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Poynton High School Sixth Form

'Enrich' is intended to add breadth to your academic curriculum and help you to acquire skills and knowledge which you will certainly find useful in your Sixth Form career and Higher Education courses. These opportunities will enhance your UCAS and future employment applications. All students must engage in enrichment during Year 12. You will be given an enrichment record card for you to record the enrichment activities to participate in throughout the year. This will serve as evidence of your participation in the programme and experience gained. Keeping an up to date log will also make it easier to identify what you might want to include when writing a personal statement or job application.

The programme is composed of a number of elements:

- Enrichment Days (Life Beyond PHS Day, Day of Peace)

These are whole or half day events, which take place during Years 12 and 13.

- Student Development Days

These usually take place every half term and cover a wide range of topics including Driver Awareness, Personal Safety, Student Life at University, Student Finance, Interview Techniques, Employment Skills and much more. Attendance at the Development Days is compulsory and they run through both Years 12 and 13.

- Enrichment Opportunities

These are many and varied! They can be divided into three core areas: **Community engagement, personal growth, and work-based learning**. You must select only one community engagement activity. This will usually involve a regular weekly commitment of up to one hour throughout the year. It is a good idea for you also pick at least one activity from the personal growth section although you could opt into multiple. All students in year 12 will undertake a work experience placement during the week beginning 27th June 2022. We recommend that you opt into as many other activities in this section that you feel would help you develop skills and knowledge to prepare you in taking your next steps beyond 6th form.

You will find a description of the enrichment activities here but others will certainly occur during the year and we will tell you more about these at the appropriate time. One of the great advantages for you in coming into the Sixth Form at Poynton is that you will have the opportunity to take part in, and even to organise, many of the activities available in an 11-18 school. You will have opportunity to work with younger students and represent your school to develop your leadership skills. This is most definitely a plus point in your UCAS personal statement or employment application.

When deciding on your enrichment programme it is a good idea to think broadly about your own development. You must decide which activities will be of most value to you. Think about the sort of experiences that will challenge you or which aspects of your knowledge and skills you want to enhance. This might include: interpersonal skills, research skills, knowledge of a particular topic or area of interest, presentation skills, and careers pathways.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

All students must choose one activity from the list below and record their selection on the tutor group form. Once you have signed up for your chosen activity the member of staff responsible will send more information regarding when these activities will begin. You are expected to commit to this activity for the whole programme.

In-class Support (Mrs Palmer)

In-class Support is a unique opportunity for you to support younger students in their learning during lesson time, from October through to Easter with guidance from their teachers. Training will also be given to you. All activities require your commitment to help regularly. It would be useful to undertake a combination of these activities in order to fulfil the 2 hours fortnightly requirement of the Sixth Form Enrichment Programme. It would be possible to create resources for students to use in lessons in place of some of the hours in the classes. This would be done in discussion with subject teachers.

Cultural Passport Ambassadors (Miss Keaveney)

This is an opportunity for sixth form students to work with Year 8 and 9 forms during morning registration to assist and deliver cultural capital sessions. Each week students will have a session based on a range of different topics, from the arts, sciences, values and politics for example and be set a challenge each week. We hope that you would be able to offer support to the students and form tutors with the delivery and application of the KS3 Cultural Passport. This would be ideal for students who wish to develop their leadership skills and for those who may want to work with children in the future.

Poynton Community Support (Miss Long)

This programme will allow students the opportunity to socialise with senior residents of Poynton through joining them at their weekly meetings at the Poynton Civic Hall. Students would need to attend weekly:

Time out Café

Friday 2pm – 4pm

Play games, chat and drink tea with local residents.

You would need to make your own way to the Civic Hall and support the staff running the clubs with making refreshments, talking to people and participating in activities.

If you are considering any aspect of social care work / further education in the future this activity would be ideal in giving you relevant experience. For more information speak to Miss Long.

Buddy Reading (Mr Jackson)

Buddy Reading is a rewarding opportunity for you to help students in Years 7 and 8 who require support and encouragement with their reading. Students work through a levelled reading scheme, where they read a short story and work through comprehension questions in order to check their understanding. Your role is to provide support to the students in the form of listening to your partner read and check their understanding. The sessions run twice weekly during registration. Days and location to be confirmed.

Maths Supported Study (Miss Allwright)

The Mathematics department will be offering the opportunity for sixth form volunteers to help run supported study sessions for our KS4 students on a weekly basis. This will be ideal for anybody who is perhaps thinking of becoming a teacher and would like to gain some essential tutoring experience. You do not need to be taking A-Level Mathematics, however a 4-grade GCSE or above would be useful. Most students will be invited to attend the supported study sessions, and some will “drop-in” on a voluntary basis. All work will be set by the Mathematics staff and answers will be provided. Sessions will be led by the Mathematics teachers and there is no need for any preparation in advance. The supported study will take place on Wednesday’s, 3:00pm-4:00pm in the Library. For further information, please see Miss Allwright.

Year 7 Pastoral Support (Mr Hunter)

This is an opportunity for Sixth Form students to work with Year 7 for registration in a buddy/mentor capacity. We would hope that you would be able to offer support to students and form tutors at this busy time of the day. The kind of activities we would like you take part in are:

- Help to check the planners and alert the Form Tutor to any problems arising from the checks.
- Be involved in activities in registration e.g. help students design a praise post card for the Year.
- Help to run general knowledge quizzes.
- Assist form tutors with inter-form competition.
- Help prepare an assembly.
- Support an individual student during registration period.

This would be ideal for students who want to develop their leadership skills and for those wishing to work with children in the future.

Dance Club (Mrs Hardicre)

Do you have an interest in dance? Come and support the younger students in the various dance clubs that run after school until 4pm. See Mrs Hardicre for details of which evenings the clubs run for different year groups.

House Activities Support (Legh House – Mr Meakin Davenport House – Mr Keifer Newton House – Miss Dovey Vernon House – Mr Megarrell)

The House system has traditionally offered Sixth Form students many opportunities to take responsibility for organising various activities and to work with younger students. We offer a wide range of activities including General Knowledge, Dance, Science, Photography, Chess and various sports.

Heads of House always require help in organising students in sports events. This will involve visiting form rooms and collecting names of volunteers and also helping to run the team during the event itself. Students are required to help run events on a fortnightly basis, on Tuesday of Week 1, 3.30pm-4.30pm. You can contribute as a timekeeper or results recorder, if you do not feel confident enough to act as a referee! When helping with an event, you will always have a member of staff with you. Although the bulk of the help needed is with sports events, you can still make a contribution, even if you do not consider yourself to be a “sporty” person. Your House Leader is always looking to expand the range of House events and would like to offer activities across all areas of the curriculum.

Students will have the opportunity to become a House Captain/House Prefect, where they will be expected to work closely alongside their Head of House. We also run a Senior Rewards Day for students who show a sustained level of commitment to the House system.

Involvement in House Activities can be an extremely rewarding experience for Sixth Form students and helps to develop communication skills, teamwork, leadership, self-confidence and a sense of responsibility – all very useful attributes when applying for Higher Education or employment. You will be required to meet with your Head of House and write a paragraph on why you wish to be involved with leadership of the House system. Sign up on the Form list to register your interest and make sure you have your commitment letter ready when the Heads of House call you to a meeting. A high level of commitment will be expected of the chosen students.

GCSE preparation mentoring (Mrs Dempsey)

The experience year 11 students had in the academic year 2020-21 was unlike any other. Students were required to prepare for assessments that tested knowledge and learning acquired over lock down and remote learning. Current year 11 students are in a similar position, we would like to use your expertise to share and support identified students with their memory retrieval and exam preparation through peer support. You should be able to commit to 1 registration morning per week for 1 half term.

Subject Mentor (Mrs Dempsey)

This is an opportunity for sixth form students to work with Year 11 students during morning registration to support subject learning and memory retrieval from peer to peer support. The year team will identify students that are experiencing barriers in the subject area you select and you will become a 'buddy' for them. This will require you to commit to one morning registration each week for 1 half term. You must have received a Grade 7 or above at GCSE in the subject area.

SEN Mentoring (Mrs Tupman)

You will receive training to be a mentor for a specific key stage 3 student who has been identified by the Learning Support Department or Pastoral team as someone who would benefit from the input of a positive role model. You will spend one session per week with them to be a listening ear and help them develop resilience skills, with the hope that it will promote better engagement with school life. You will receive supervision and some resources to support you in this role.

Eco-School Group (Ms Donald)

PHS summit started in October 2020, during which the school put together a three-year action plan to make the school site more environmentally friendly and plastic free where possible. The Eco-school group worked together with SLT, staff, governors, and outside agencies to promote and support the action plan. By doing so we hope to achieve the Green Flag Award for the school. We would also like to become a Fairtrade School achieving one of the three awards. This is a great opportunity for leadership status in school and to support a very topical issue. Sixth Form students are vital in leading the projects, fundraising, and leading the eco-school committee. This will involve working with staff and lower school students in the Eco-Club which will be held one lunchtime a week.

You will be part of a team conducting a school audit, introducing recycling and non-single use plastic systems in school, liaising with staff to create lessons and resources for student development days.

You also could work with students in form groups to help prepare them to present assemblies to raise awareness on plastic, fair trade etc. If you want to make a difference, care about the environment and would like to be part of the team who will achieve the Eco-school and Fair-Trade School status, this is the group for you.

Day, time, and venue to be confirmed.

Peer Education Miss Long and Mrs Hall

This activity is intended to provide Year 12 students considering careers in education and social care (or those with just an interest in young people), to be able to be trained and supported to teach key stage one pupils in a local school.

The programme is devised to give you an insight into how to plan and teach lessons, which will include some teacher observations at Poynton High School and a local primary school. You will then plan and teach 2 lessons (History or RS) at a local primary school, supported by History and RS teachers.

This is an exciting enrichment activity which will allow you to learn some of the basics of teaching and learning and work with young students in the local community.

Pride Youth Network (Mr Shaw)

The Pride Youth Network which meets every Thursday lunch time is looking for new sixth form members to help promote diversity and equality across all year groups.

Sixth form members are needed to support and help manage younger groups of students. Duties will include:

- Attending regular meetings
- Creating and/or presenting assembly presentations
- Arranging charity events
- Creating visual materials to promote equality
- Sharing what we do/know at Poynton High School with other schools
- Helping to promote a safe learning environment for all students
- Creating activities for younger year groups to do in form time or as extra-curricular
- Support/mentor younger students with the completion of all activities listed above

This is a great opportunity to build a wide range of skills suitable for the working world and university, but is also a chance to help promote fair and equal treatment of all students in line with the Equality Act 2010.

Self-Placements

For a placement to operate you will need a block of time, either on your timetable or in your own time (after school or at the weekend). The school does not provide placements, but can give you support with suggestions of possible routes. **You will be required to produce evidence for this activity such as a signed letter from a representative of the organisation you are volunteering with.** It is essential you give some thought as to what kind of community project or work placement you wish to be involved in prior to choosing this option. Think about what time you have available as many of the community projects and work placements take place out of school hours.

Examples of projects and work experience placements include working:

- with children in local primary schools and nurseries
- with elderly people, mentally or physically disabled people
- with environmental groups, St George's Church, East Cheshire Rangers

- as a Youth Action Volunteer. Projects include Community Arts projects, Fair Trade, Performing Arts, Sports for the Disabled with Stockport Action for Voluntary Youth, in hospitals such as Stepping Hill

Alternatively, you could register with one of the many organisations that offer volunteering opportunities for young people. They will be able to find you a suitable placement that will match your interests, availability and location.

Friends for Leisure

At Friends for Leisure we are continually recruiting volunteers in Cheshire East. Volunteers are at the heart of our organisation and vital for Friends for Leisure to continue providing a service. Volunteers give a small part of their time to help us to run our youth groups, drama workshops, and bowling trips, as well as providing 1:1 friendship for young disabled people. Our aim is for our volunteers to gain skills, confidence, and experience through our programme as well as making a difference to the lives of young people.

Our volunteers help at our youth groups and holiday activities, and provide 1:1 friendship to young people who need a friend. Volunteers also can help out with fundraising, office work, or by offering their time and skills in whatever it is they're good at!

We are looking for enthusiastic, friendly, motivated volunteers aged 15 and up to join our team. To sign up as a volunteer go to info@friendsforleisure.org.uk

Sign up for **Stockport Action Volunteer** and receive accreditation for the hours you put in. The opportunities can be as wide-ranging as producing a Community newspaper to involving yourself in Performing Arts activities or maybe you have a good idea yourself. www.stockportsavy.org.uk

V•Inspired offers volunteering opportunities for young people between the ages of 14-25. The hours you put into volunteering are recognized and you can work towards getting Vinspired Awards- get your v10, v30, v50 and v100 awards, and add some extra wow to your CV.



- [vinspired Cashpoint](#) gives you the chance to run your own community project
- You can apply for a grant of up to £500 to help make your project a success

Get in touch to find out more about the funding available www.vinspired.com. There really is a volunteering opportunity for everyone; there will be an opportunity that's just right for you if you know where to look. Volunteering teaches you useful new skills things like communication skills, team work and decisions making which will help you when it comes to getting a writing a CV or applying for university.

Ambassadors Programme

A maximum of 6 students per department will take on wide ranging responsibilities within the subject they represent, each of which are designed to support and celebrate the work of the department. The programme offers ambassadors opportunity to build up a range of personal skills and experience,

which would commend them to university applications, tutors and employers alike. You will be made an ambassador only in subjects you are actually studying.

Art Ambassadors (Miss Smith)

The Art department will be offering the opportunity for selected students to secure a role as 'Student Ambassador for Art.'

The responsibilities would be shared between a team of ambassadors and would include:

- Help out at KS3 and KS5 open evenings and answer student/parent questions
- Produce a display board
- Be a voice for fellow students and lead student voice for their year. Share this at departmental meeting to offer insight and suggestions for improving the T&L
- Help out with recruitment of future A level students at the options talk.

Biology Ambassador (Mr Tarmey)

The Biology department will be offering the opportunity for selected students to secure a role as 'Student Ambassador for Biology.'

The responsibilities would be shared between a team of ambassadors and would include:

- Help out at KS3 and KS5 open evenings and answer student/parent questions
- Produce a display board
- Be a voice for fellow students and lead student voice for their year. Share this at departmental meeting to offer insight and suggestions for improving the T&L
- Help out with recruitment of future A level students at the options talk.
- (for those that have done triple at GCSE) Set up a Q and A session for Year 9s who are considering Triple Science at GCSE.
- Assist staff at the Year 11 revision session in the Spring/Summer term to support students with past exam questions and revision techniques.

Business and Economics Ambassadors (Mrs Williams)

The business and economics department will be offering the opportunity for selected students to secure a role as 'Student Ambassador for Business and Economics.'

The responsibilities would be shared between a team of ambassadors and would include:

- Promote the business and economics department
- Attending 'Open Evenings' and helping in the promotion of Business/Economics on those evenings;
- Guiding Year 9 and Year 11 students during the options process;
- Working with KS4 students in the run up to exams to help with revision;
- Help promote any trips ran by the department
- Help co-ordinate student feedback for department

Computing and IT Ambassadors (Mr Bemowski)

The Computing and IT department will be offering the opportunity for selected students to secure a role as 'Student Ambassador for Computing and IT.'

The responsibilities would be shared between a team of ambassadors and would include:

- Contribute to Computing department meetings in order to enhance the development of teaching and learning across the Computing curriculum;
- Attending 'Open Evenings' and helping in the promotion of Computing and IT on those evenings;
- Working alongside the Networking Team gaining experience in this area and working on the school network;
- Taking full part in any projects that the department run this will include trips and Computing Clubs;
- Guiding Year Eleven students during the Sixth Form options process;
- Recruit Computing ambassadors in other year groups;
- Contributing to the 'In class support' scheme and working with younger students;
- Sharing areas of expertise in the field of computing

Your contributions can be negotiated with the Director of Learning for Creative and Digital Technologies to best suit your development needs.

Drama Ambassadors (Mrs Cutler)

The Drama department would like to invite you to apply for the role of Student Ambassador.

Your main responsibilities will include:

- Running Theatre Club
- Supporting Year10/ 11 Drama performances
- Supporting whole school productions
- Assisting in the organisation of Year 8 Play in a Week.
- Participating in In class support
- Guiding Year Eleven students during the Sixth Form options process
- Making displays
- Representing the Drama department during Open Evening.

English Ambassadors (Miss Greenfield)

The English department will be offering the opportunity for selected students to secure a role as 'Student Ambassador for English.'

The responsibilities would be shared between a team of ambassadors and would include:

- Attending 'Open Evenings' and helping in the promotion of English on those evenings;
- Guiding Year Eleven students during the Sixth Form options process;
- Recruit English ambassadors in other year groups;
- Supporting the running of reading groups, creative writing groups, theatre groups and the school magazine;
- Contributing to the 'In class support' scheme and working with younger students;
- Meeting interview candidates for teaching positions;
- Coordinating feedback from students about their experiences in English;
- Taking full part in any projects that the department run;

The role of 'Student ambassador for English will give a team of student's full involvement within the English team and afford them the opportunity to work creatively whilst also developing their organisational skills.

Geography Ambassadors (Mrs Crossan)

We are looking to appoint Geography Ambassadors across the school from all year groups to represent the subject and help us to improve our already fantastic subject!

So are you....

- Passionate about Geography?
- Responsible and a good role model?
- Organised?
- Able to work on your own initiative?
- Able to work in a professional and mature manner?
- Able to relate to fellow students?
- Able to deliver presentations to various audiences in a confident manner

What you might be expected to do in the role.

- Talk to younger students about why choosing GCSE or A level Geography is a great option.
- Help out at Open Evenings.
- Help with displays
- Tell us what you love about your lessons and...what would you like more of!

History Ambassador (Mrs Hall)

The History department will be offering the opportunity for selected students to secure a role as 'Student Ambassador for History.'

The responsibilities would be shared between a team of ambassadors and would include:

- Attending 'Open Evenings' and helping in the promotion of History on those evenings;
- Supporting the running of any lower school History clubs or activities.
- Contributing to the 'In class support' scheme and working with younger students.
- Meeting interview candidates for teaching positions.
- Coordinating feedback from students about their experiences in History.
- Updating and designing the 'this year in history' board.
- Mentoring KS4 students

Media Ambassadors (Miss Greenfield)

The English department will be offering the opportunity for selected students to secure a role as 'Student Ambassador for Media.'

The responsibilities would be shared between a team of ambassadors and would include:

- Attending 'Open Evenings' and helping in the promotion of media on those evenings;
- Guiding Year Eleven students during the Sixth Form options process;
- Recruit English ambassadors in other year groups;
- Supporting the running of reading groups, creative writing groups, theatre groups and the school magazine;
- Contributing to the 'In class support' scheme and working with younger students;

- Meeting interview candidates for teaching positions;
- Coordinating feedback from students about their experiences in media;
- Taking full part in any projects that the department run;

The role of 'Student ambassador for media' will give a team of student's full involvement within the English team and afford them the opportunity to work creatively whilst also developing their organisational skills.

MFL Ambassadors (Mr Farrell)

The Languages department will be offering the opportunity for selected students to secure a role as 'Student Ambassador for MFL.'

The responsibilities would be shared between a team of ambassadors and would include:

- Attending 'Open Evenings' and helping in the promotion of MFL on those evenings;
- Guiding Year 9 and Year 11 students during the options process;
- Being responsible for creating an MFL newsletter by running a club for younger students;
- Working with younger students in class, particularly with speaking practice;
- Meeting interview candidates for teaching positions;
- Leading 'Student Voice' activities to gather feedback from students about their experiences in MFL;
- Taking part in any projects that the department run.

PE Ambassadors (Mr Henderson)

The PE department will be offering the opportunity for selected students to secure a role as a 'Sports Ambassador.' This role is intended to allow the students to build up a range personal skills (organisation, leadership, etc.) which would commend them to university applications tutors and employers alike.

Responsibilities include the following:

- Attending 'Open Evenings' to help promote the PE department;
- Guiding Year Eleven students during the Sixth Form options process;
- Supporting the running of extra-curricular activities and teams;
- Supporting the teaching of Key Stage 3 core PE;
- Coordinating feedback from students about their experiences in PE;
- Taking full part in any projects that the department run;
- Helping maintain and update PE displays;
- Contributing innovative ideas with the aim of further improving PE.

Physics Ambassador (Mrs Pitt)

The Physics department will be offering the opportunity for selected students to secure a role as 'Student Ambassador for Physics.'

The responsibilities would be shared between a team of ambassadors and would include:

- Represent the department at open evenings (Lower School and Sixth Form)

- Lead Student Voice feedback for their year group, and work with the Head of Department to summarise the findings and present to the department.
- Help design feedback questionnaires for younger students.
- Join the Head of Department in presenting the subject as an A Level option to Y11
- Run up a Q & A session for Year 9s who are considering Triple Science at GCSE.
- Assist staff at the Year 11 revision sessions in the Spring/Summer term to support students with past exam questions and revision techniques.
- Update “Physics in the News” display board and help plan other classroom displays

Product Design Ambassadors (Mrs Burdett)

Product Design are offering the opportunity to be a ‘Product Design Ambassador’. This role will help build knowledge and understanding of the subject, leadership skills and give the opportunity to be an integral part to our department and team. This will be recorded in any applications that arise for your future studies and employment.

Responsibilities could involve the following:

- Attending and supporting the open evening activities, including support with the laser cutter, design challenges and/or Sketchup.
- Supporting the 6th form options evening, to give future candidates an insight in to our subject.
- Supporting KS3 lessons
- Providing resources for teaching certain topics
- Creating inspiring displays around the department
- Researching for potential trips/visits for KS4/5

PERSONAL GROWTH ACTIVITIES

Here are some suggested activities that you can participate in alongside your A level subjects and your chosen community activity. They are designed to stretch you academically or to encourage you to pursue other areas of interest. Be curious you never know where it might lead you!

EPQ-The extended project qualification.

Undertake a project on a subject of your choice. You will work independently but will be supervised by a member of staff who will guide you through the process. This will involve you doing your own research and presentation to an audience in school. This is worth half an A level and can enhance your University tariff points.

MOOCS-Massive Open On- line Courses

You can access an array of free short on line courses from top universities including topics such as “ Food as Medicine” from Monash University in Australia to “Exploring play” from Sheffield University. You can find these on a variety of sites such as Future Learn and My-Mooc. Have a look at Beginners Guide to Moocs before you start.

Open Learn

The Open University offer almost 1000 free Courses across a wide range of subject areas. You can sign up to create your own personal learning profile to keep a record of the courses you have undertaken in your areas of interest.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education/free-courses>

Senior Sports Teams

There are opportunities to be involved in senior sports teams whilst in the Sixth Form. Traditionally we have teams in selected sports and students should speak to PE staff if interested. We also have nominated Sports Captains who are responsible for promoting their respective sport and helping to lead/organise teams and fixtures.

Debating Society

Are you always right? Do you love getting your own way? Are you a persuasive person? If so then the Debating Society is for you. Come and argue to your heart's content in our regular debates. The Debating Society is run by students. The debating topics are decided by you. You are welcome to join the debate or come and watch. Look out for messages on the Student Bulletin publicising the next debate.

Charity Work

During the course of your Sixth Form career there will be many occasions when appeals are made for help with raising funds for a particular charity. Barnardo's, Marie Curie, Red Nose Day, Comic Relief would all be good examples of causes we have traditionally supported. Students have organised a charity fashion show and other fundraising events in the past. Do try to give some of your time to this, if possible. Leadership of fundraising allows you to demonstrate a wide range of skills.

National Citizenship Service

NCS is a nationwide initiative offering you the opportunity to help your community by taking part in team projects. All projects are residential and take place in your school holidays. You will take on new challenges and learn new skills, making a difference to your community whilst making new friends. All students who complete the programme graduate with a certificate signed by the Prime Minister. There is a small cost to the students involved but the scheme is government funded to ensure it is affordable (maximum £50). If the cost is a problem the local NCS providers have a Bursary Scheme and may be able to offer you financial assistance. For more information about NCS go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/get-involved/take-part/national-citizen-service>.

Performing Arts

You may like to assist with Performing Arts Concerts or Theatre trips etc. in a variety of roles. Look out for information around the school and via the student bulletin for a wide variety of exciting events for you to get involved in. Why not audition to take part in a school production?

There are also a range of musical groups to join within performing arts. These run after school and at lunchtimes. See the notice boards in performing arts for the full range of clubs.

Join a campaign or support a cause

Are you interested in what is happening in the world? Perhaps you are concerned about the future of the planet or the plight of those living in unfortunate circumstances. Do you have a strong sense of justice?

Why not consider joining a society or organisation? This is a great way to support a cause you are passionate about, learn more about what is happening around the world and how we can all contribute to make a positive difference.

There are many organisations to choose from. Some will involve making a financial donation. Here are just a few: WWF, Greenpeace, Liberty, Amnesty International, RSPB.

Learn to drive

Being able to drive is a life skill that will enhance your job opportunities and promote your independence. Since 1996 new drivers have been required to take a theory test alongside the practical test. This is based on information contained in the Highway Code. It is designed to help keep you and other safe when driving. Why not apply for your provisional licence? Find out more here: www.gov.uk/browse/driving/learning-to-drive

WORK BASED LEARNING

There are plenty of opportunities for you to explore your future career path. Some of you may have a clear idea of the direction you wish to follow whilst others will not. The more options you consider then the better informed you will be about what career might suit you and how to get to there.

Work experience week.

During the summer term you will have the opportunity to engage in a week of work experience starting on 27th June 2022. You must find a placement in a setting you have an interest in. It is a chance to find out more about the world of work and to develop your own skill set. Having relevant work experience makes you stand out from the crowd and can enhance your employability and your applications for University.

Career Ready Programme

This course does not form part of a student's core subject choices but is intended to complement other A Level study.

Career Ready is a two year programme for 16 to 19 year olds, supported by some of the biggest names in British business. Students joining Career Ready within the school will benefit from:

- support for their learning, leading to national qualifications
- an internship with a local employer during the summer
- special employer-led master classes, seminars and company visits
- one-to-one mentoring by an experienced business volunteer
- networking opportunities with other Career Ready students around the UK
- the Capital experience

For further information about Career Ready visit; www.careerready.org.uk or have a look at the **prospectus information**.

Enhancing Your Employability/Life Skills

There are a number of resources that students may wish to explore to enhance their personal development. This may be through completion of online courses, participation in virtual work experience or further research in to their future careers. Please see below a number of suggestions for students to explore:

- **Speakers for Schools** <https://www.speakersforschools.org/> are a platform providing aspirational engagements, putting young people in touch with the very best, to spark their ambitions and the belief in what is possible for the future. **Speakers for Schools** brings together [eminent figures](#) of today, from FTSE 100s and arts leaders to CEOs and tenured professors, creating a dynamic network of thousands of school talks and inspirational virtual work experience placements.

- **Youth Employment UK** <https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/employment-help-young-people/choices/online-skills-and-careers-courses/preparing-for-your-future-online-course/>

‘Preparing For Your Future’ is a free online course to help 14-16 year olds build skills and careers confidence. The 5 courses will boost young people’s skills and career confidence. They will receive a certificate for their CV when they complete each course.

- **Barclays Life Skills**

<https://barclayslifeskills.com/sign-in/young-person/>

Student resources: [young people](#) can also kick-start their journey by working through LifeSkills content independently, dependent on their life stage, for example ‘At School’ ‘At College’ etc. Get started on a [Virtual interview practice tool](#), [CV builder](#), [Virtual work experience](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Independent living](#), [different types of interviews](#) and [Practice online assessment tests](#).

- **Your Game Plan**

<https://yourgameplan.co.uk/register>

Your Game Plan’s digital courses will ensure that you have the transferable and employability skills that employers look for within their workforce. For each short course that you complete the knowledge you have gained will be tested and you will be presented with a CPD accredited digital certificate. This will look great on your CV and provide you with confidence and knowledge that you can apply either in part time roles now and whilst at university, or in preparation for employment or apprenticeship applications after Sixth Form.

You can complete the modules in your own time, at your own pace and in any order depending on which skills you most feel you need to develop.

And finally....

This is just a small sample of the many opportunities throughout the year, you can also contribute to school life in other ways. You may represent the school in one of the many competitions and inter school events that the different subject departments take part in. Please keep an eye on the TV screens in the Sixth Form Centre, Google classroom, the student bulletin during registration and the Year 12 notice board for the many other opportunities that will come up during the year.

