

Cornelius Vermuyden
Enrichment guide
2016 -17



“Once we accept our limits, we go beyond them.”

Albert Einstein

Enrichment at Cornelius Vermuyden School

Amazing experiences often take place after school, and at Cornelius Vermuyden, we offer a vibrant and varied after school enrichment programme designed to help each and every student develop a passion for learning beyond the classroom. It is important that you understand how valuable enrichment is as learners, as it can help you develop your experiences beyond the classroom and open you up to new ideas and cultures.

We have an incredible school building, with phenomenal facilities available to all – and it gets even better when that final bell goes. We at Cornelius Vermuyden don't want you to drift off home at the end of the day; we want to motivate you to stay in school to attend enrichment clubs and societies that take place after school.

Each department provides a range of challenging and fun extra curricular activities for you to take part in after school. We genuinely believe that there is something for everyone – you just have to look hard enough!

Attending a club or society in a subject area you are good at is an obvious choice; however, you may wish to consider activities that improve your abilities in areas where you feel you could improve. For example, learning a new language or musical instrument is an amazing experience, regardless of your ability. Learning how to write creatively, engage with Maths challenges or developing your scientific skills can be extremely rewarding, even if you are not academically strong in these areas. Although you can choose any enrichment area you are passionate about, why not commit to an activity where you could end up with a new skill or interest?

Our departments are committing their time and energy to all the pupils in the school, several times a week, after school. Therefore, when you sign up at the enrichment fair, you are committing to attending that activity every week over a half term. There will be half termly rewards available for those who attend an activity every week. Your enthusiasm may lead to other exciting opportunities, such as trips and visits connected to your enrichment area. The stronger your commitment, the better the enrichment experience and the more the teachers will plan to make your experience better.

Finally, you are attending a school where enrichment matters. Therefore, you must look at this as a huge positive and get involved in your school community through participating wholeheartedly in what we have to offer.

We cannot wait to see you at enrichment activities at Cornelius Vermuyden!

Mr Keenan
Assistant Head Teacher

Creative Writing Club

When: Monday 2.10 - 3.10pm

Where: D1.3

Led by: Miss Coles, Miss Martins and Miss Loko

Do you want to be the next J K Rowling, William Shakespeare or Carol Ann Duffy?

Come along to Creative Writing Club on Mondays after school in D1.3, to explore and create a whole new world of stories, poems and plays. The only limit is your IMAGINATION!



Shakespeare School's Festival

When: Wednesday 2.15 - 3.30pm

Where: Karslake Centre

Led by: Miss Martins and Miss Hare

- Want to perform on a professional stage?
- Love the work of the Bard?
- Fancy a snoop backstage?

The Performing Arts Department is thrilled to announce that we will be entering the Shakespeare School's Festival again this year, hoping to make it our fourth triumph!

Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 are welcome to join us perform our own adaptation of 'The Tempest' at The Palace Theatre, Southend.

Whether you love to act, dance, sing or design, we have a place for you! Come along to rehearsals at 2.15pm in the Karslake Centre every Wednesday to find out more!

Shakespeare
Schools Festival

Music

There is a range of music opportunities for you to choose from. Check out the activities on the days available and join Mr Coates after school in the Music rooms and studio!

Monday: String Group / Studio Time

Tuesday: Student Devised Music Theatre (Lead by KS4 Students but open to all years)

Wednesday: Choir

Thursday: Electro Band

Friday: String Group and Band Practice



'Up-Cycle' Club

When: Wednesdays 2:10 - 3:10pm

Where: A0.1

Led by: Miss Flippance and Mr Rodriguez

'Up-Cycling' is the process of converting old or discarded products into something useful and beautiful. In this club we will 'up-cycle' furniture by painting, restoring, chopping it up and re-building and then selling the pieces and the money will go towards Prom 2017. A great way to develop your creative and making skills in D&T no matter what year you are in.



Junkyard Orchestra Club

When: Tuesday 2.10 - 3.10pm

Where: A0.1

Led by: Mr Webster

This is a workshop building homemade musical instruments made from junk. You could transform biscuit tins into a guitar or plastic pipes into a drum set. You will then be taught how to play your instrument in a band.



Origami

When: Thursday 2.10 - 3.10pm

Where: A0.1

Led by: Mr Rodriguez

Ever wanted to learn Origami, the ancient Japanese art form? Then here is your chance! Join Mr Rodriguez and develop your skills each Thursday after school.



Art and Design Club

When: Monday 2.10 - 3.10pm

Where: A1.2

Led by: Mr Standen

This will be an opportunity for you to develop your creative and practical abilities. You will be able to experiment with a range of different materials and techniques, creating large-scale art - work and 3D sculptures.



Maths Challenge Club

When: Monday 2.10 - 3.10pm

Where: Maths Department

Led by: Mrs Cooper

Mathematics is full of unsolved problems and the Mathematics Department at Cornelius Vermuyden is the place to investigate these ideas and unlock a world of wonder. Mathematics is an amazing and beautiful intellectual creation, one of the human race's deepest endeavours. The world around us, and the future world we are creating, is woven through with mathematics.

At the Junior Maths Challenge Club, you will be brushing up on how to answer intriguing and stimulating questions you would find in these national competitions. The Junior Maths Challenge Club is dedicated to developing learners to be confident and reflective.



Travel Club

When: Wednesday 2.10 - 3.10pm

Where: D0.1

Led by: Mr Cox

Every week, Mr Cox will take pupils on an adventure to the exotic places of the world. Each half term will focus on a specific country, and sessions will include learning about the cultures, geography, history and languages of the featured country through quizzes, activities and project -based work. So if you have a passion for Geography or simply want to learn more about the world with a well-travelled teacher, come to Travel Club.



P.E.

The Cornelius Vermuyden P.E. department runs a vast range of fun and exciting activities and clubs across the year, whether you are an expert in the sport or just love taking part and getting fit! A new schedule is released each term, so make sure you check out the list at the start of each term to see what is going on!



Let's Talk Football!

When: Wednesday 2.10pm – 3.10pm

Where: 01.1

Led by: Mr Purkiss

Obsessed with Football? Can't stop thinking and talking about the beautiful game? Join the number one club in the school dedicated to football. Each week, a panel of experts talks about the week's hot topics in the game, review some of the best action from the weekend and take questions from the studio audience.

Join the 'Let's Talk Football' team today!



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) club

When: Monday - 2.20pm

Where: Science department

Led by: Miss Robertson

Students will have the opportunity to use skills associated with Science, technology, engineering and mathematics within this club. You should expect throughout the year to have opportunities to complete dissections, building rockets and volcanoes and making crystals. In the Summer term, students will also have the opportunity to complete a CREST



Discovery award.

Languages Challenge

When: Thursday 2.10 – 3.10pm

Where: D1.4 and D1.6

Led by: MFL Department

Complete a variety of tasks related to languages across 7 categories:

- Learning the Basics
- Using your Talents
- Research
- Culture
- Creativity
- Resources
- Futures

Tasks are worth 5, 10, 15 or 20 points and to successfully complete the Languages Challenge, you are aiming for a total of 100 points. You will be awarded with a certificate and can claim 10 hours towards *Children's University* passports.



Time Travelling Club

When: Thursday 2:15 - 3pm

Where: Humanities classrooms and the immersive room.

Led by: The History Department

You will 'virtually' visit a number of different places around the world at different times throughout History. Your job is to investigate some of the world's most defining moments and report on what you find out.

You will answer questions like:

- Why were these moments so significant?
- How have these people/events been portrayed in the media?
- What if things had happened differently?
- Can you dispel any common misconceptions about the people you meet?

