



BEDFORDSHIRE
frontiers club

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How to apply and cost

Able, gifted and talented students in Years 5 to 9 who have visited the Children's University in the past are invited to choose any course which interests them. In case it becomes full, they may also give 2nd and 3rd choices but only if they are committed to attending the course allocated. In addition to Saturday morning courses, students may also apply for one of the workshops, all of which take place on Saturday 27 June 2009. We do our best to allocate students their chosen activities.

Please read through the programme, then complete the application form in the centre of this booklet and return it as soon as possible to the address at the top of the application form. There is a nominal closing date of 15 April 2009. Applications will be accepted after this, up to the start of the programme, if places remain on the course chosen. Confirmation letters will be sent out to you after the 15 April 2009.

This programme has been given out to students attending Frontiers Club courses this term and posted to all other students on the Frontiers Club database together with the students that have attended the Bedfordshire Children's University.

There are no refreshments provided for students during break time. Water will be available to students at all times. Students are free to bring their own refreshments but we are always grateful for donations of biscuits!

We are now affiliated with the National Children's University which means that students can achieve a national certificate according to accumulated learning hours. For 30 hours they receive bronze, for 65 silver and for 100 gold. The accumulation of hours started in Spring 2009 and students will automatically receive their certificate once they have achieved their first mile stone.

Cost

- Courses £45 (unless otherwise stated)
(Concessions at least £30)
- Workshops £20 (concessions at least £15)

Please make cheques payable to BLEBP.

We don't exclude children from attending the Frontiers Club due to financial hardship. If your children are in receipt of Free School Meals or you are not able to cover the concessionary rate, please get in touch with us.



Please take time to read through this leaflet looking out for exciting new courses. Please complete the application form in the centre pages as soon as you can. The programme is also available on our website www.blebp.co.uk. Please enter the learner level.

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Workshops are all located at Biddenham Upper School on 27 June 2009 from 10am to 3pm and can be booked additionally to courses.

Magic Workshop

The magic workshop doesn't just teach the students how to perform magic, but it also encompasses confidence building, stage awareness and body language, which are all essential in producing a great magician.

At the end of the day the students will be able to walk away confident in performing at least three magic tricks. They will have knowledge of how to perform and the etiquette of performing. Workshops often build confidence, and bring out the characters in some of the children. Body language is also taught which shows the students the correct posture to use, theatrical motions and awareness of audience members. All the students will have the opportunity to perform their newfound skills throughout the workshop and long after they leave.



We have found the workshops to be extremely exciting, and a fantastic learning experience for the students.

Tutor: Nick Crown (www.nickcrown.com)
Date: 27 June 2009
Time: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £20

The Art of Floristry

This new workshop will teach you how to arrange, condition, plant and tidy a variety of flowers and plants into different containers and mediums for any occasion. Learn how to look after plants and find out which ones are compatible. Try something new!

Tutor: Julie Thurstans
Date: 27 June 2009
Time: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £30



Tennis Challenge

Another new workshop introducing you to Tennis or improving your game, techniques etc. for a whole day. Let's see your serve!

Tutor: Sport Support Services
Date: 27 June 2009
Time: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £20



Workshops

Forensic Scientist

Are you addicted to 'Bones' or 'CSI' on TV? Ever wondered how real detectives and scene of crime officers handle evidence at a scene of crime? Through a series of investigations this workshop will aim to find evidence to prove who has committed a murder and we need your help to do it. You will experience: fingerprinting, the use of microscopes, identifying footprints, chromatography and soil analysis. Can you find out who dunnit?

Tutor: Roberta Pearson, Lesley Carrington-Wright,
Michael Redmond

Date: 27 June 2009
Time: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £20



Theatre Skills

This brilliant workshop teaches you a variety of theatre skills and gives you a chance to brush up on your performance techniques and voice projection. Brilliant for all you performing artists out there and of course all beginners are welcome too!

Tutor: Lucy Silous
Date: 27 June 2009
Time: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £20



Self Defence

If you are able to defend yourself successfully, you automatically have a more confident appearance to a potential attacker and therefore might put him/her off. The best of martial arts combined on this course teaches you how to get out of tricky situations. Practical techniques will be taught and you'll be able to punch and kick safely and be capable of getting out of vulnerable situations.

Tutor: Andy Kidby
Date: 27 June 2009
Time: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £20



Circus Skills

This exciting new workshop will introduce you to circus skills. You will learn about juggling, balancing, pogo sticks, tight wire unicycle, pedal gos and much much more. At the end of the day you will be able to show off your new found skills to family or friends.

Tutor: Stuart Barber
Date: 27 June 2009
Time: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £20



Chocolate Corals

Create undersea creatures like star fish, sea shells and much more as part of an underwater scene made out of sugar and chocolate! Are you able to resist?

Tutor: Heather Stringer
Sessions: 27 June 2009
Time: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £20



Digging Up Ancient Egypt

Have you ever wondered how archaeologists discover tombs from ancient Egypt? What's it like meeting an ancient Egyptian mummy face to face? This exciting day will tell you all you want to know!!

Tutor: Joyce Filer
Date: 27 June 2009
Time: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £20



Alchemy

Would you like to learn about cutting edge cooking techniques similar to Heston Blumenthal's? You will learn to produce caviar, froth, foam and pasta but it is not quite what you'd expect! Prepare to be puzzled!

Tutor: Derrick Smith
Date: 27 June 2009
Time: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £20



Game Maker

Ever wanted to make your own game? Ever wanted other people to play a game you made? Using Adobe Flash and some provided graphics you will be following step by step instructions to create your own games. Some experience of Flash would be useful but not necessary. A good introduction to game development and flash animation.

Tutor: Mike Smith
Date: 27 June 2009
Time: 10am to 3pm
Cost: £20



Drumming Workshop

Join an African drum circle, learn to hit, slap, and rumble, try out different techniques and games, and take part in a shared rhythmical experience. Then, armed with your new drum skills, work together to create your own fusion masterpiece.

Tutor: Jim Ralley
 Date: 27 June 2009
 Time: 10am to 3pm
 Cost: £20



Mysterious Monster Illustration

Ever wondered if there is more out there in the mysterious shadows of the world than mere science can answer? For instance have you heard of the abominable Australian crypto zoological critter known as the Yowie? What about America's mysterious Mothman, or Spring-heeled Jack? Well we may even look at something more familiar such as Scotland's Loch Ness Monster. This workshop will explore the idea of whether or not these creatures exist and read magazine articles to get the low down on who claims to have seen these spooky beasts. Then you will create a large colour illustration of what you think they may look like using ink, acrylic and charcoal. This will also focus on trying to depict aspects of witnesses' accounts into the picture. Additionally you will create small spot illustrations in black and white. No it's not Halloween yet, but bring a picture home to scare your family and take the first step on the path of becoming a MONSTER HUNTER!!

Tutor: Adrian Stapleton
 Date: 27 June 2009
 Time: 10am to 3pm
 Cost: £20



The LOCATION of most courses is Biddenham Upper School unless otherwise stated.

The TIMING of the courses is 9.30am to 12.30 unless otherwise stated.

Junior Masterchef 1

Learn cooking skills and techniques with Derrick Smith who has been team manager for the Irish National Cookery Team which won the World Grand Prix. What you learn can be used to underpin the production of a variety of savouries and desserts. Students will produce a range of meals, for which the ingredients are all provided, and learn to present them attractively. In addition you will also look at important health, safety and hygiene issues.

Tutor: Derrick Smith

Sessions: 2, 9, 16 May and 6, 13, 20 June 2009

Time: 9.00-11.00am

Cost: £45



Junior Masterchef 3

This new advanced Junior Masterchef is welcoming all young people who have previously been on Junior Masterchef 2 for an intermediate course. You will work on more advanced recipes and produce again loads of food.

Tutor: Derrick Smith

Sessions: 2, 9, 16 May and 6, 13, 20 June 2009

Time: 11am-1pm

Cost: £45

Physical & Masked Theatre

Are you interested in theatre but shy of learning and speaking lots of lines? Then this exciting course may offer the kind of performance skills that would suit you. Come along and learn a wide variety of techniques that use your physicality to create a short piece of fun, contemporary theatre. Work with masks, mime and music to discover different ways of using archetypal characters. A demanding and rewarding course for those prepared to work hard. Loose, comfortable clothing is advised.

Tutor: Bronwen Harrison

Sessions: 2, 9, 16 May and 6, 13, 20 June 2009

Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Cost: £45



Trampolining



Learn or develop your gymnastic skills with a 6 week course in trampolining for those who have not done trampolining before as well as intermediate and advanced. The course includes all the basic trampoline skills and how to put these into routines. The course follows the British Gymnastics awards scheme and badges and certificates will be awarded as you progress. The course is physically demanding

but expect to have fun!

Tutor: John Mitchell

Sessions: 2, 9, 16 May and 6, 13, 20 June 2009

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Cost: £45

Latin

Latin is one of the world's great, ancient languages. It was spoken by the Romans and is the language from which modern Italian, French, Spanish and Portuguese have developed since the fall of the Roman Empire.



This course is set up so that it is appropriate both for beginners and for those who wish to continue from the past. Book resources and the internet are both used to develop learning. Students who have been involved, have been fascinated and very much enjoyed the courses. Some have now decided to take Latin at GCSE level.

Tutor: Chris Rees-Bidder

Sessions: 2, 9, 16 May and 6, 13, 20 June 2009

Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Cost: £45

Manga Illustration

Traditionally, the term Manga refers to Japanese comic books, but it's now commonly used to describe the Japanese style of illustration, and artwork influenced by the comics. Manga can be traced all the way back to the ukiyo-e woodblock portraits of the 19th century. The Manga style often features characters with huge, almond-shaped eyes with glinting highlights, overly large heads and bodies with exaggerated limbs.



You will create three of your own characters demonstrating stylistic elements of Japanese Manga comics. You will be working with pen and ink, screen tone and flat colour as well as your story telling skills.

Tutor: Adrian Stapleton

Sessions: 2, 9, 16 May and 6, 13, 20 June 2009

Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Cost: £45

Pottery

This highly practical course introduces students to ceramics and the processes involved in their creation. Students learn about clay preparation, hand building techniques using moulds, glazing techniques as well as developing and understanding of themes. You can create your own designs and produce key rings, greeting cards, jewellery, plaques, tiles and a range of crockery. Children will produce their own exhibition for family and friends on the final day.

Tutor: Rebecca Sagoo

Date: 2, 9, 16 May and 6, 13, 20 June 2009

Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Cost: £45



Frontiers Pop Stars

This course is for budding singers to work with a professional voice coach and learn breathing and microphone technique to improve your voice and dazzle friends and family with a performance at the end of the course.

Tutor: Lucy Silous

Date: 2, 9, 16 May and 6, 13, 20 June 2009

Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Cost: £45



Website Design

Want your own website? Want to know how to optimize your pictures for the web? Want to know how to write HTML? In this course we will begin to learn the basics of Adobe Photoshop Elements before learning how to code a website in HTML before moving on to use Microsoft FrontPage to create a website with frames, buttons, images, video and sound. We will also investigate how to get your site on the web and what that involves. Become a webmaster in 6 weeks!

Tutor: Mike Smith

Sessions: 2, 9, 16 May and 6, 13, 20 June 2009

Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Cost: £45



Active Adventure Sports Leader Award

Are you up for a challenge? Will you dare to try your hand at archery, climbing, low ropes and loads of problem solving, team building and much, much more and gain your Sports Leader Award at the end of the course?

Tutor: Sports Support Services
 Sessions: 2, 9, 16 May and 6, 13, 20 June 2009
 Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm
 Venue: Biddenham Upper School
 Cost: £45



Tabletop Medieval Warfare

This hugely popular course will examine warfare and generalship during the Medieval period. Newcomers are welcome as is anyone interested in miniature wargaming (including Warhammer or computer gaming), or military history. We will investigate the background to the conflicts, the composition and equipment of the armies, as well as the tactics used for combat. You will then test your individual and team generalship in tactical simulations using miniature figures and simple sets of wargames rules. Graham Harrison has been a wargamer for many years, has published a set of wargames rules and writes for various wargaming magazines.

Tutor: Graham Harrison
 Sessions: 2, 16 May and 6, 13, 20 June 2009
 Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm
 Cost: £36



Sugar Fairies

Back by popular demand you have the chance to try your hand at creating loads of fairies. You will be modelling fascinating fairies out of pastillage and marzipan. These fairies will be a work of art and have delicate faces and clothing and can be displayed on their own or as a centre piece on a cake.

Tutor: Heather Stringer

Sessions: 2, 9, 16 May and 6, 13, 20 June 2009

Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Cost: £45



Courses and Workshops

All course contents have been validated to make sure that there is an exceptional learning outcome and an educational experience.

We have noticed that workshops are becoming more popular and have therefore offered more courses this term.

If you would like to see a particular course in this programme which might appeal to other students as well, please let me know. Also if you know of someone that might be interested in joining the Frontiers Club as a tutor, please get in touch with me.

The affiliation with the National Children's University allows us to introduce the Learning Passport to all students on the Frontiers Club as well as the Children's University which will be issued shortly to students who have attended the Spring Term 2009.

We will write to the Spring Term students shortly to explain how the scheme works.

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