

VI Enrichment Offer 2025/26

You will **pick any three** from the following, but you must pick three.

The National Trust Leadership Skills Award with the National Trust and Mr Holmes

Tractor trailer riding? Organising an environment project? Wild pig tracking?

The National Trust are working with Purbeck VI Form to bring essential leadership skills to life through a practically applied qualification, empowering learners with the confidence to believe, the qualities to lead and the skills to succeed. Do you have ambitious hopes and inspirational dreams of how you can change the world around you? This award takes your optimism and determination to generate the impact you want to have by delivering a project for positive change. Successful learners attain a Level 3 leadership award and 8 UCAS points.

LAMDA Drama with Mrs Shannessy

What is LAMDA?

LAMDA stands for The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. A LAMDA exam is the speech and drama equivalent of a music grade, which begin at basic levels and culminates at Grade 8. The exams use performance to develop self-confidence, physical presence and a strong speaking voice. Students would begin in yr12 at Grade 6 and work towards achieving Grade 8 in the spring of yr13.

Sessions will primarily focus on developing various performance techniques via paired/group improvisation and individuals preparing their two chosen monologues for performance. We will also explore some theory as part of the process of working towards a practical examination.

LAMDA exams can be converted into UCAS points when applying for university, with a distinction at Grade 8 being the equivalent of a C grade at A Level in terms of UCAS points.

Finance with Mr Waterman

Learn more about the nuts and bolts of personal finance with Mr Waterman, including saving, borrowing, tax, financial security and making the most of your money. A course supported by Martin Lewis' 'Your Money Matters'.

EPQ with Miss Wetherall and Mrs Armstrong

EPQ is short for Extended Project Qualification. An EPQ is an independent research project. It involves you **independently** researching a topic of interest which is not covered in your A Levels and writing an essay of 5000 words (that's around 10 typed pages).

As the project evolves, you must complete a production log to record specific stages of the project and this also contributes to your project result. The third component of the project is an oral presentation. Generally, the whole process from start to finish takes about 120 hours. It will require you to research your topic of interest out of the EPQ sessions.

We would suggest a minimum of 4 hours a week on top of the EPQ sessions to research and write your project. You will be responsible for filling in and saving all your paperwork and updating supervisor comments. This course is very demanding and will take many independent study hours to complete.

You will be expected to attend each weekly session where you will work on your project or your supervisor will discuss your progress and guide you through the stages of the project. You will need to bring your most up to date work each week. It is the equivalent of half an A Level. If you choose EPQ, this will be your sole enrichment for year 12 and 13.

Places are limited so before being admitted to the course you will need to write and submit a project proposal.

Graphics and Printmaking with Mrs Field

Would you like to see exciting and colourful spaces in and around school? Do you want to make your mark and create a legacy of your time at The Purbeck School? Then this enrichment opportunity is for you.

Join us to make spaces in and around The Purbeck School a little brighter, happier and inviting. We will work together to design murals, sculptures and banners that will invigorate spaces in the school. You will learn transferable skills such as design and problem solving, and develop practical skills that you can use to create your own exciting spaces at home.

Online Care Certificate Course (costing £20 – bursary students may be exempt from this fee)

This twelve-hour online course is completed on Wednesday afternoons for a term. If you use your own time and complete it earlier, you can join another enrichment option. If you are considering care-related career options, this may be a useful certificate to hold.

Everyone who works in health or social care must know how to keep people safe and meet their needs. The Care Certificate is a nationally agreed set of standards that detail the learning outcomes and requirements that health and social care support workers are expected to be trained in before they can work unsupervised. It is made up of fifteen standards that equip these workers with the skills and knowledge they need to perform their role and deliver suitable care. By the end of this course, you will, for example: Understand what the Care Certificate is and how it is assessed; Understand roles in your health or social care setting, how to work with others, and how to work in ways agreed with your employer; Know how to create and agree on a personal development plan, and the benefits of doing so; Understand your duty of care and how to respond to dilemmas, complaints, incidents, errors, near misses, confrontation, and difficult situations that arise; Know what is meant by diversity, equality, inclusion, and discrimination, and how to ensure you are working in an inclusive way for everyone.

Music with Mr Burns

Do you play an instrument or enjoy singing? If so, this is a perfect opportunity for you to utilise and develop your musical skills whilst having fun. We will be forming a band (or bands), to rehearse together each week and develop your instrumental and ensemble skills. Once we have prepared some high-quality music then there will be opportunities for some/all of you to perform around the school or local community. Develop crucial employability skills of creativity, teamwork, communication and problem solving. We will be open to suggestions about songs and styles you want to learn and perform together.

Arts and crafts with Miss Stewart

Do you fancy doing something fun? Do you want to do something creative? Do you want to spend Wednesday afternoons relaxing and taking a break from your academic work? If the answer is YES, then come and do something artistic or crafty.

What are the benefits to your mental health?

- Provide relaxation. Relief from stress.
- A sense of accomplishment. Reduce feelings of anxiety.
- Enhance feelings of confidence. Improve cognitive abilities.
- Increase social skills and interactions

What sorts of things will we do?

- Colour for mindfulness Make cards for Christmas etc.
- Pom-pom making Cross-stitch
- Origami

Boardgames with Mr Nicolaides

Do you like playing games? Would you like to compete against your peers... and win? Do you want to have fun on Wednesday afternoons?

If so, boardgames are for you.

How will you benefit from playing boardgames?

- Increase your brain's function. Reduce stress and have a laugh.
- Enhance creativity and self-confidence.
- Improve social skills. Learn how to think strategically, set goals and develop patience.

What will you learn?

- Discover how to reduce reliance on luck, or chance; instead you will develop an adaptable, methodical strategic approach to playing games.

Games will include traditional and well-known ones such as Risk, Monopoly and Mastermind, as well as the introduction of contemporary ones such as Mind Genius.

Stretch and Breathe with Mrs Pike

Join me to calm your body and mind. We will look at relaxation techniques and use yoga style stretches. You will need to wear comfortable clothing.

Film Club with Mr Clay

We aim to view seminal and classic films and the film itself is very much the group's decision. Either way, it is a very enjoyable and relaxing way to spend an hour escaping the stresses and strains of school work.

Please feel free to come and ask me any questions.

Primary teaching organised by Mr Holmes

Experienced gained by volunteering is highly-prized by future employers and higher education providers. This enrichment offer will see you helping to plan educational sessions in one of our partner primary schools in Wareham (unfortunately some are too far away to make it viable). You may spend an afternoon reading 1:1 with students in Year 3 or 4, or co-leading a Maths or Science workshop for Years 5 and 6.

If you are interested in working with young people in the future then this might be the enrichment option for you.

Couch to 5k with Mr Smith

Whether you are a sports fanatic, or just want to feel healthier, this is the enrichment for you! By the end of the enrichment cycle you will hopefully be able to run continuously for 30mins or longer, and will feel fit and healthy. Alternatively, if you are already a keen runner, come and pit yourself against Mr Smith on the school cross country track. You will need to bring suitable running kit, including a pair of trainers in addition to a keen attitude!

Other enrichments that we will run separately to the Wednesday programme:

Gap Year Club with Mr Holmes (every Tuesday lunchtime in E11)

CPR with Mrs Scott (this will be delivered a tutor group at a time)

Remember, add three options in order of preference and we will do the rest 😊