

Standing Out or Stepping Out

Y12 Partnership Evening

The Life Experience



Our teens today can realistically expect 52 years of work - 18-70...



What is the rush ? Where is the fairy dust ?



Are their opportunities in life to grab experiences that help build us for later life ?

Can we as parents plan these in earlier ? Do we have the information to do this ?

How can we as parents help our children to live their lives to the maximum ?

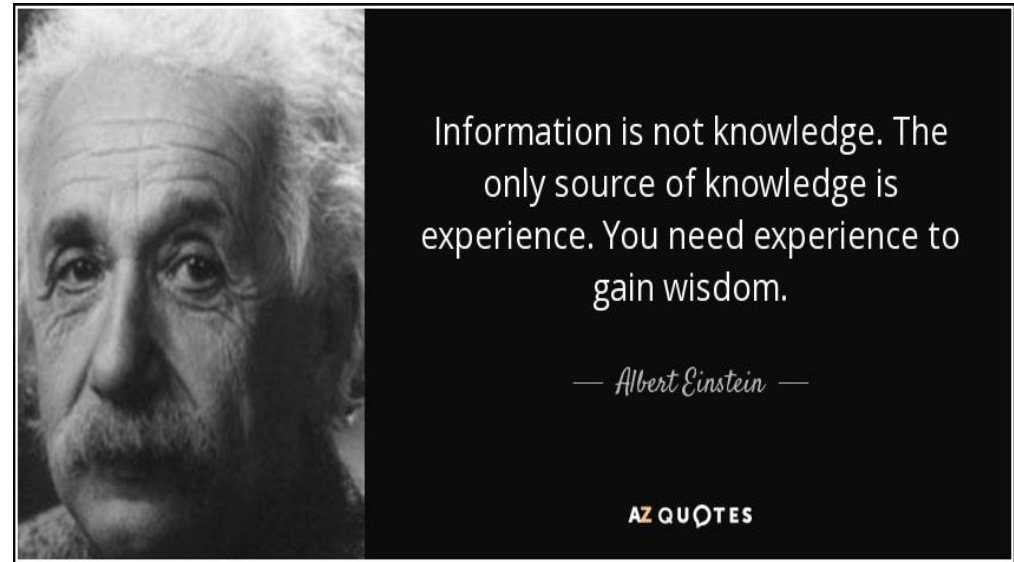


Knowledge is Power

So if we as parents know what opportunities are out there can we plan for them...

Can we work around these opportunities to develop experience ?

Because if they just land on us last minute we may now have the resources to do it at that time...



And if we can plan those experiences we can give our children wisdom...

Sixth Form Residential Trips 2023-2024

We are bringing in more Sixth Form trips, including many day visits, but there will also be a range of residentials.

We want our Sixth Form students to have the opportunities and the very best Sixth Form experience.



Academic Year 2023-2024

Spring 2023 – Poland/Germany Field Trip - £900

This trip sold out to those Y12 and Y13 student studying A-Level History and A-Level Sociology - though we would have liked to offer it our more broadly accommodation was limited. This is useful to the courses, but not critical, and it includes visiting Auschwitz and Berlin. It will be an experience for those involved.

Spring / Summer 2024 - Year 12 UK Geography Trip Blackpool - £250 (approx):

This field trip is essential for Y12 A-Level Geography students as it will be specifically covered in the exam. It will be a 3-4 night residential and costs will be kept to the minimum. It will literally be covered in the exams.

Summer 2024 - World Challenge Trip - Cambodia - £4,500 (approx):

This World Challenge experience is projected to be a 10 day tour of Cambodia . Students are already enrolled on this.

Summer 2024 - Experience Week (Last Week of this school year) - TBC:

We are looking at various options for this week. Last year a number of students went sailing for the week. This year may include a cultural city trip available to Y12 students.

Academic Year 2024-2025

Autumn 2024 – Biology fieldtrip £300 (approx):

This field trip is essential for Y13 A-Level Biology students as it will be specifically covered in the exam. It will be a 2-3 night residential and costs will be kept to the minimum. It will cover the ecology element of the the exam.

Spring 2025 – Sicily trip £700 (approx):

This trip is planned to run over February Half-Term 2025 and will be for A-Level Geography and Biology students - though we may offer it our more broadly depending on demand. Similar to the Poland Trip, this visit is not course critical.

Summer 2025 - TBC- £4,500 (approx):

This will be open to the current Year 11 and Year 12 - though the latter need to consider that they will have just completed their final exams. It will be an extensive tour similar to the recent Borneo expedition.



School - Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

We offer Bronze, Silver & Gold Schemes... (up to £200 approx for Silver)...

This involves learning, community work, camping, etc...

Capacity is tough - and we don't do all of them each year...

And a Gold gets you an invite to Buckingham Palace and a better Personal Statement for UCAS...



Post-Year 11 - National Citizen Service

The National Citizen Service offer post-Y11 free one-week experiences for 16-17 year olds...

It involves team-building, community service, residentials, free food, and more...

It looks great on CV, gives you an opportunity to operate independently, and introduces new ideas, experiences and skills...



Sixth Form - Y12 Experience Week...

This is the last week of Year 12 and students arrange their own experiences outside of school...

It used to be Work Experience Week - and still can be - but it can take them elsewhere; Eg - university placement, overseas placement, fund-raising project, sailing, independent travelling, etc.

The only 'must' is that they must happen this week.



Sixth Form - Work Experience Weeks

**This can be done in our
'Experience Week' but you can
schedule it at any time.**

**What can be achieved in Year 12 -
bearing in mind there are not
formal exams, it is longer and it is
pre-application time ?**



Sixth Form - University Summer Schools

Many universities offer week summer school placements a university tasters...

These can have a small cost... they can be free... But you have to apply...

Think too about scholarships and bursaries to get into certain universities...



Sixth Form - World Challenge

We work to offer at least bi-annual 2-week international experience...

It is an all in package - escorted - packed tour (£4,500 approx)..

Our World Challenge Tour of Summer 2023 took Friary students to Croatia for cultural and environmental experiences....

We have Vietnam / Cambodia (2024) to come and possibly somewhere in Africa the year after...



Sixth Form - Projects Abroad

We have recently built up partnership with Projects Abroad...

They offer bespoke experiences which can be linked to interests, degrees and careers...

They range from Europe to South America (start from £1,000 approx) - our Friary students went to Kenya...

You need to get there yourself but you are picked up at the airport and are looked after all the time you are there...

It can include medicine, environmentalism, conservation, media, education, etc...



Post-18 - Higher Apprenticeships

Higher apprenticeships come with secure jobs, superb training, and even degree-level qualifications...

They are usually post-18 - so after Sixth Form and roll out from September of Year 13...

These are much sought after and have a rigorous application process ...

There is support in school... BUT you need to get looking at what comes up a couple of years earlier to see what to look out for...

Getting relevant experience and prep for the interview process would be ideal...



Post-18 - University Sandwich Degrees

The university route is popular option - but it is worth opting for the sandwich degree...

This sees a 4 year programme - with 1 year in a work placement (usually Year 3)....

This means you enter the job market with a degree and experience - not just the former...

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PASSION IN THEIR
OPERATION.**

John Ruskin

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Post-18 - University Overseas Placement

Similarly, many university degrees have built in overseas placements...

This might be one year studying in Europe...

We have one ex-student doing a wildlife photography degree who is off to South America and Africa this year...

There are lots of options - but you have to track them down and apply for them...



Post-18 - Gap Years

The 52 years of working life make some young people drop off the treadmill and take a gap year...

**This can add to CVs and skills - providing you have it planned out...
A wasted gap year does not look good...**

We have a student from last year who got AAB and he is working now to spend 6 months traveling across the Far East before going to university next year..



Planning Experience...

This has been whistle-stop... It is just a taster..

Many of these opportunities will come up here and you have to ensure you child pounces...

Others rely on looking at it outside of school and planning ahead...

Our children - like us - have one life - so what can we do to make it as full as possible ?

