



## THE COOPERS' COMPANY AND COBORN SCHOOL

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## Re: 6<sup>th</sup> Form Enrichment

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

A key aspect of our 6<sup>th</sup> Form provision is our enrichment programme.

Enrichment is a vital part of the complete education offered to 6<sup>th</sup> Form students at Coopers' Coborn. We are committed to developing students beyond their academic profile, in line with our wider ethos of 'Love as Brethren'. Moreover, the university and business markets are becoming ever more competitive, where young people are required to show skills and experiences beyond those gained during study for A Level qualifications.

Our compulsory enrichment programme has been allocated to allow your son/daughter to access different experiences where they can acquire skills not normally associated with academic qualifications.

How does enrichment work?

- Every Wednesday, Period 3, Year 12 complete enrichment
- These activities have been separated into five baskets:

Sport & Exercise

Think Like A Philosopher Online Learning & Virtual Work Experience

Specialist Areas

(e.g. - DofE, EPQ)

Volunteering & Mentoring

- Over the course of Year 12 we expect all students to take part in the activities in each of the five baskets
- Students are based in their Form Groups and enrichment therefore plays an important role in helping students build relationships and integrate into our 6<sup>th</sup> Form community





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- The programme is separated into five university style 'semesters', each lasting five/six weeks where students will be allocated a basket. Our expectation is that they use this time to engage with the suggested activities
- Three of the baskets, take place during the timetabled lesson on a Wednesday, when students will remain in school. For the sport, students will take part in social sport in the PE Department. For the online learning basket, students will be based in our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Learning Zone, completing a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course), or other independent learning tasks. For the 'critical questions' course, students will be asked to 'think like a philosopher' and these sessions will be delivered by our RE teaching team.
- The other two baskets, (volunteering/mentoring and the specialist basket) require students to show initiative, self-direction and independence to use the time allocated to engage in the wide range of opportunities on offer. They effectively receive the time 'in lieu' to enable enrichment to take place at another time in the week (for example the evening, or weekends). We will be providing students with an electronic booklet tomorrow with details of around 18 providers/coordinators for volunteering schemes. Additionally, there will be a huge range of super-curricular opportunities contained within this booklet, which you can access by clicking here

I am sure you will agree that this programme is a crucial aspect of our 6<sup>th</sup> form provision.

Your son/daughter will receive a detailed assembly in the morning about enrichment and will find out what 'basket' they have been allocated to for the next 6 weeks ( $18^{th}$  September –  $6^{th}$  November inclusive), as follows:

Activity	Forms
Think like a Philosopher	12.0 12.1
Sport & PE	12.2 12.3
Mentoring/Volunteering	12.4 12.5
Future Learn	12.6 12.7
Specialist	12.8 12.9

Please note that for the 'Sport and PE' activities, students are NOT required to wear school PE Kit. Students should bring to school 'appropriate' sports clothing – e.g T-shirt/Polo shirt/Shorts/Tracksuits and a pair of trainers. Students should not wear any revealing items of clothing such as 'crop tops'.

Another crucial aspect of our wider provision, is the work-shadowing programme which is offered in the last week of the Summer Term in July. The 6<sup>th</sup> Form Pastoral Team will write home about this later in the term.

If you have any questions about 6<sup>th</sup> Form enrichment, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.





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Yours faithfully

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