

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Debating Society:

This is a very useful and enjoyable enrichment. Useful, because it develops communication skills transferable to everything from writing essays to applying for University to arguing with parents! Enjoyable, satisfying, because there is a great social side to the enrichment. If you wish to take this subject more seriously there is the opportunity to represent the School in national and possibly international competitions, where Sponne School has enjoyed considerable success.

Subject Mentoring:

Students can become an ambassador for any of the subjects they study. Often they may feel passionate about this subject area and intend to study it at university. As an ambassador, students may be asked to support teachers during open evenings, mentor students in lower school in that subject area and help run extra-curricular clubs with faculty staff.



Law School Jr.TM

is a way for sixth form students to learn about law and to find out whether or not the legal profession could be for them by trying it out. The course is intensive and challenging, and greatly rewards the efforts of those who take part, both in knowledge gained and in personal and intellectual growth.

Taught by lawyers, Law School Jr. is an enhancement programme of twenty interactive weekly seminars in which students engage with practical legal topics and begin to develop their legal skills and thinking.

NCS (National Citizen Service):

Speakers from the local provider of National Citizen Service regularly visit the Sixth Form for assemblies and workshops, encouraging our students to get involved in local community programmes and undertake voluntary and self-development work. In addition, successful students receive a certificate signed by the Prime Minister, and the whole programme links to the school's work on British Values <http://www.misbourne.bucks.sch.uk/328/our-values>.

Duke of Edinburgh (DoE)

Not all learning happens in the classroom. Young people need other experiences to become committed, responsible and fulfilled citizens of the world.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award provides students with the chance to develop their endurance and enhance their abilities through an exciting programme of volunteering, physical activities and skill-based tasks.

Pupils have the opportunity to start the DofE in Year 9 and can then progress through Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.



6th Form Football

Fun, but competitive games of 5/7-a-side. Sessions run from Towcester Centre for Leisure on their floodlit, 3G pitch.

Day and time to be confirmed, but in previous years we have run sessions on a Monday at 4.45pm or Tuesday at 8.45pm. This will be arranged in agreement with students who express an interest in getting involved.

Sessions are led by Mr. Cornelius, first session is £5, then £2.50 each week after. For latest news, follow the twitter @SponneFootball!

(These football sessions run in addition to 11-a-side Sixth Form District league football. Further information to follow in September)

6th Form Darts

Darts; one of the highest most played and watched sports in the UK! Darts Club has been offered since February 2012, and sixth form students are welcome to get involved. You may attend sessions to help run the club, including the mentoring and coaching of students in years 7-11. These are after school, from 3.05-4.15pm, once a week (day to be confirmed).

Alternatively, sixth form students are welcome to run their own darts sessions, borrowing equipment (and W9 key) from Mr. Cornelius.

Reading Mentoring

Many of our Sixth Form students volunteer as reading mentors to pupils in year 7 and 8 to boost literacy skills and offer 1:1 support. This fosters empathy and students develop vital communication and leadership skills.

Peer Mentoring:

Many students in the school are struggling with friendship issues, confidence or facing particular health concerns or just need someone to listen to them, you will be a friendly face who can listen to

any worries that students are having . Year 12 students may be asked by Head of Year 7 to provide mentoring support for pupils. This is an extremely important enrichment activity where you can really improve the lives of other younger students who just need a bit of help.

who are struggling with friendship issues, confidence or facing particular health concerns. Pupils are matched carefully to their mentor and the partnerships work well. The support of the sixth form mentors is invaluable and is wonderful to see our oldest and youngest pupils forging bonds.

LUNCHTIME HOMEWORK CLUB

The Lunchtime Homework Club is open to Year 7 and 8 to help them to complete Independent Learning tasks.

It is open on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** lunchtimes in C4.

Students who are on the Special Needs Register are invited to attend by letter but it is open for anyone to attend.

- We need volunteers to help in Lunchtime Homework Club. This can involve reading for them, scribing their work, explaining simple tasks or helping them on the computer.
 - This needs to be several students on a rota system.
 - You will need to attend regularly so students can get access to consistent help.
 - The work is normally on a 1:1 basis helping students from mainly Year 7 and 8.
 - You will be required to help in all subject areas.
 - All resources are available to help students complete their work.
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- Students who help out at Lunch Study Club can provide a good role model for the younger students.
 - It can help you gain in confidence and be a boost for your self-esteem.
 - It can also help to get you into good routines and gain better independence.
 - Students benefit from helping out by accumulating points towards certain awards. These can be used for providing experience for gaining entry to certain universities.
 - You can make a difference by being a worthwhile member of the school community.