

Enrichment guide- Trinity School Sixth Form

Dear parents and carers,

As your child will have told you, all Year 13 students will be required to choose an enrichment option from the selection below. Hopefully this quick guide to what's on offer will answer any questions you have, and give you and your child more information about each option.

Year 13 options

Extended Project

The popular Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) allows students to extend their abilities beyond the A-level syllabus and prepare for university or their future career. It is worth half an A-level (70 UCAS points) so can be used to earn extra UCAS points.

An increasing number of universities are including the EPQ in their offers to students. "Nearly 1 in 5 successful applicants to Durham had completed the EPQ" - The Sunday Times 16 Feb 2014. Many universities value the independent research skills shown by students who complete Extended Project. Some universities offer a reduced conditional offer for those who complete a good EPQ alongside their three A Levels.

All students will have two hours of teaching/supervision per week towards this qualification. Extended project is assessed by the production of: a production log, an artefact (something made or written), a report (1,000 words) and a presentation, OR a production log, longer report (5,000 words) and a presentation.

Find out more:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/projects/aqa-certificate/EPQ-7993>

Citizenship Studies

A-level Citizenship Studies helps students communicate and articulate different views, ideas and perspectives. It develops their ability to work with others and use problem-solving and critical approaches to issues.

This four-unit specification requires students to develop their ability to advocate, negotiate, plan, make decisions and take action on Citizenship issues. It enables students to select, interpret, analyse and evaluate information to construct reasoned and coherent arguments.

As an enrichment subject, students study AS Citizenship Studies, and can earn up to 60 UCAS points towards their university applications.

To complete the AS in Citizenship Studies, there will be two taught hours. Students will be assessed by two examinations.

Find out more:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/citizenship/a-level/citizenship-studies-2100/spec-at-a-glance>

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Another enrichment option for students is training for Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. At Trinity, a choice of canoe or foot expedition is offered.

- Once you are 16 you can do your Gold DofE programme. No activities can be counted for this before your 16th birthday.
- If you did a previous level, you can choose the same activity for Gold, but you need to show development in it. It's best to try something new!
- You'll spend 12 months on your Volunteering section. For Physical and Skills you must spend 12 months on one and six months on the other - you decide which way round you do it.
- Your expedition will be for four days and three nights (plus an acclimatisation day).
- The big difference at Gold is you'll also do a Residential section - staying away from home for five days and four nights doing a shared activity with people you don't know. It's great fun and a real chance to do something different!
- If you've jumped straight into your Gold DofE programme you'll need to do a further six months either volunteering or whichever one of your physical or skills activities you spent the most time on.
- For Gold, you'll need to do your programme for at least 12 months if you've achieved your Silver Award, or 18 months if you've started at Gold level without doing your Silver - even if you've done Bronze.

Training takes place after school, involves residential and training expeditions, the completion of a log and record of skills required. Completion of the D of E programme, or evidence of working towards it, is a valuable asset when completing personal statements or applying for jobs.

Find out more: <http://www.dofe.org/>

Level 3 Certificate in Higher Sports Leadership

The Level 3 Certificate in Higher Sports Leadership is a nationally recognised qualification that enables successful learners to lead un-supervised groups of people in sport and recreational activities. This qualification builds upon the skills and experience gained through the Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership, Level 2 Award in Sports Leadership or Level 2 Award in Dance Leadership.

The qualification teaches generic leadership skills such as organisation, planning, communication and teamwork through the medium of sport. It is a fun and practical qualification, with the only entrance requirement being that learners should have successfully completed the Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership however there are no final examinations to sit.

At Trinity, we offer two hours of teaching towards HSL. This is a valuable option for any students wishing to pursue a career in sport, coaching or who wish to develop their leadership skills.

The Level 3 Certificate in Higher Sports Leadership provides 30 UCAS tariff points for all learners who complete the qualification.

Find out more:

<http://association.sportsleaders.org/tutors/awardsqualifications/qcf-qualifications/level-3-certificate-in-higher-sports-leadership/>