



eXperience DOWNE HOUSE

Specifically designed for your Year 8 leavers' programme



Sparking Intellectual Curiosity

An eclectic range of bespoke academic workshops based on Downe House's six-week super-curricular Elective Programme.

Given how proud we are of the Elective Programme, it was only natural to want to share our commitment to and excitement for super-curricular enrichment with other schools. The Elective Experience has been created to do just that.

Opening up new and exciting avenues of study, these workshops will challenge participants and push them beyond the confines of the curriculum, with workshops including:

- An introduction to Film Studies
- An exploration of the history of the book
- An interdisciplinary investigation into the causes and consequences of the Reformation.

To arrange an Elective Experience as part of your Year 8 leavers' programme please email reevet@downehouse.net or call **01635 204698**.

“*Thank you so much on behalf of our whole class for our Film Studies workshop. Before the workshop I knew absolutely nothing about film studies, but now I can analyse it. I most enjoyed looking at cinematography and all of the different camera angles, especially the tracking shot through the trenches.*”

Year 8 pupil at Cheam School



The Reformation: An Interdisciplinary Case Study



There are many historical moments that lay claim to completely changing the world and the Reformation is one of the most significant. In this Elective Experience workshop, students will discuss the causes and effects of the Reformation from multiple disciplinary perspectives, from the theological to the socio-political to the literary. This might involve, for instance, exploring the revolutionary impact of Gutenberg's printing press or the religious basis of Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses. As well as investigating hugely significant historical events, students will also consider the importance of cultivating interdisciplinary thought.

Keyboard Scribes: A History of the Book



The book is something we all take for granted, an object that we use almost every single day, but never really think about. In this workshop, students will explore the rich and fascinating history that lies behind what is arguably the single most important human invention: the book. From Ancient Egypt to medieval monasteries and the Industrial Revolution to the internet, students will explore the various historical twists and turns that led to the book as we know it today.

Lights, Camera, Action: Beginning Film Studies



In this Elective Experience workshop students will be introduced to how to analyse films as though they were literary texts. This will involve learning entirely new techniques and concepts specific to the world of films as well as discussing and analysing various famous clips. Along the way we'll discuss and explore film history, cinematography, mise-en-scene, and sound effects in a range of films from *Harry Potter* to *Indiana Jones* to *2001: A Space Odyssey*. Armed with these new analytical tools, students will never watch a film in quite the same way again!