



Enrichment



DOWNSEND
SCHOOL

Co-Curricular Enrichment

Through our extensive enrichment opportunities, we seek to inspire every pupil, encouraging them to pursue and develop their individual interests and abilities, providing them with valuable learning experiences outside the classroom. At Downsend academic excellence is a given. By offering a wide variety of opportunities both within and outside the curriculum we aim to promote independence and interpersonal skills, developing self-confidence, character and identity. Nurturing these key traits whilst providing a broad range of experiences for pupils to find a new skill or passion is the backbone to our enrichment program.



CO-CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT

Charity

- Lower School Charity Afternoon
- Upper School Charity Afternoon
- Charity Assembly
- Charity Kindness

Competitions

- Public Speaking
- French Speaking
- Townsend Warner History Prize
- Science Quiz
- Maths Quest – Year 5 & 7
- IAPS Football, Hockey, Rugby, Netball, Cricket and Swimming
- Sponsored House

Curriculum Collapse

- STEAM Days
- Languages Day
- Red, White & Blue Day
- WWII Evacuee day
- Circus Week – Year 2, 3, 4 & 5
- India Day – Year 4
- Maths Quest – Year 5, 6 & 7

Forest School

- Year 2, 3 & 4

House Events

- Design & Technology
- Football

- Hockey
- Art
- Red, White & Blue Assembly challenge
- Poetry competition for National Poetry Day
- Carol Singing
- Bake Off
- Swimming
- General Knowledge Quiz
- Photography
- Gymnastics
- World Book Day Quiz
- US Public Speaking – Year 5, 6, 7 & 8
- Netball
- Rugby
- Day
- Whole School Spelling Bee
- Cricket
- Sports Day
- Winning House Dinner
- Buddy/Mentor Programme

Drama

- Year 6, 7 & 8 Productions
- Epsom College
- Yvonne Arnaud Theatre
- Woman in Black
- Box Clever Theatre
- Open Box
- Wizard of Oz Dance Workshop



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Music Events

- Year 2 Choir at St Christophers
- Denbies
- Christmas Concert at Epsom Playhouse
- Young Voices
- Rainbow Children's Trust
- Children's Trust Tadworth
- St Nicholas Church, Bookham
- Sutton Festival
- Reigate Festival
- Downsends Rocks

Music Ensembles

- Upper School Choir
- Upper School Orchestra
- 5 x Rock Band
- Chamber Choir
- Whole School Choir
- Junk Percussion

Other Events

- ARK week
- Family Fun Day
- Christmas Fair
- Anti-Bullying Week
- Foods around the world days
- Leaders Lunch

Themed Events

- Circus Week
- Greek Week
- Book Week
- Iron Man Day
- India Day
- Egyptian Week – Year 3
- Teddy Bears' Picnic – Year 2
- Victorian Day – Year 2





Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

We believe it's important our pupils understand the world around them and mature into globally responsible and conscientious citizens. Through the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme all pupils in Year 9 and 10 will be encouraged to undertake their Bronze and Silver Awards, developing skills and confidence that will be invaluable in their later lives. We feel it gives our pupils the chance to make a difference to other people, whilst receiving recognition for undertaking activities they enjoy. Unlike many of the challenges our pupils face every day, this scheme provides a personal challenge rather than a competition against others. Each pupil's programme is tailor-made to reflect their personalities, abilities and interests. Through the learning of new skills, volunteering, engaging in physical activity or expeditions, pupils develop healthy lifestyles, make new friends and memories whilst engaging with the great outdoors.

Extra-Curricular Enrichment

LOWER SCHOOL

- Arts & Craft
- Athletics
- Ballet
- Bananagrams
- Brain Gym
- Chess
- Computer & Coding
- Cookery
- Design & Create
- Electronics & Robotics
- Forest School
- Genie Science
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- History
- Lego Building Challenge
- Light up & Create
- Little Musketeers
- Junior Game Creators
- Magic
- Maths Detectives
- Mindfulness
- Mini Crickets
- Miss Coates Calm Club
- Musical Theatre
- Old School Games
- Party Style Games
- Poptastic Dance
- Pottery
- Practical Maths
- Public Speaking
- RAISE Writers
- Spanish
- Squash
- STEAM
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tag Rugby
- Tennis
- Terrific Textiles
- Type It!



UPPER SCHOOL

- Advanced Maths Challenge
- Advanced Public Speaking
- Art
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Ballet
- BBC Microbit
- Beginners Public Speaking
- Cheerleading
- Chess
- Code
- Computer
- Cookery
- Design & Create
- Design & Make a Board Game
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- Drawing
- French Conversation
- Girls Football
- Golf
- Hip Hop/Street Dance
- History
- ICT
- Innovation
- Intermediate Public Speaking
- Lacrosse
- Light Up DT
- Little Musketeers
- Mindfulness Club
- Modern Calligraphy
- Python Coding
- RAISE Thinkers
- Robotics & Electronics
- Squash
- STEAM
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Type It!



Trips

Life at Downsend does not stop at the end of the school day, or even at the end of a term. Pupils in every year take part in an enormous number of day and residential experiences. In a world where future progress is often influenced by the wider skills, hobbies and interests of a person, we urge all pupils to adopt a more dynamic and flexible approach to their enrichment programme. Engaging in areas of interest, but also developing a range of skills and experience are vital tools to any pupils' success in a fast evolving and competitive world. Through engaging in the wide range of trips on offer at Downsend, pupils become experienced in dealing with issues of personal and social development, team building and leadership. Our aim is that these experiences provide Downsend pupils with the platform to embark upon successful lives as independent, confident, open minded and resilient young people who inquire, innovate and communicate.



ENRICHMENT TRIPS

Non-Residential Trips

- Living Rainforest, Windsor Castle, Bay Pond, Pantomime – Year 2
- Painshill Park, Buster Ancient Farm, Wakehurst Place, Pantomime – Year 3
- Fishbourne Roman Palace, Marwell Zoo, Science Museum – Year 4
- Hampton Court, Herstmonex Science Observatory, Sutton Life Centre, Europa Centre (Hornchurch) – Year 5
- Sutton Life Centre, The Globe – Year 6
- National Portrait Gallery, Tower of London – Year 7
- Houses of Parliament, V & A Museum, Dover Castle – Year 8

Residential Trips

- High Ashurst – Year 4
- PGL – Year 5
- UK based trip – Year 6
- Normandy – Year 7
- Mimizan – Year 8

Sporting Trips

- Jersey – Year 6
- Barbados – Year 7 & 8
- Annual Ski Trip – Year 5, 6, 7 & 8



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