

Gifted and Talented Children

What do we mean by 'gifted and talented'? Dorset LEA defines very able and gifted children as:

... children who have ability or abilities beyond the large majority of the children in the school and who consequently require more challenging teaching and opportunities.... Their potential will be shown in any or all of a wide range of contexts such as different learning styles, creativity or leadership.

(Dorset LEA Policy for Very Able and Gifted Children, Feb 2003)

All schools are now required to identify their gifted and talented children, and ensure that their needs are met through supplementing the curriculum with additional opportunities and enrichment activities.



Leeson House Field Studies Centre

Here at Leeson House, we provide a range of enrichment courses designed specifically for these gifted and talented children. Courses generally run over weekends, although some may take place during the week. The price of each course includes accommodation, food, tuition and most materials.

The courses are open to children from any school, but we do ask that the child's school complete an endorsement confirming that they would be suited to the intensiveness and subject matter of the course.

The content of the courses is intended not only to support and enrich the National Curriculum, but also to extend outside of it into other areas. All the teaching staff are experts in their field, and with working with gifted and talented children.

Leeson House has been providing residential experiences for children for many years, and the staff here are practised in easing the worries of those children away from home for the first time, along with caring for all who stay with us. Where possible, friends are put together in bedrooms, providing it has been requested on the application form.

Places are limited, so please book early to avoid any disappointment! Feel free to phone the centre on 01929-422126 if you have any queries or concerns.

The Dorset programme for gifted and talented pupils offers you a unique opportunity to be part of the stimulating residential course:

“Street and Break Dance Techniques”

Suitable for both boys and girls between years 7 to 10
- beginners welcome



**At Leeson House Field Studies Centre, Swanage
Saturday 4th to Sunday 5th December 2010**

£80 all inclusive

Course Directors & Tutors: Pure Funk Dance Company

www.purefunk.co.uk



Pure Funk Street Dance

Pure Funk challenges both body and mind, promotes teamwork, teaches new skills and provides a feeling of achievement for each individual (plus it involves lots of fun!)

This 2 day course aims to empower and help build self confidence in individuals, regardless of whether or not they have had previous dance experience.

This workshop aims to promote working as part of a team, as well developing dance skills in individuals. The dance instructors will guide you through the basics of various street dance styles and break dance techniques such as top rock, six step, freezes, waving, locking, and popping, to name a few!

The instructors will create a routine for performance with the group to present to family and friends at the end of the second day. Energy and trainers essential!!

The course will start at 10am on Saturday 4th and will finish at 4pm on Sunday 5th December 2010 with a performance at 3pm to which all are invited.

About Pure Funk

Pure Funk is a company of young dancers and teachers who began holding workshops in local schools, colleges and youth organisations in June 2005. Since then it has grown from a small Bournemouth based dance group into a professional performance and workshop company and now works across Dorset, Hampshire, Wiltshire and Devon. The "company" is made up of freelance dancers and teachers from the local area, who each have a background and training in various areas of dance.

Pure Funk works with all manner of students from total beginners to advanced and classically trained dancers.

For more information on Pure Funk please have a look at their website www.purefunk.co.uk



A full kit list will be sent to you about 1 month beforehand

About Leeson House

Leeson is a historic house situated on the Isle of Purbeck in Dorset - an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The local landscape encompasses hills, heath and the Jurassic Coastline – a World Heritage Site – all derived from the local and wide-ranging geology. Sites such as Corfe Castle, Arne Nature Reserve and the Purbeck Hills all provide inspirational settings for both physical and academic activities.

Facilities include 2½ hectares of ecologically managed grounds, a games field, classroom, laboratory and library, and a large games room. Accommodation is in dormitories, with separate shower and toilet facilities. Staff will be resident close by in the house during all overnight courses.

Leeson works within Dorset LEA's guidelines for safety during offsite and residential visits. All staff are checked via the Criminal Records Bureau, as are any visiting teaching and support staff. All security measures have been taken to ensure the safety of students whilst staying at Leeson House.