

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 Gifted Children, Feb 2003)

All schools are now required to identify their able, 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:

“Smuggling Stories”

The study of smuggling through story writing and craft activities for students in school years 4 to 6



**At Leeson House Field Studies Centre, Swanage
Friday 28th to Sunday 30th January 2011**

£130 all inclusive

Course Directors:

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www.creativecreatures.org.uk



“Smuggling Stories”

Words are taxed! Sentences are charged by the syllable and stories are smuggled in on toilet rolls!

Imagine a world where the things you hold most dear are too expensive to buy, and you are charged for having them. From soap to sugar, all your pleasures are being used to pay for a war you don't care about. What do you do? Give in and pay up? Or do you fight back and get what you want by smuggling it in?

In the 1700s ordinary men and women found themselves living extraordinary double lives: respectable peasants or merchants by day, smuggling heroes by night. Join us on this course as we investigate these fascinating stories and create our own tales of rebellion.

The course runs from 5pm on Friday 28th to 3pm on Sunday 30th January 2011. There will be a presentation by the pupils at 2pm on Sunday to read an extract of their stories written during the course, and to show off their maps, codes and smuggling books. All are welcome to attend.

We will send you a full list of what to bring about one month beforehand but good footwear and waterproof clothing will be required to cope with being out of doors “smuggling” your way around the paths and tracks of the Purbeck coastline to gain inspiration for your work

For further information on course content, please contact the Course Directors at:

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Or see our website: www.creativecreatures.org.uk

Jennifer Grace and Rosemary Bird

Jennifer and Rosemary are graduates from Bath Spa University, each with a degree in English Literature and Creative Writing. They have been running storytelling and creative arts workshops across the country for several years, and are also trained by the Girl Guide Association to lead sessions and assist on activity holidays. They have a full range of courses which can be viewed on their website listed above.

Both are enthusiastic readers and writers who love helping others to explore their own imaginations and express themselves through art and language.

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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.