



## **GIFT goes to Grendon**

A Residential Weekend for Exceptionally Able Years 7/8

**Course Duration:** 8 p.m. Friday 3rd - 4.30 p.m. Sunday 5th July 2009

**Cost:** £158-00 incl. full board & lodging **For whom?** N.C. Years 7/8 (ages 11-13)

**Where?** Grendon Hall Residential Study Centre, Grendon, Northamptonshire NN7 1JW

On **Friday** you'll get to know everybody, explore the place, and do some introductory activities. On **Saturday and Sunday** there's a choice of projects. Each one runs from 9.30 a.m. to 5p.m.-ish, with ample breaks for meals, snacks, etc. YOU choose ONE from each day, giving you a unique opportunity to study the subjects that really interest you in <sub>depth</sub>... **Early Evening Activities** are followed by **Late** ones which might include Creative Dreaming and Stress Management, late-night stargazing, perhaps even a Night Hike! Who knows!

### **Project Descriptions**

#### **Surrealism**

**Code I5**

**SATURDAY**

A day when even your strangest dreams can come to life! A short introduction to this 20th-century artistic movement is followed by a chance to 'be surreal' in drama, sculpture, drawing, writing, et al.

#### **Nexus**

**Code F10**

**SATURDAY**

How do we communicate information other than by spoken language? Hmm? We'll look at some of them.....Morse Code, semaphore, signing, body language, deaf-blind communication.....and then at one, perhaps, in depth, to discover how fast, and with what variety, you can learn to communicate things that language just *can't* cope with.

#### **Cartooning**

**Code X17**

**SATURDAY**

On this project you'll be brainstorming pictorial ideas, exploring silly humour, puns, exaggeration and anthropomorphism, and developing your own cartoon characters, cartoon strip, or even a whole comic...and if you don't know your plewds from your squeans, you WILL after today!

#### **History's Great Speeches**

**Code V22**

**SUNDAY**

This project will look at some of the great speeches of history and try to define why they are great. Some will be listened to, some seen, some read, and some performed. Then comes your turn: writing a speech on a contemporary issue that will go down as a future great speech - you'll be speech writers, speech makers or both.

#### **Writing Without Words**

**Code Z11**

**SUNDAY**

You don't need to write words to produce stories. You'll be toying with alternative experimental forms, exploring narrative through found objects and collage methods, and enjoying a creative writing course without the writing (weird, or was that wyrde!). Need I say more?

#### **Read all about it!**

**Code P21**

**SUNDAY**

Immerse yourself in the world of journalism and write, design, and produce your own newspaper. Learn interview techniques, how to structure a news story, and the art of writing attention-grabbing headlines. Discover the language of newspaper design – from grout and fillers to pull-quotes and splashes. And finally...have a go at reading your news stories in a broadcast style! Please bring writing equipment.

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**SPONSORSHIP** is available to parents where there is financial hardship. Please contact Gabbitas Tomorrow's Achievers (Patricia Morse 0207 734 0161) or The Potential Trust (Anna Comino-James 01844 351666) for more details.

**Please send the following booking slip together with a deposit of £80 (cheques payable to GIFT Ltd.) to Julian Whybra, GIFT Ltd., 24 Martingale Rd., Billericay, Essex CM11 1SG (faxphone: 01277 654228, e-mail: enquiries@giftltd.co.uk, website [www.giftltd.co.uk](http://www.giftltd.co.uk))**

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Name.....Home Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Home Tel. No.....E-mail.....

In the event of Parent's surname/contact details differing from the above please enclose these on a separate sheet.

School Name:.....Year Group.....M/F.....dob.....

Special Considerations (Diet, Health).....

.....Doctor's name, address, and tel. no. ....

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Project Choices [enter **Code**, e.g. **F6**] for Saturday & Sunday 2-day project.....

or Saturday (1st choice).....(2nd).....and Sunday (1st).....(2nd).....

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Parent's signature.....student's.....date.....