjoannascott.org.uk

If you apply for either of the above or, if you are suffering from financial hardship, please contact in writing Nathan Moore - nmoore59ry@yare-edu.org.uk - explaining your personal circumstances, all applications will be considered on an individual basis and support up to 50% of the cost may be available.

Exploring the Battlefields of World War

One: France and Belgium

Beginning in Belgium and then travelling into France, we will be visiting some of the key battlefield sites of the First World War, including Croonaert Wood, Flanders Fields, Sanctuary Wood, and the Hooge Crater. We will be spending time at the Langemark Cemetery and British Tyne Cot Ceremony. You will have the opportunity to explore these sites with a designated information guide. This will include museum visits, tours of German and Allied trenches, and the Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony. We will be staying in accommodation in Ypres, giving us excellent access to the key First World War historical sites. If you are a keen historian, with a particular interest in military history, or you are interested in taking GCSE History, this trip will provide a fantastic introduction to our unit The British Sector of the Western Front, as we will study many of these locations in Year 10.

Year group: 9

Students: 55

Approximate cost: £350 per student



Amsterdam adventures and Efteling escapades

Imagine an adventure where you'll visit the secret hideout of Anne Frank, cruise down the canals of the city of Amsterdam, visit the Van Gogh museum, home to the artist's paintings and cultural centre. Not only this but a stay at a school specific youth hostel in the South of Netherlands, which enables plenty of evening activities and finally a day trip to Walt Disney's inspiration for Disneyland...Efteling: World of Wonders. Experience the culture and diversity of the Netherlands, a small but amazing country! All meals, ferry crossings and admissions included in the price. What are you waiting for?

Year group: 7/8

Students: 45

Approximate cost: £535 per student



****This trip is 3 nights, 4 days so will leave on Monday 17th June and return on Thursday 20th June****

“Be at One with Nature”

Allotment Project

Working down at the Allotment Project during curriculum enhancement week will most certainly keep you busy as there is always things to be done. The Allotment Project is all about getting outdoors, having fun and learning how to grow food in a sustainable way that doesn't damage the environment - what could be better?



The Allotment Project is used by many young people all year round but, during Curriculum Enhancement Week, you will be given a project to build and create a totally new area for the whole school to use within the allotment. Your ideas, your designs to support the area around it. It could be building bird boxes/bug homes to support the wildlife, creating beds to plant produce, and creating a wellbeing area to support students feeling safe at school.

Overall, we promise one thing: you **WILL** get your hands mucky! If you are keen on the outdoors, nature, protecting the environment and gardening then allotmenting would be the perfect choice for you!

Year groups: 7 and 8
Number of places: 20
Cost: Free



Maths in Film, Fun and Theme Parks

Ever wondered how maths helped half-giant Hagrid to be brought to life on screen? How can maths keep us safe when riding Stealth or Swarm? Or how puzzles develop our mental speed and short-term memory?

Join the maths department for three days of exploring how maths and science are crucial in making fantastic films and exhilarating roller coasters. We will also explore, through puzzles and brain teasers, how we can develop our brain, reduce our stress levels and hone our critical and analytical thinking skills.

We will investigate all this and more by exploring the magical world at the Harry Potter studios, challenge our brains through working with the amazing Happy Puzzle Company and investigate connections at Thorpe Park with the backdrop of its jaw-dropping rollercoasters!

Itinerary:

Day 1 - Harry Potter Studios

Day 2 - Happy Puzzle Company at TSAS

Day 3 - Thorpe Park

Year group: 8,9 and 10

Students: 100

Approximate cost: £125 per student



2D and 3D Art - Arm Casting

Working In the Art department during curriculum enhancement week will most certainly be fun and full of creative possibilities.

The Art Project is all about being given a chance to work using materials that we wouldn't use in lessons.

In particular, using Modroc to create an arm cast, and to look at artists to inspire how we can decorate them. You can keep a cast of your arm/hand as a memory of this activity.

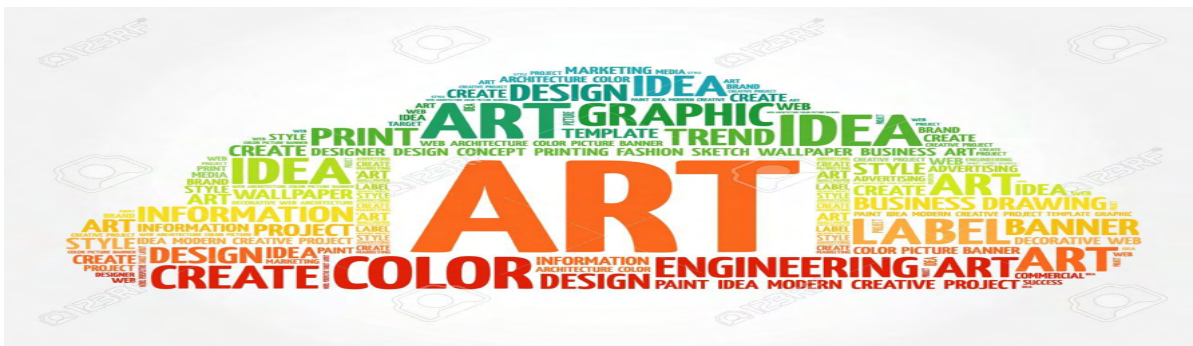
Overall, we promise one thing: you will have lots of fun, and a chance to be creative!

If you are keen on Art, making stuff, painting, and looking at artists then this would be the perfect choice for you!

Year group: 7,8 and 9

Students: 75

Approximate cost: Free



The Motorsports Experience Challenge

A three day motorsports extravaganza for all of those petrol heads out there.

On day 1 students will experience an introduction to petrol powered karting at “East Anglia’s Leading Outdoor Circuit.

Day 2 will see a visit to the home of British Motorsport Silverstone and it’s museum. Focusing on STEM and History, we aim to bring learning to life and inspire the next generation of engineers. In addition to the main exhibition & visit to the heritage track trail, students will enjoy a 45 minute workshop led by one of the Silverstone Museum facilitators in their dedicated learning studio.

Day 3 will involve students participating in an introduction to F1 in schools. Students will have the opportunity to work with an experienced “F1 in schools” ambassador to give students an insight into the skills that are needed to be successful in motorsport. Students will create their own F1 style model, and race against the clock to see which students have the best design. Students will also have the opportunity to put their karting skills that they learned earlier in the week to good use with the Xbox Forza Motorsport simulator racing challenge (racing for the fastest lap around a virtual Silverstone circuit).

Year group: 7-10

Students: 55

Approximate cost: £120



French trip to Lille

This June during curriculum enhancement week, we are offering an educational trip to Lille for our Y10 French students. The trip will offer our Y10 French students an amazing opportunity to put into practice their language skills in a variety of settings in the historic city of Lille in northern France. The trip will include:

- A guided tour of Lille (in both English and French).
- A booking at the Palais des Beaux-Arts Museum.
- An evening cinema trip to watch a film in French.
- A trip to the market to practice our French.
- Visit to the citadel.

What can be better than a trip to France with your friends, testing those language skills learnt here at Thorpe St Andrew School.

Year group: 10

Students: 25

Approximate cost: £350



Fabulous Food Fun!

Do you like Food and want to experience more than we can fit into normal lessons?

Do you wish we could make more cakes in Food?

Now is your chance!

If you choose the Food cluster you will have the chance to make and investigate lots of new recipes and ingredients. We are planning activities and workshops across the 3 days that could include; making (and eating) an afternoon tea, brunch, bake off challenge, cheese tasting, sushi making, sugar crafts, cake decorating, picnic and other recipes you don't make in normal food lessons.

Year group: 7-10

Students: 30

Approximate cost of ingredients: £30



Adapting Shakespeare and Creative Writing - including a trip to The Globe and Tate Modern

This trip will give students the chance to explore different Shakespeare texts and consider how we can adapt some of his most famous plays.

Students will travel to London where we will visit the Globe and the Tate Modern. During our visit, students will tour Shakespeare's famous theatre and will take part in a drama workshop, looking at how we can stage his plays, before going on to visit the Tate Modern.

As part of this trip, we will have a number of school based activities where we will apply what we saw and learnt from the Globe in our own responses to his texts.

Year group: 9-10

Students: 44

Approximate cost: £50



Multisports Madness

Are you a sports enthusiast? Is your favourite subject PE?

This is the cluster for you, an action-packed week full of challenging and exciting sports you may not have participated in during your normal PE lessons this year!

We all know the PE department knows how to put on an event. 3 days of playing sports with your friends. What could be better?

Expect competition, a variety of sports and lots of fun.

Sports may include - Ultimate Frisbee, Capture the Flag, Tri-Golf, Trampolining and even the opportunity to try out some inflatables.

Year group: 7-10

Students: 150

Approximate cost: Free



The MFL Experience

Come and join us for three amazing days of MFL themed activities.

The days will be split into different sessions including:

- Playing board and card games using your language skills.
- Building models of famous buildings from French, German and Spanish speaking countries.
- Play outdoor games with a languages twist.
- Relax with a movie in French, German or Spanish.
- Paint an MFL themed rock ready for the next school "Rock Hunt".

If you love languages and want to use your knowledge in new ways, this is the cluster for you.

Year group: 7-9

Students: 30

Approximate cost: Free



Wet and wild watersports

Are you adventurous? Do you enjoy spending time in the water? Have you ever considered giving Surfing a go? Do you love waterparks? Then we have the perfect 3 days for you.

Students will have the opportunity to complete a dummy lifeguard course here at Thorpe St Andrew School before an afternoon of Kayaking at Whitlingham.

On day two students will travel to Cromer to be instructed through some Surfing lessons.

Finally on day three students will attend Fenland inflatable aquapark.

Year group: 9-10

Students: 40

Approximate cost: £125



Students must be able to swim 50m in clothes

****Subject to tide times and conditions, Surfing may become paddleboarding****

The Ultimate Performing Arts Experience

Do you love the arts? Do you wish you could experience more that we just cannot squeeze into the curriculum? Well for three days in June, you are in luck.

Day 1, students will head to London for a walking tour of theatres and music venues followed by a matinee performance of a musical (Musical TBC).

Days 2 and 3, students will be back at Thorpe, but it will not be lessons as you know it. You will opt from some fabulous workshops led by professionals. These workshops include making a song in a day, “Beatbox with LeeMakesNoises”, making a play in a day, “Frantic Assembly” as well as a songwriter workshop and a professional director workshop.

Year group: 7-10

Students: 100

Approximate cost: £50



****Please note that the payment covers day 1, once students have been allocated, they will be able to make selections from various reasonably priced or free workshops from music professionals to structure their second and third days****

Harry Potter Week

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to attend Hogwarts? Have you ever wanted to spend a few days in the cloak of Harry or Hermione? If yes, this is the activity for you.

On day 1 and 3, you will be based at school, taking part in activities such as wand making, scarf making, a potions lesson, a Harry Potter themed tea party, your very own Triwizard tournament, designing a product to be presented to Dragons Den for Weasley's Wizarding Wheeze.

Day 2, this is where the real magic happens, you will visit the truly magical Harry Potter Studios for a tour.

Year group: 7-10

Students: 50

Approximate cost: £60



Harry Potter

The 3 P's - Paintball, Pirates and Pleasurewood.

The perfect 3 days, full of fun and adventure, the perfect opportunity to let off some steam after a busy school year.

On day 1 - students will attend a day of paintballing at Skirmish Paintball Centre where you will get to try some of the many paintball zones, each one challenging you in a different way.

On day 2 - students will take a trip to Great Yarmouth for a morning of beach sports followed by some crazy golf at Pirates Cove. There may even be time for arcades, ice cream and fish and chips.

On day 3 - Finally students will spend a day at Pleasurewood Hills enjoying the many thrilling rides that are on offer including the main attraction Wipeout.

Year Group: 7-10

Students: 90

Approximate cost: £105



A trip through time

The History department is hosting an immersive adventure through history where each day is dedicated to a different time period.

Activities include:

Medieval potion making.

Witch hunting and Civil War reenactment.

Over the top trenches and Homefront shelter building.

If you are interested in History and want to see History in ways that cannot be incorporated into lesson time. This is the cluster for you.

Year group: 7

Students: 60

Approximate cost: Free



The PSV Experience - Football Tour

Love football, participate regularly and have always wanted to experience training in a professional setting, led by highly experienced coaches. Well this is your opportunity at one of Netherlands most famous clubs.

In this tour the following will be included:

- Full board package (3 meals per day)
- Return coach and ferry travel from Hull to Rotterdam.
- High quality training sessions on all aspects of play from PSV Eindhoven full-time coaching staff,
- Use of the PSV Eindhoven's "De Herdgang" training facility for all scheduled training sessions.
- A prearranged friendly match per squad against local opposition.
- Behind the scenes tour of the Phillips Stadion (PSV stadium) and visit to the club shop.
- Evening out ten-pin bowling.

Year group: 9 and 10

Number of students: 60

Approximate cost: £689



Active Animation

Do you want to recreate scenes from Star Wars or the end of Deathly Hallows with Lego?

Perhaps you want to try your hand at creating something original with modelling clay?

Do you fancy yourself as the next big thing in animation?

Then join us in Media Studies for Curriculum Enhancement Week where we will be making stop-motion movies using both Lego and modelling clay. We will teach you all about the process and more importantly we will be making movies using cameras and editing software over the three days.

Year group: 7-9

Students: 30

Approximate cost: £3



Science Explorers

This June, we are offering the exciting chance for all enthusiastic scientists to get out of the classroom and expand their scientific brains all around the country. Ignite your curiosity, encourage scientific endeavour and spark your imagination!

Day 1: Students will get the opportunity to explore the world-famous London Science Museum- marvelling at brand new exhibits along with visitor favourites including *Wonderlab*, *Power Up* and *Exploring Space*.

Day 2: We take to the Norfolk Broads National Park; due to the unique nature of the area, the Norfolk Broads and its slow-moving rivers and silent marshes make for an exquisite place to explore our native wildlife. Students will get the opportunity to take part in hands-on ecology studies.

Day 3: Head to the National Space Centre in Leicester where we will spend the day enjoying hands-on science and interactive fun. We will explore the interactive galleries, as well as discovering the past, present, and future of space exploration. The National Space Centre is also home to the Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium, the UK's largest fulldome planetarium, where we will get to enjoy one of its award winning shows.

Year Group: 7-10

Students: 60

Approximate cost: £105



The Lyceum - A classic activity

Salvete!

This three day, multi-disciplinary adventure into the classical world is aimed at students in years 7-10. Students will be given the opportunities to learn Latin and about classical civilisation. We shall also examine how science and maths were used during this time with the chance to re-enact some experiments. Political life of the time will be experienced too. A 'virtual' tour of Mt Vesuvius and Pompei will develop our understanding of one of the most lethal tectonic events of history. Finally, we shall enjoy some sporting activities and learn more about the origins of the Olympic games.

Year Group: 7-10

Students: 25 (Yr7/8) and 25 (Yr9/10)

Approximate cost: Free



****Whilst entry is not restricted, the type of activity on offer caters for learners who achieved well in primary school (Y7/8) or who have been members of Orbit (years 8, 9 and 10)****

The Ultimate Fitness and Wellness

Experience

An 'all in' programme of fun activities that will boost your inner confidence, push you out of your comfort zone and help you to make new friends.

Activities are suitable for all abilities and will include a wide range of workshops such as boxing, yoga, team challenges, games, mindset coaching and the big finale will be a day out in London together to celebrate all of our achievements and new found friendships. We will be soaring the heights of the London Eye (and possibly sailing the Thames), picnicking in the Royal Parks, ready to return back to Thorpe feeling recharged, renewed and with a new sense of confidence.

Year Group: 7-10

Students: 48

Approximate cost: £80



Computing - Code Breaking and The Museum for Computer History

Do you enjoy puzzle solving? Cracking Codes? Being a cyber detective and learning how to be a code breaker?

Then come and join us on a cyber security journey through history, learning about where code breaking started, unlocking the secrets of code breaking and cyber challenges when you join us for three inspiring days.

You can decode the mysteries of cyber safety while fortifying your online presence.

Let's explore the digital world securely one code at a time!

Day 1 - Code breaking challenges and guest speakers. Learning about Bletchley Park - The Imitation Game Movie (in school)

Day 2 - Bletchley Park (including a Past, Present and Future Encryption workshop) and the Museum for Computer History.

Day 3 - Escape room and cyber challenges (in school)

Year Groups : 9 and 10

Students : 50

Approximate cost : £65

