

St PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Specialist Science College and Training School

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Headteacher: Michael Manley



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Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity on offer at school. This year we will be running a number of Extended Curriculum modules on a Thursday afternoon. These are open to Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 students and parents are also welcome to join in!

Some of the modules can result in formal accreditation but this will be determined during the course, depending on progress!

The modules are:

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| • Cooking on a Budget (12 week course) | Mrs Henry |
| • Public Speaking | Mr Potter |
| • Sculpture | Mr Roach |
| • KS4 EAL Course | Mr Jones |
| • Poetry Competition | Miss Hogg |
| • Film Club | Miss Morey |

If you or your child would like to enrol on any of these courses please complete the reply slip below and return to the General Office by Wednesday 5th October 2011.

Yours faithfully

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Extended Curriculum Programme 2011 - 2012

Cooking on a Budget –3.45pm – 5.15pm (Year 10,11,12,13 and Parents) 12 week Course

Aims & Objectives: to teach students how to prepare and cook relatively easy and healthy meals on a budget. By the end of the course students will be competent in their ability to cook for a small number of people.

Public Speaking and Debate - 3.45pm – 5.15pm (Years 10, 11, 12 and 13)

This course will provide students with an opportunity to develop into confident and articulate communicators. Students will work collaboratively and interdependently to research, plan and prepare a response for a particular line of argument relating to current affairs and other topical debating issues. They will have the potential opportunity to take part in local and national competitions gaining awards for their participation and success. This is an extremely valuable and enjoyable way of improving the skills needed to for GCSE Speaking and Listening Assessments in English, or preparing for University interviews, meeting new people and for developing hidden talents.

Sculpture - 3.45pm – 5.15pm (All Year Groups and Parents)

Aimed at any pupil who wishes to develop their knowledge and understanding of the discipline as well as building on their practical skills in working in 3 dimensions. Pupils who also study Art in Years 10 to 13 will also be directed to this opportunity in order to extend their coursework.

Outcomes will include additional coursework that will be included for final assessment as well as an exhibition in one of the more public areas of school.

KS4 EAL Course – Thursday 3.45pm – 5.15pm (Years 10 and 11)

Summary: A course for KS4 EAL students to develop their language skills and use of English to independent user level with the possibility of sitting an accredited external exam and helping raise their academic attainment in other subjects assessed through the medium of English.

Assessment

UCLES exam suite: First Certificate in English exam (optional)
Equivalent to NASSEA step S7, Council of Europe level B1

Film Club 3.45pm – 5.15pm (All Year Groups)

Each week pupils will watch a film from the selected theme or season and will have the opportunity to discuss, critique and evaluate it with their peers. They are then able to write reviews and blogs for each film, post them on the organisation's website and be read by thousands of fellow members! There are many competitions pupils can enter with their reviews for a chance to win regular prizes, which include tickets to film premiers and having a film crew come into school to show pupils how special effect and blue screens are used.

Poetry Competition – 3.45pm – 5.15pm

- The pupils will read, discuss and research a range of poems
- Each pupil will create their own anthology throughout the year which will be entered into the 'Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award', where students can potentially feature in a published anthology and win prizes
- To celebrate achievement
- The pupils will learn skills in creativity, analysis and speaking and listening; the students will be learning skills that are currently being developed in the English Department.
- Opportunities for guest speakers to attend workshops, parents to attend evenings celebrating success and poets who are on the GCSE curriculum to judge student work.

REPLY SLIP TO BE BROUGHT TO THE GENERAL OFFICE BY 5th October 2011 (DWS)

I give permission for my child to take part in The Extended Curriculum Project and agree to him/her staying after school every Thursday in order to attend.

Pupil Name _____ Form: _____

Module Title _____

Signed _____ (Parent) Date: _____

PARENTS REPLY SLIP TO BE BROUGHT TO THE GENERAL OFFICE BY 5th October 2011 (DWS)

I would like to take part in the Extended Curriculum Project

Name: _____

Module Title _____

Telephone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____