Leading Edge College - Masterclasses for the gifted

This is an exciting new venture for the academic year 2015-2016. The workshop days are initially being offered in two cohorts - years 4/5 and 6/7. The days will be tailored to the age of the students whilst retaining a high degree of challenge and enjoyment.

Term 1 - CTI- Crime Team Investigation: Students will role play police detectives during the investigation of the murder of a pop star. With a number of suspects, and various techniques to find the culprit, students will identify how the pop star was killed and the motives for doing so. The day will include collecting evidence, carrying out of various forensic techniques such as finger printing, foot printing, food and soil testing, blood splatter pattern, and the interviewing of a witness. Each team will make a case for their conclusions in a final police briefing and presentation. 6th and 13th Oct 2015.

Term 2 - A Slice of Excellence: A taste of John and Greg: Students will learn sophisticated cooking skills and apply them to an invention test and by following a challenging recipe. They will take part in tasting tests and evaluate each other’s efforts. Students will need to use all their skills of creativity and presentation. 24th November and 1st December 2015.

Term 3 - Immersion Theatre: A day of innovative drama with the culmination of a performance in which the audience become part of the action, exploring reality through fantasy. The Alice in Wonderland theme will challenge the students to consider aspects of time, direction, transformation, size and space. 26th January and 2nd February 2016.

Term 4 –Small World: NEW WORKSHOP! An exploration of values, the history of migration to and from the UK, what it means to be a refugee, and sessions on storytelling, poetry, magic and drumming delivered by recent migrants to the UK. Students will design assemblies to be delivered in their own schools to promote understanding of migration issues. 15th and 22nd March 2016.

Term 5 - Managing a Small Holding: Involving a visit to a local small holding to discover how they are managed, in terms of animal husbandry, economics, and the potential for cottage industry. Students will groom a miniature horse, talk to the bees, mingle with the sheep, chat with the goats and handle the chickens. 17th and 24th May 2016.

Term 6 – Celebration: An opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the students over the year and a where we are going next. June 28th 2016.