

ENRICHMENT

at Sexey's Sixth Form



Beyond the classroom

Are you a team player? Driven by the challenge of leading others? Do you dream of a life on the stage, or perhaps on the field? Maybe your ambitions lie in solving a difficult maths puzzle or climbing a mountain.

Whatever it is that gets you going, Sexey's will support and strengthen your pursuit of it, because we know that achievement is more than getting good grades.

And if you can't find a club that suits you already in the list over the following pages, we encourage our students to start their own!

You can ask our current students about the extracurricular clubs on offer by joining the Sexey's School Sixth Form closed group on Facebook.



Duke of Edinburgh

Sexey's is the largest provider of the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) award (Bronze, Silver and Gold) in the South West. Lottie Pottow, Year 13, tells us of her experience:

"Our practice walk in Wales was apocalyptic: we had storms, 'trench foot', lost walkers - you name a disaster; it probably happened to us. Even so, the whole experience was absolutely brilliant - we bonded well as a team and really helped each other through it. The sense of achievement at the end was immense."





SPORT

At Sexey's you can take part in Sports of all kinds including: crossfit, swimming (in our own indoor heated swimming pool), fencing, sailing, rugby, rock climbing, pilates, netball, mountain biking, karting, kayaking, horse-riding, hockey, football, cricket, badminton, and athletics.

All Sixth Formers have time on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon to take part in a sporting activity of their choice.



DRAMA & MUSIC

Sexey's has strong connections with a professional theatre group and a film director who runs acting, producing and film workshops in school. Final pieces have been shown at Hauser & Wirth Somerset, the international art gallery.

Our students also regularly put on plays, concerts, comedy nights and open mic nights.



SOCIETIES

If you prefer taking part in something a bit less physical, we'll have a society for you, including:

- Charities Commission, which meets regularly to organise social, sporting and fundraising activities, the most prestigious of which is the annual Summer Ball
- Debating Society
- Student mentoring and peer counselling
- Chess Club
- The Sexeian magazine editorial team
- Global Citizenship Club
- Feminist Fridays



ART - AND MORE



Setting up for the Annual Art and Photography Exhibition

Based in the same town as Hauser & Wirth Somerset, Sexey's benefits hugely from close ties with the international art gallery.

Our annual art and photography exhibition showcases spectacular pieces of work, and we take part in regular competitions across the county and beyond.

Our foreign trips include sports tours to e.g. Sweden, trekking trips to Nepal, and visits to Europe, America, and China. We also run Masterchef classes for the foodies among us!

Our House system ensures a wide range of sporting and cultural activities takes place throughout the year. Students of all abilities are encouraged to 'have a go' and help their team win.



Skiing at Tonale



School trip to Nepal



Karting Club



ACF

CASE STUDY



In the words of...

Rachael Palmer - a Year 13 prefect - was part of a group of Sixth Form students who really wanted to get involved in the worldwide phenomenon, TED. Sexey's didn't have a TEDx club - so they started one. Here's her account of how TEDxSexey's came about.

"I've always admired the TED series - what better way to learn more about the world in which we live than by hearing from the experts in an accessible, interesting way? So when my friends and I learnt that organisations can get involved, we were keen to be among them.

In order to apply, we had to schedule a proposed programmes of talks at Sexey's. We researched experts linked to our curriculum topics that might have a link to school. First up was James Brickell, an old Sexeian who works for the BBC Natural History Unit. We wrote to him, imploring him to come back to school to speak to us - and he said yes!

Buoyed by our success, we also applied to Professor Sophien Kamoun, a scientist who

works at the Sainsbury laboratory in Norwich on plant pathogens linked to the Irish potato famine (which is actually a topic in our A level biology) and evolution/genomics. He also agreed to speak, as did a representative from the UK space agency, when we asked them to come to talk to us about what the UK is doing in space that benefits people and why it matters to the next generation.

Once our talks were in place, we filled out the online application to create TEDxSexeys and had our place confirmed.

It feels like such a sense of achievement to have seen something worth chasing, and to be part of the team that made it happen - especially knowing that the whole Sixth Form will benefit as a result."

