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ENRICHMENT GUIDE



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College

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CREATIVE

Animation Club

Celebrate all things animated and learn how to do 2D and 3D animation using various materials. Improve on fundamental drawing and sculpting skills whilst trying something new and original.

Calligraphy

Learn how to use a brush pen to produce beautiful modern calligraphy and enjoy creating some fun projects! You will form calligraphic letters and words and then you can have a go at creating cards, or hand-lettered print.

Choir

If you enjoy singing, why not join the choir, a great way to relieve stress and a chance to perform at college events or in the community.

Christmas Card Making

Make unique and personalised christmas cards during our Christmas card making workshop! Whether you want to create your own fully bespoke design, or put together some of our card kits, you will be able to take home a selection of beautiful personalised handmade cards ready to send to your loved ones.

Christmas Tree Decorations

Take part in crafting beautiful handmade clay ornaments to put on your christmas tree or gift to your loved ones that will add a touch of magic to homes this festive season.

Colour Identifier - Stylists

This course is for those who love color and want to learn its impact on appearance and mood. It helps build confidence and is ideal for anyone in creative industries or helping others choose colors.

Creative Writing

Join the Creative Writing Course to share and discuss your writing in a supportive environment. Explore fantasy fiction, poetry, music lyrics, and short stories. No experience needed!

Dungeons and Dragons

Create an imaginative character, whether a troll, elf, or fairy, and let's embark on a world of quests and adventures!

Environmental Club

Support the College's green campus and wildlife through habitat management, wildlife surveys, bird boxes, bug hotels, feeders, conservation, and growing vegetables and flowers for pollinators. This raises awareness of environmental friendliness.

Film Club

Opportunity for students to join our short film workshops. Plan a visit to a film festival and delve into the Club's film resources.

Gardening

Enjoy being part of nature and watching a project develop? Be part of our gardening club where you can continue to develop the Axe head (our wooded area on site).

Guitar + Band

Open to all students (beginners or experienced), build your confidence through learning and developing your guitar skills.

Mosaics

Join mosaic artist Sadie Rowlands for a relaxing workshop on mosaic art. Suitable for beginners and those looking to improve their skills. All materials included. Feel free to bring broken china to incorporate into your piece.

Musical Ensemble

Whether you play woodwind, brass or strings, students who are interested in playing as part of a band have the opportunity to play a variety of music together, including popular movie theme songs such as SkyFall, Pirates of the Caribbean, Harry Potter and much more!

Pottery

For beginners or those wanting to improve their skills to create bowls, cylinders, lips and handles. With demonstrations and practical tips, this is an excellent way to be creative and have fun.

Robotics

This is an exciting opportunity to build a robot from scratch and prepare it for a national competition. Last year, our college came 2nd! Will you be the team to take it to number one? Register yourself today to find out the latest information!

Sundial Theatre Company

Students are given the chance to be in shows, as well as train as directors and actors. It has its own board where you will help organise and plan events. Each year we perform in National Theatre Connections at professional theatres such as Bath Theatre Royal and Bristol Old Vic, put on a Christmas show and make a musical. Come and take part in: acting sessions every week, auditioning for the shows, rehearsals, working backstage, operating light and sound, touring to schools, performing in The Sundial Theatre or even joining the board. If you like theatre, you'll love this.

Walktography

A mindful exercise, join us on a gentle stroll whilst taking photographs of the local area. Each term, students can enter a competition by submitting their photo on Instagram via using the hashtag #cirencolwalktography.



EVENTS

BRIT Challenge

Want to raise money for a charity? BRIT Challenge is a charity who unites a variety of colleges, universities and schools to hold their own inclusive event to improve mental health, physical wellbeing and build on transferable skills in preparation for your next steps after college. Last year, our LGBT+ Alliance group hosted a cake sale to raise awareness for the Albert Kennedy Trust. Others have previously cycled all day without stopping or climbed the equivalent of Mount Everest! Come along and enjoy the fun.

British Dodgeball Competition

Designed for Sport and Uniformed Services students, this is an opportunity for students to gain a coaching qualification in dodgeball, followed by delivering a regional dodgeball competition for Primary schools on behalf of British Dodgeball.

Creative Christmas Festival

Participate in a range of creative art workshops ranging from jewellery making and floristry to mosaics and photography. Taking place in the 1st week of December, so a great opportunity to create homemade gifts for friends and family!

Enrichment Fair

This is an opportunity to find out more information on what enrichment we have available throughout the academic year and when it takes place!

Exam Preparation Week

A range of workshops for students to learn a variety of revision techniques and how to manage stress before exam season starts.

Health and Wellbeing Week

Participate in a range of activities, workshops and qualifications. Last year, students participated in crazy golf, Inflatables, Gaming, Scavenger Hunt, Basketball Tournament and much more! Student also had the opportunity to create a fundraising event for the college charity such as a bake cake sale, raffle or a tombola!

Intramural Competitions

A variety of competitions for students to participate in ranging from Basketball and football. We have hosted a photography competition in conjunction with Cirencester Rotary Club. A prize for the winners.

Theme Days

Ranging from celebrations to support, advice and guidance, our theme days cover a variety of events including mental health awareness and fitness day. Students' also fundraised for World Alzheimer Day by creating a futsal tournament for all students cross college to participate in!

Music and Art Festival

Soloists and band performances for students who have a love for music. Rest assured if you would rather be a spectator, there is plenty of seating as well as sweet treats to buy!

Panathlon

Designed for Sport students, this is an opportunity for students to gain a leaders qualification, followed by delivering a regional Panathlon competition for Primary schools on behalf of Active Gloucestershire.

Passenger

This thought provoking event is run in conjunction with the Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service, The Police and Crime Commissioner, Gloucestershire Constabulary and the South West Ambulance Service. The guest speakers will provide their accounts and explore the emotional and personal tragedy that people involved in a road traffic collision encounter. The aim of the roadshow is to empower young drivers to be safe and sociable road users.

Remembrance Day

A thought-provoking annual event where students cross college can attend a service to remember the service and sacrifice of those who have defended our freedom.

Shows and Performances

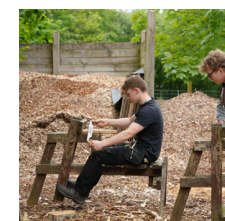
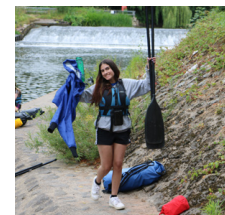
Organised and delivered by The Sundial Theatre Company, students cross college, family and friends can come along and watch their hard work come into fruition! Previous shows includes Grease, Rocky Horror Show and High School Musical to name a few...

Summer Ball

The Year 2 Summer Ball is back! Celebrate at De Vere Cotswold Water Park with food, DJ, photobooth, popcorn stall, and red carpet entry. A perfect way to end exams and bid farewell before your next journey.

STEM Day

A super-curricular event where students cross college interested in STEM industry will be able to engage in workshops, guest speaker talks and activities. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn more about this expanding market and various progression pathways into this industry.



LEARNING

Art History

Art History provides insight into diverse cultures and traditions. We will discuss identity, commemoration, and the society-art relationship to explore various art and architectural works. Starting in January, we will focus on Egyptian and Greek art and ancient Greek architectural orders.

Bar Mock Trial

Open only to students studying Law/ Criminology: Great opportunity for students that currently study Criminology or Law to add onto their study programme! Students learn how to produce a legal case and then compete against other colleges in the region.

Bee Walk

Bee Walk is a national recording scheme to monitor the abundance of bumblebees on fixed routes (transects) across the country. We are very fortunate to be part of this exciting research! Become a Bee Walker and identify what species you see whilst you are walking around Cirencester Park.

Book Club

Book club is an opportunity for like-minded students to come together and discuss a book that they have read and express their opinions, likes, dislikes, etc.

Card Games

Provide opportunities for people to meet other people to play card games or to learn new card games, including Bridge. No gambling allowed.

Chess Club

Strengthen your brain and sharpen your tactics through Chess, a game based on strategy! Improve your skills by challenging your friends.

Cirencester Socratics

Get involved in philosophical debates, interactive sessions and guest speaker appearances where you will be stretched and challenging assumptions! Areas include: Epistemology scepticism, Mind perception, aesthetics, moral art, and free will.

Computer Game Development

Students can learn how to develop basic computer games making use of existing game engines, either as individuals or in groups. This will require either an understanding of computer programming or a willingness to learn it.

Cooking Club

Cooking is essential, and you can save money and time with various techniques. Learn batch cooking and fast food meals like sushi from our certified instructor. Equipment, travel, ingredients, and insurance are covered for a small fee. Cost details provided via Wisepay.

Debating Society

A challenging opportunity to discuss major issues from climate change to economics, learn how to structure arguments in a calm but assertive manner. Compete at National level debating competitions.

Energy Saving Workshop

Students learn from an energy company the value of how to save money on your energy bills as they start thinking about living independently life after college.

Ethics Cup

A tournament in which teams of students match wits with each other discussing ethical issues of public concern. It's not a debating competition and isn't won by proving the opposing side wrong.

High Achievers Academy

Tailored support for students who have gained 7 grade 7s or more. Broaden your knowledge and develop your academic skills.

History Society

Lectures by staff and students on areas of history not covered by the curriculum. With guest speakers and potential for trips to evening lectures at local historical societies or university public lectures.

How to Pass your Driving Test

Led by an qualified and insured driving instructor, they will help you prepare for your driving theory test as well as basic car mechanics that is essential when running a car. This can range from in-class informative lessons, to practical learning such as changing a car tyre.

Introduction to Basic First Aid

New to 2024-25, we are offering a short course for student's cross college learn essential life-saving skills free of charge!

Introduction to Italian

Interested in Italian culture or planning trips to Italy? This beginner course helps you communicate with native speakers, handle basic inquiries, and express opinions in tourist settings. Each week focuses on themes like food and travel, improving your Italian conversation, listening, reading, and writing skills. Ideal for beginners with no prior language experience.

Law Society

Take part in real life scenarios and hear about work placements with prestigious law firms. Engage with legal issues and learn how to present an argument with confidence, persuasiveness and ingenuity.

Officiating Hub

Free football referee qualification in partnership with Association of Colleges for students interested in developing their game to another level. Limited places and will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Self Defence

Learn self defence moves and other tactics to keep yourself safe.

Table Top Gaming Cafe

Play table top strategy games such as 'Ticket to Ride', 'Catan', 'Isle of Cats', 'Azul', 'Wingspan'. Potential to run a trip to a games cafe (Oxford, Bath, Bristol etc) to try out new games.



PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

CPR

Continue your personal development by learning basic first aid and how to resuscitate unresponsive casualties.

Delivering Customer Service

Learn how to deliver professional phone calls and write emails to external organisations effectively.

Finance Workshops

Workshops for students to learn about finance for life after college.

Football Activator

In partnership with the English Colleges Football Association, this offers students a top youth leadership education and training program. Upon completion, students can lead diverse football sessions across colleges.

Environmental Council

Join Gloucestershire SeEd to design and lead action-learning projects. Receive mentoring, attend specialist talks, and connect with environmental, community, business, and local government organizations. Enhance your personal statement, CV, and job applications while making a positive impact in the community.

Interview Ready

Mock interviews, dress code guidance, workplace appropriateness.

Makaton

Makaton is a multi-model language programme that uses signs, symbols and speech for children & adults with speech, language and communication needs. If you are new to Makaton or even have used it in the past and need a refresher, this workshop is for you!

Officiating Hub

Take a referee course for football. Great way to build your CV whilst also learning!

Personal Management

Understand workplace procedures, learn the core values of a company - this is an essential workshop to attend before completing a work placement or work experience.

Problem Solving Scavenger Hunt

Participate in a decision making scavenger hunt where your choice can dictate the end result - Be careful, one wrong move you will need to return back to the previous note provided!

Public Speaking

Master confident and effective presentation skills, from creating PowerPoints to chairing meetings and taking minutes. Essential skills for any workplace.

Skills in Intrapreneurship

A guest speaker comes in to deliver a wealth of exercises to develop skills in preparation for your next progression pathway.

Student Ambassador

An important role representing the College at events including Open Days, Choices Days and post 16 events and on the outreach events.

Student Committee

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Teamwork

Learn how to work as a team with other students cross college by completing tasks or exercises. A great addition to your CV and personal statement.

This Girl Can

An AOC national programme to encourage more women and girls to lead a healthier lifestyle. Training provided to inspire you to deliver an event at the college.

Volunteer Opportunities

A variety of volunteer opportunities to engage in during the academic year. From environment to sport, we hope to help you build transferable skills to prepare you for life after college.

Volunteering Week

An opportunity for students to understand the value of volunteering when building a CV or personal statement, as well as how to locate opportunities in the local area. Students will also be inspired by current and previous students on why they value volunteering and how it helped them to pursue their next progression pathway.

Young Enterprise

Opportunity to enter a business as a team and take on running that business. Any student can join regardless of any business knowledge or previous experience. Learn how to present an argument with confidence, persuasiveness and ingenuity.



SPORT & EXERCISE

Badminton for Fun

Very popular! Play, build your fitness and skills in this fun activity. Great session to hang out with friends, and listen to music whilst playing badminton.

Basketball for Fun

Build your fitness and skills whilst competing with other students cross college. There has previously been opportunities to play friendlies against other teams/colleges locally!

Boxing

Always very popular! You will learn new skills through padwork and boxing bags. Great way to have fun whilst building fitness. Register your interest so you can be involved in the latest communications!

Cheerleading

Following popular demand, we are offering cheerleading with Gloucestershire Cheerleading Academy (GCA)! Whether you are a regular attendee of the sport, or want to give it try, this is a great opportunity to work as a team, build trust, and form new friendships.

Circuits

A fun and exciting class designed to blend strength training and functional movement.

College Gym

Open to all after completing Health PAR-Q and Induction. Email the enrichment team to collect the health PAR-Q and book induction.

Couch to 5K

Taking up running can seem like a scary prospect, especially if you feel out of shape or unfit. The Couch to 5K will help you gradually work up towards running 5K in just 10 weeks!

Dance

Get yourself moving through dancing. Previous years students learnt Jazz, Salsa, Zumba and even tap dancing! To express your interest in this enrichment, add yourself to the email list so you can be part of the latest communications.

Dodgeball

Get involved in the 4th most participated sport in England. Great way to build new friendships and get active!

Fencing

Learn fencing from our qualified instructor at Cotswold Cutlass Fencing Club - a combat sport focused on sword fighting! Engage in this unique and growing sport, offering a different experience from traditional sports.

Football for Fun

Held in the sports hall come for a fun kick about with your friends. Aimed at those who are not part of the football academy but would like to play for fun and fitness. Please bring suitable footwear and wear sports attire.

Footgolf

We're setting up a unique 9-hole 'crazy' footgolf course, offering a fun and skill-testing way to enjoy football differently, beyond long-distance kicks.

Futsal

Fast-paced 5-a-side game emphasizing technical skill under pressure. Previously partnered with the Association of Colleges for the FA Cup Colleges draw.

HIIT

A variety of exercises that are high intensity for only 20-30 minutes. Great for anyone in a hurry!

Hockey

All abilities welcome, a chance to play matches, and be part of a team.

Horse Riding

All abilities welcome (beginners to experienced horse riders), horse riding helps core muscle tone and flexibility. There may be a small cost to contribute towards this enrichment, further details will be provided at a later date.

Ice Skating

For the Festive season we have now introduced Ice Skating.

Indoor Cycling

Tailored to your own fitness level to improve technique to motivational music.

Outdoor Ball Games

We want to give you more of a say in the enrichment you want here at the college, so we have set up this enrichment to give you an option on what sport you would like to get involved in, this can range from football, volleyball, basketball and many more just turn up on the day and have your say.

Rock Climbing

Held at Rockstar climbing centre, students will be able to learn and enjoy indoor climbing. There is also the possibility for some students to gain a level 1 rock climbing instructor qualification for as little as £12 per person! Additional charges may apply.

Rounders

If you love rounders then make sure to round up your friends and come to this enrichment where you will be able to have a game.

Smoothie Bike

Get cycling and get a free smoothie from your efforts!

Table Tennis

A chance to play table tennis in a fun session, develop your skills and play in college competitions.

Tennis for Fun

Learn to play tennis, build your skills, and take part in competitions held at Cirencester Tennis Club.

Ultimate Frisbee

Bring your friends to have a fast-paced fun game of Frisbee.

Volleyball

Join one of our most popular activities where you will be able to play volleyball and socialise with friends!

VR Sport

Virtual reality gaming experience for those who enjoy interacting in a three-dimensional environment. Kit provided.

Water Sports

A variety of watersports for you to get involved with ranging from kayaking, SUP, windsurfing and much more. Just need a deposit of £10 to confirm your place on the activity which can be completed via wise pay.

Wheelchair Basketball

Play, build your fitness and skills and compete against each other. Sport wheelchairs are provided for anyone that wishes to participate in this inclusive activity.

Yoga

Low level recreational yoga to relax and stimulate, this is fantastic for lowering anxiety and creating a positive focus on life, mobility and peace. Comfortable leisure wear advised, mats provided.

WELLBEING

African-Caribbean Society

A student-led activity, where you can meet with likeminded individuals to share and learn about each other's culture. Great opportunity to develop organisational skills as they host events to raise money for local charities

Baking Workshop

Discover the joy of baking sweet treats with a certified instructor. All equipment, ingredients, travel, and insurance covered at a nominal fee. Cost details on Wisepay.

Board Games

Play some of our fun and interactive board games with chances of snacks.

Cup of Chat

Enjoy tea, coffee, hot chocolate, and pastries at the Student Cup of Chat. Meet fellow students, share stories, and connect over your day or work.

Christian Union

A student-led activity, where you can meet with likeminded individuals to talk about the faith. Great opportunity to develop organisational skills as they host events to raise money for local charities.

Inclusive Ambassador

This program is for those interested in coaching or the disability sector. Ambassadors will check and challenge ideas to ensure inclusive activities in the local area.

LGBTQ+ Alliances Society

Student led group that meet in a relaxed environment, open to all. Great opportunity to develop organisational skills as you deliver events during the college year.

Mental Health Awareness

Mindfulness

15 minute sessions where you can learn breathing techniques that will be beneficial to manage everyday stresses.

Relaxed Study Session

If you want a space where you can relax and get a bit of work done then pop down to this enrichment which can give you that extra time to push yourself further.

Scavenger Hunt

Take part individual, in twos or as a team, this scavenger hunt is a great way to find specific items, riddles to guess, and challenges to complete! Completed forms with the correct answers will be entered into a draw to be in for a chance to win a prize!

Trail Challenge

Follow a trail and learn about inspirational individuals. Different themes provided.

Tree Planting

Be part of our Wild Campus project and plant trees to support the environment and making our campus greener!

VR Gaming

Virtual reality gaming experience for those who enjoy interacting in a three-dimensional environment. Kit provided.

Wellbeing Leader

Help support deliver physical activities at the college via the enrichment programme Health and Wellbeing Week, and Disability road show. Be part of the leadership programme in partnership with AOC.

Wellbeing Walkies

Due to popular demand, Dog day care is back! This is a fantastic opportunity for students to travel to a local dog day care centre to play fetch, go for a walk or even for a cuddle! As this is so popular, this will be offered as a 6 week block booking therefore once you receive an email from us, make sure to get involved!

Young Carers

Meeting once a month for pizza and catch up with other carers from across the college.

Young Neighbours

Visit a local care home and speak to the residents, or exchange letters, they love volunteers with interests in many areas who can share their enthusiasm and skills. This is particularly great for students who plan to go on and work in social care or study medicine.



ACADEMIES

MEN'S FOOTBALL

The Cirencester College Football Academy has a long and proud history of providing a high quality training and games programme, using the excellent facilities at Cirencester Town FC. Many of our Alumni have gone on to have successful careers in both professional and semi-professional football. This programme is designed to be professional in the approach to training and fixtures, whilst also providing students with the flexibility to play freely for clubs outside of college too. This unique approach gives students the best opportunity of developing during their time at the college and transitioning into men's football, whilst being able to benefit from the wide range of courses that we offer as a college.

Students receive two coaching sessions per week, from a UEFA Qualified Coach and experienced semi-professional player. Additionally, students have free access to the on-site gym and benefit from analysis sessions. Fixtures take place on Wednesday afternoons in the AOC League.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Our Women's Football Team has seen consistent growth and development over recent years and this year we have appointed a dedicated Head of Women's Football, Kerry Walklett. Kerry is a very experienced UEFA B Licence coach and currently plays for West Bromwich Albion in the Women's National Football League. The team compete in the AOC League and train weekly at the state-of-the-art facilities at Cirencester Town Football Club.

It has been an incredible year for our Women's Football Academy, resulting in winning the Association for Colleges Women's Football League, Midlands Division!

RUGBY DEVELOPMENT

Open training and fixtures for students. Training will be on Monday afternoons with fixtures on a Wednesday. Training will be varied according to the players ability.

We play our fixtures in the West Midlands AOC League, of which they are Champions from the 2021/22 season.

NETBALL DEVELOPMENT

Play competitively and develop your skills in the AOC West Midlands League. A great way to stay fit. Training sessions take place on Mondays and Fixtures take place on Wednesday afternoons.

KIT

For trials, students need shinpads, boots and any suitable training kit. Those selected in the Football Academy or development squads will be expected to purchase Academy Training Kit. This is the only cost.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Each section requires about 1 hour a week commitment, at silver and gold they can be longer but less frequent if need be.

- The DofE is well recognised but does not get UCAS points.
- You get to go to the Palace if you complete the gold.
- You can continue even after you leave College.
- The cost is £44 for silver and £51 for Gold for registration including an online account.
- The college run all the expeditions at cost value. (Approximately £250 for the 3 trips. 10 days in total, including all food, transport, additional staff for safety cover, assessor fees and campsite fees)
- The college will provide tents, cookers and safety equipment for expeditions. We also have some spare waterproofs, jackets, roll mats, hats, gloves and compasses.
- The college will guide the students through what is required to complete the award and supervise the account. We do not set up the placements for student activities. The college will also not vet establishments for a student's safety e.g. risk assessments or DBS checks on people. Parents should be happy that a participant is safe to take part.
- We run a range of activities and projects through the college year, as part of the enrichment programme, that can help you accomplish on the different sections.



Silver timescales:

Volunteering Section: 6 months

Physical and Skills Sections: One section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months

Expedition Section: 3 days / 2 nights

If you didn't do Bronze, you must undertake a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Sills sections

Gold timescales:

Volunteering Section: 12 months

Physical and Skills Sections: One section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months

Expedition Section: 4 days / 3 nights

Residential Section: A shared activity in a residential setting away from home for 5 days and 4 nights

If you have any further questions contact: stuart.williams@cirencester.ac.uk



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CAMP CAMBODIA

We are very excited to announce that we are partnering with Camps International to offer Year 12 students the opportunity to go on a lifechanging, 4-week expedition to Cambodia, during the summer of 2026. Students will work on a variety of meaningful and sustainable projects. You will need to be committed and dedicated as there is significant funding raising to complete in order to be part of this exciting opportunity!

