

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 able, gifted and talented children offers you an opportunity to be part of the exciting new residential course:

Santa's Workshop

Christmas Arts and Crafts

(for students who will be in Yrs 4, 5 and 6)



**At Leeson House, near Swanage
on Saturday 4th to Sunday 5th December 2010**

£60 all inclusive

Course Director & Tutor: Ayesha Wyatt



Create your own eye-catching Christmas decorations!

This dynamic course is packed with great ideas for festive cards, eye-catching decorations and unusual, hand-made gifts.

In this super seasonal workshop, you will be able to make some brilliant Christmassy 'nibble' bowls in a variety of fun and astonishing shapes - Will yours be shaped like a cracker, holly berries, a snowman or another wild idea?

Have a go at the effective art of decoupage and wow your family and friends with eye-popping Christmas card designs: Learn how to build a picture up in three-dimensions by adding a number of layers until the foreground seems to jump right out at you. The outcome of this simple technique is really quite amazing.

Discover a clever technique for making a realistic, frosty snowman and some mini pine trees to sit on your mantelpiece or shelf and really jazz up your family's Christmas display! A truly original Christmas decoration.

You will need: *An old apron, several cereal packets, some kitchen roll insides, a large plastic margarine or ice-cream tub, several newspapers or old yellow-pages, some large pine-cones, cotton wool, a sports-cap water bottle to drink from during the sessions, any jewels / sequin / etc you would like to use to decorate your nibble-bowls and the worst Christmas joke you can find to make your workshop leader groan!*

The course will run from 10am on Saturday 4th to 4pm on Sunday 5th December 2010, with a presentation of work completed during the course at 3pm, to which all are welcome.

Course Director and Tutor: Ayesha Wyatt

Course Director: Ayesha Wyatt is a consultant leading teacher for Dorset, with extensive experience leading developments in Creative Arts and Gifted & Talented Education within schools. She has run Art & Craft workshops across the southwest of England for many years and is known for her dedication to supporting children's creative achievement; encouraging young people to realise their artistic ideas; and developing their abilities at an individual pace and level.



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Leeson is an 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.