



# WYMONDHAM COLLEGE

A World Class State Boarding and Day School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am excited to introduce this year's **Genius Hour Project**, a unique opportunity for our **Year 7 and Year 8 students** to explore their passions, develop valuable skills, and showcase their creativity. This project encourages students to independently research and create something meaningful on a topic of their choice, allowing them to learn beyond the traditional classroom setting.

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## What is the Genius Hour Project?

The Genius Hour will be introduced to students in their **Floreat lessons over the next two weeks**. It is an independent project where students choose a topic they are curious about or passionate about. They may work **individually or in groups of up to four**.

The project will culminate in a **Genius Hour Fair**, where students will present their work to peers, teachers, and parents. Judging will take place during the fair, with awards for the best projects.

- **Year 7 Fair: Saturday, 17 January 2026**
- **Year 8 Fair: Saturday, 7 March 2026**

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## Judging and Awards

Projects will be reviewed by staff members and grouped into categories based on their themes or topics. Each judge will assess creativity, effort, presentation, and the depth of understanding displayed.

### Awards include:

- **Best in Category:** 25 House Points, a badge, and a certificate for each team member.
- **Special Mentions:** 25 House Points for exceptional projects worthy of recognition.
- **Leonardo Da Vinci Genius Award:** Presented to the overall best project in the fair. The winning team will receive 50 House Points, certificates, badges, and a voucher as an additional reward.

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## Judging Process

On the day of the fair, judges will interact with students at their project displays. This is an important opportunity for students to explain their work, demonstrate their knowledge, and showcase their enthusiasm. Students are encouraged to remain with their projects during judging to answer questions and provide insights into their process.

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## Important Details

- **Timeline:** Students will work on their projects outside of class. They should aim to dedicate around one hour per week to stay on track.
  - **Fair Venue:** The Sports Hall and Gym during **Period 3** on their respective fair days. Parents are invited to view the projects from **11:00 AM**.
  - **Project Size:** Projects must fit within a space of **120 cm x 60 cm** (two exam desks). Please note that **no electrical plugs or reliable Wi-Fi** will be available.
  - **Presentation:** Students may present their work in any creative format, as long as it can be brought to school and fits within the allocated space.
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## Deadlines

- **Project Registration:** Must be completed via the Microsoft Form on each student's Head of House or Floreat Team. Every student must complete the form, even if they are working in a group.
    - Year 7 – **Friday, November 21**
    - Year 8 – **Friday, December 12**
  - **Final Changes:** Any adjustments to the project, including group members or titles, must be submitted by:
    - Year 7 – **Friday, January 9**
    - Year 8 – **Friday, February 13**
  - **Genius Hour Fairs:**
    - Year 7 – **Saturday, January 17**
    - Year 8 – **Saturday, March 7**
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## How to Support Your Child

- Encourage your child to select a topic that genuinely excites them.
- Help them plan their time effectively and meet deadlines.
- Support their research and creativity, ensuring their project is achievable within the given guidelines.

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The Genius Hour Project is a fantastic opportunity for students to explore their interests, take ownership of their learning, and express their creativity. We can't wait to see their incredible ideas come to life!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

**Ms K. Constable**

*Genius Hour Co-ordinator*