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GLASGOW ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Pupils

S6 Post-Exam Programme 2010

Every year we attempt to make the final few weeks of Sixth Year at The Academy something special. So, after your exams are over in June we hope you will return to participate in our "Post-Exam Course".

Your presence will be required only for those activities which you want to be involved with. The rest of the time you will be free to make use of the Sixth Year Centre or to leave the school campus. Nor will we require you to wear school uniform, unless you are representing the school at a sport fixture or a function.

Some lectures will involve guest speakers and some instruction will be given by professionals who will be hired specially. Hence, it is important that we gauge what will be popular and what will not, what will be viable to run and what will not. On the form accompanying this letter you are invited to make a commitment to return to school and to indicate the activities in which you would like to participate. Most of the activities listed have run successfully at some stage in recent years, but others are new ideas which we will introduce if there is sufficient demand. There is no guarantee that all of the courses which have been listed will run and if some of them do run places may be limited. You should be aware that you may be asked to contribute to the cost of some of the events.

We hope there will be something for everyone, but if there is nothing that particularly appeals to you then please suggest what it is that is missing and we will endeavour to provide it. Of course in addition to these courses there is a great deal to look forward to: Sports Day, the Talent Show and Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, for example.

Please complete the following survey as clearly as possible and return it to me on the first day of the summer term to ensure that your choices will be taken into consideration when the programme is being arranged.

Yours sincerely

A L Evans

Assistant Rector

S6 Post-Exam Programme Survey

Name:

I do not intend to return to school following the exams.

I intend to return to school following the exams and have marked my choices clearly below.

Self-Defence

Very popular in previous years. Plenty of advice in staying safe and a few practical tips to give you a basic grounding in self-defence.

Project Business

A practical, two-day, activity-based introduction into the world of business.

Wine Tasting

Ever wanted to know the difference between a Chardonnay and a Rioja? This is your chance to find out.

Dining Table Etiquette

Don't want to embarrass yourself at that important business dinner in a few years time? Learn which cutlery to use when, and which way to pass the port.

Vehicle Maintenance

Very hands on; learn about what's under the bonnet. Run by Clydebank College over the course of a few mornings. Lessons take place at the College.

Visit the Blood Donor Centre

Find out where it is and exactly what happens. You don't have to give blood, but you can if you want to.

Glasgow City Walk

The ideal way to find out about the history, architecture and dozens of little facts that you never knew about your city.

Tour of Mackintosh School of Art

A tour for those of you who love art and want a chance to take a good look at Mackintosh's greatest architectural achievement.

Foreign Language Film

A chance for those of you who want the opportunity to visit the GFT and see a film that is just a little different to those you usually see.

Distillery Tour

Learn how Scotland's national drink is manufactured and, if you are over 18, have a taste.

Japanese for Beginners

A chance to learn the basics of a language very different from your own. Always useful when trying to impress.

Italian for Beginners

Are Italians the most romantic Europeans? Take a crash course in the language and at least you'll know correct things to say on a first date!

Public Speaking

Do you dread having to make an important speech or presentation? Practise your skills before you put them into practice in university tutorials or the big bad world.

Computing

Improve your basic skills with lessons from the Computing Department.

Cooking on a Student Budget

Don't want to be limited to take-out or beans on toast next year? Mrs Dolan will start you on the way to culinary independence.

Calling all Chemists!

Help required for the S1 Rocket Day: testing rocket fuel (in conjunction with the University of St. Andrews), researching rockets, doing some code to send into space, designing and making the rocket and testing the materials for their re-entry capabilities. In the afternoon there is a big launching session.

West End Treasure Hunt

Learn more about local history on a ramble round the West End.

Scottish Parliament

Here is your chance to take a tour and decide for yourself if it was really worth £400 million.

Trip to a Musical

Song, dance and costume. Who could ask for more?
(A contribution may be required)

Yoga

The celebs rave about it, now it's your chance to have a go.

Hip Hop Dance

Learn new hip hop dance moves, urban dancing, extreme fitness choreography, fun aerobic dance steps, cardio funk dances. Let's see how fit the rugby players really are!

Exercise to the loud, pulsating beat of your favourite rap music.

Edinburgh Zoo

Return to your childhood and take a trip to the zoo. Definitely one for the animal lovers.

CSI

Help required for the S2 Alien Abduction Day. Groups of pupils will move around the school to investigate scenes linked to the abduction and then they'll analyse the evidence from these in one of the labs. In the afternoon they will be presenting their findings to some officials from a secret Government Department.

Paintballing

The opportunity you have all been waiting for...to run around firing paint pellets at your classmates.

(A contribution will be required)

Tennis

Get in the mood for Wimbledon...a fun filled mixed doubles tennis tournament with nothing at stake.

Heartstart

Add another qualification to your CV and learn how to save a life at the same time.

Microlight Flight

You've all been in a plane, but this is as close as it gets to flying like a bird. Not for the faint-hearted!

(A contribution will required)

Stock Market Challenge

Fancy yourself as a wheeler and dealer on the floor of the stock exchange? See how you cope with the stress of buying and selling shares in this computer simulation. Enter a team and get the adrenalin going!

Whitewater Kayaking

This can range from simple, carefree gently moving water, to demanding, dangerous whitewater. What do you think Mr Gwynne's going to be doing on this 2-day expedition into the unknown?

(A contribution will required)

End of Session Barbecue

Follow the directions and clues to a venue on the Clyde where we can have a barbecue. An all day event, which involves which involves a 6 mile hike; you get the train back though!

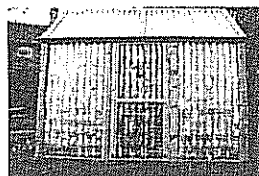
Charity Project

Would you be prepared to give up your time to organise and run a sports day for a school for handicapped children?

Previous year groups have organised very successful charity projects which have culminated in a barbecue. Do you have any suggestions for a charity project which would involve as many of the year group as possible?

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Eco-Project



Built a recycled plastic bottle greenhouse.

Do you have any other activities you would like to suggest?

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