
Our subject leaders have put together some ideas for extra challenges and enrichment opportunities that you could undertake, to sit alongside your studies this term.

All Years

Art:

- Visit a local or national art gallery.
Locally, [Modern Art Oxford](#) and the [Ashmolean](#) are a good starting point. Nationally, [Compton Verney](#) in Warwickshire often has interesting exhibitions, and London has many to choose from: the [National Portrait Gallery](#) would be a good starting point there.

Computer Science:

- Watch the following Royal Society Christmas lecture about AI and intelligent machines. You could watch one episode or all three!
<https://www.rigb.org/explore-science/explore/video/truth-about-ai-13-2023-christmas-lectures-mike-wooldridge-0>

English:

- Read at least two books from the ['100 books to read before you leave Fitzharrys'](#) list.
- Keep your eyes peeled for some great talks at the [2026 Oxford Literary Festival](#).
- Take part in the [Poetry by Heart competition](#):

Poetry by Heart is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop skills reading poetry aloud with confidence. There are two ways to enter the competition: the classic 2-poem solo entry or the 1 poem freestyle entry, which can be made as a solo performance or with friends. Both are a fun and creative way to celebrate the beauty of reading poetry aloud.

We will hold our own Fitzharrys competition in school towards the end of term 4, with prizes to be won. The best performances will also be filmed and sent off to the [national competition](#) for the chance to perform at Shakespeare's Globe theatre in the summer term.

If you'd like to take part, you need to let Mrs Taylor know ASAP your name, tutor group and the poem(s) and poet(s) you intend to perform by emailing rtaylor@fitzharrys.school

Geography:

- Visit [Oxford Botanical Gardens](#) or [Harcourt Arboretum](#).
- Visit central London and observe the architecture, shops, businesses, and languages around you.

History:

- Visit the [Ashmolean](#) and [Pitt Rivers](#) museums in Oxford, or [Blenheim Palace](#) in Woodstock.

Modern Foreign Languages:

- The University of Oxford's annual **Flash Fiction Competition** invites secondary school pupils to submit a complete story of no more than 100 words, in French, Spanish, or German, for the chance to win up to £100! More information here: [Language Competitions | Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages](#)
- Enter the **French Pop Video Competition!** Enter as an individual or in a group of friends! If you want to enter, you will need to [email Ms Philbin](#) ASAP so she can register you before the deadline (15th March). The deadline for video submission is later – 7th May. Full details here: [French Pop Video Competition – Institut Français · Royaume-Uni](#)

Music:

- Engage in extra-curricular music, either in the community or at school: see [Clubs Timetable](#).
- Book and use rehearsal rooms at lunchtimes.

PE:

- Aim to participate in some form of extra-curricular PE on a regular basis, by joining a club, either in the community or at school: see our school's [Clubs Timetable](#)

Year 7

Art:

- Develop your portrait drawing skills by drawing members of your family or friends.

Drama:

- Improvise a comic scene with a group of students outside of the lesson and show your work to the class.

Maths:

- Watch this video for Pi Day: [Hive Home Eco Tech – Solar \(youtube.com\)](#)

Music:

- Listen to [different genres of music](#).

Philosophy & Ethics:

- Visit churches in the area – such as St Aldates in Oxford or St Helens. Services and entry are free – look at the paintings/art depicting Jesus.

PE:

- Be involved in competitive fixtures against other schools – play a role somehow – ask for advice on this!
- We will soon be learning more about strike field games in PE lessons. A key part of this is about catching skills – can you try to practice at home or at school in break or lunch times?

Science:

- Visit the [Nature Discovery Centre](#) between Thatcham and Newbury.

Technology:

- Come along to 3D Printing Club on Thursdays after school!

Year 8

Art:

- Visit the [Ashmolean Museum's still life galleries](#) to see how symbolism is used in the paintings. How might this connect to our candy skull project?

Drama:

- Imagine that you are an older person nearing the end of your life. Write a letter giving advice to the younger generation.

History:

- Visit the [American Museum](#) in Bath.

Maths:

- Watch this video for Pi Day: [Hive Home Eco Tech – Solar \(youtube.com\)](#)

Music:

- Listen to [Blues music](#).

PE:

- Be involved in competitive fixtures against other schools – play a role somehow – ask for advice on this!
- We will be learning more about strike field games in PE lessons. A key part of this is about catching skills – can you try to practice at home or at school in break or lunch times?

Science:

- Watch the following documentary on BBC iPlayer: [Solar System](#). You could watch the first episode about volcanic worlds, or all four!

Technology:

- Come along to 3D Printing Club on Thursdays after school!

Year 9

Art:

- Visit the [Ashmolean museum](#) to see the ceramics and pottery in various galleries.

Drama:

- Look at the lyrics from *Stan* by Eminem (the clean/radio edit version) and write a monologue from either Slim Shady or Stan's point of view.

Maths:

- Read the book: [Alex's Adventures in Numberland by Alex Bellos](#).

Music:

- Listen to [Minimalist music](#).

Philosophy & Ethics:

- If you have Netflix, watch *The Good Place* and think about how it presents the ideas of good/bad and reward/punishment.

PE:

- Be involved in competitive fixtures against other schools – play a role somehow – ask for advice on this!
- You will be learning in PSHE about your changing body and this part of our lives has a big impact in the way your body moves. The growth spurt can create challenges. Try to stay positive with your efforts and remember that PE means Positive Experience!

Science

- Watch the documentary by Jim Al Khalili – Atom, Clash of the Titans. This will be useful for Chemistry and Physics!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOJFznzSZhM>

Technology:

- Be a part of Engineering Club (see [Clubs Timetable](#) for details).
- Come along to 3D Printing Club on Thursdays after school!

Year 10

Drama:

- Read the book: [Sanford Meisner on Acting](#)

Maths:

- Watch the film: [Moneyball](#). Starring Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill and Chris Pratt, this film is based on a true story about the use of statistical analysis to create a winning baseball team, which revolutionised the sport.

PE:

- Now you are studying for your GCSEs, your life will become busier. Try to maintain an effort to use PE time well. You could also attend a regular sports club or fitness session in the community, or one provided at school (see [Clubs Timetable](#) for details).
- By now you have a fair idea of what you enjoy about PE! Try to plan your young adult life by always having some time for activity in your busy week. That could mean lots of different things, from cycling to skating!

Science

- Watch the documentary by Jim Al Khalili – Atom, Clash of the Titans. This will be useful for Chemistry and Physics!
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Year 11

Drama:

- Watch the musical [West Side Story](#) (1961 version) in its entirety.

Maths:

- Attend Mr Smytheman's Maths GCSE booster sessions on Tuesday lunchtimes for support with exam questions.

PE:

- By now you have a fair idea of what you enjoy about PE! Try to plan your young adult life by always having some time for activity in your busy week. That could mean lots of different things, from cycling to skating!
- This term will be a very busy one for you as you prepare for your exams. Aim to stay active and balance your healthy active lifestyle with your academic revision. Best of luck from PE!

Science:

- Watch the following documentary on BBC iplayer: [The Incredible Human Journey](#). Watch episode 1 - Out of Africa

Technology:

- Source and use examples of designs from [3D Warehouse](#) as inspiration for your non-exam assessment (NEA).