

Enrichment options September to December 2025

If you have any questions regarding this information
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Why do we have Enrichment?

At GWA, we believe school should be about so much more than lessons, exams and qualifications. It should also be about exploring new things, making new friends, facing new challenges and having fun!

Enrichment gives you the opportunity to try something new, something you thought you'd never like or something you know you're ACE at. No matter what you choose, you will make new friends and improve your enterprise skills...the experiences you will have will help to make YOU!

Enrichment runs on a **Tuesday and Wednesday** from 3:10 – 4:10 pm and is compulsory for Years 7 and 8.

Choosing an enrichment

- There are many different types of activities that you can get involved, whether you a sporty person, or like performing arts there are many different activities to choose
- We ask students to complete a form which allows them to choose their top three activities for each day.
- **We will do our best to ensure you have your first option as many times as we can, but this is not always possible, so it is important to select 3 enrichments that you are happy to be involved in.**
- Please do not select the same enrichment for your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice.
- If students struggle to complete all their homework, there is an opportunity to use one of their sessions to complete their homework.

Tips for choosing your enrichment sessions

| Do | Don't |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Try something new! This is your opportunity to do something you've never done before.- Develop something you are already good at – not everything has to be new!- Try for a mix of enrichments e.g. sports, arts, academic etc.- Read through this booklet <i>carefully</i> so you know what the enrichments are about | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Only do things because your friends are doing them. Choosing a session to be with your friends is fine, but you will make new friends so be brave and do a session because you want to do it, even if your friends don't.- Don't choose something you are not going to be happy getting involved in |
| <p>The enrichment allocated will be timetabled for Terms 1 and 2 (until the end of December).</p> <p>Students do not normally change their activities once allocated unless there is a specific reason agreed by the Pastoral Team and Enrichment Co-ordinator.</p> | |

Art & Design

Creative Fun

Mrs Darko



Do you love being creative and experimenting with colour? Create eye catching pieces using patterns colours and design

Mathematical Art and Origami

Mrs MacLaughlin

Use maths to create 2D art and 3D structures. We will look at mandala and string art, build 3D polygons using the art of paper folding as well as discovering the beauty behind the golden ratio. Students will master tessellations and construct protractor & compass art. By the end of term, students will create their own maths classroom display to showcase their talents as well as take pieces home

Computing

Coding Club

Mr Eveleigh

Have fun exploring block based and text based programming



Music

GWA Band

Swindon Music Service

Make beautiful music together in the GWA Band! Bring your instrument and learn music together.



Games

Chess

Mr Miah



Chess is life in miniature. Chess is struggle, chess is battles.' – G Kasparov.

Take time to master this ancient game !

Puzzles, Cryptics, and Card Games

Mr Spencer



Do you fancy learning how to play a new card game? Or maybe you want to learn how to do Sudoku, a cryptic crossword, or something even stranger. Come along as we tackle a new type of game or puzzle each week!



Warhammer





Mr Phillis




A haven for collecting, creating and combating miniature armies and characters with and against staff and students! Explore facets of lore and modelling tips and tricks to develop your patience, interpersonal skills, tactics and maths!






Tuesday

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| Languages | Foreign Language Games Mrs Barron Have fun playing board games whilst learning French and Spanish!  | Duo Lingo Miss Cohen and Mrs Silva  Duolingo Club! Learn the language of your choice on Duolingo! This could be German, Italian, Greek, or any of the other 43 options! You will use your Enrichment time to learn this language on the app. We will also play language games, complete Blookets and other fun activities! |
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| Sports | Basketball (Boys)  Max 35 students | Rugby (Boys)  Max 60 students | Football (Girls)  Max 35 students | Netball (Girls)  Max 60 students |
| | Students are required to bring the correct PE kit to every session | | | |



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| Invitation Only | Brick Club SEN Team The aim of Brick club is to develop students problem solving and team work skills through various Lego based challenges.  | |
| | KS3 Maths Intervention Mrs Kaur  Students needing additional support will be invited to attend Maths Intervention | Transition and Wellbeing (Year 7) Miss Weston  We know joining Secondary School can be a bit daunting. In this session, we will focus on making your transition to GWA the best it can be! We will look at wellbeing strategies, as well as learn more about your new school to help you settle into life in secondary as smoothly as possible. |



Wednesday

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| Sports | Football (Boys)  | Badminton (all)  | Skipping (all) Mrs Bekir  Students to bring own skipping ropes. Learning the basics of skipping and develop routines to music |
| | Max 80 students | Max 40 students | Max 15 students |
| | Students are required to bring the correct PE kit to every session | | |

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| Games | Card Games Mrs Bradfield  |
| | Come along to learn and play a range of card games including solitaire, patience, go fish and more. |

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| Science | Science Fair Mr Oliver-Smith  |
| | Come and explore Biology in the widest sense. We will learn about "big Biology" such as climate change and evolution, "small Biology" like microscopic life and genetics, and even applied biology like food science and fitness. No two weeks will be the same! |

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| Art and Design | Design ACE Mr Sanderson  | Artists Around the World Miss Wrona  |
| | Design ACE is a design / craft enrichment where we'll be using desktop based design tools to create some fun creative design products. | Take a look together at different artists from across the world. Studies the works of famous artists such as Picasso, Da Vinci, Kahlo, Dali and many more. |

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| Music | Guitar Swindon Music Service  | Choir Mrs Lawrence and Miss Elwick  |
| | Can you play the guitar or have you always wanted to learn. This is your opportunity to play this lovely woodwind instrument This is primarily for Year 8 students who have already selected this with Mrs Hodges | Come along and sing with a group, making beautiful melodies and harmonies together. |

Wednesday

Our World

Space & Astronomy Club

Mr Raval



Every week we'll pick a different topic to explore, such as the latest planet imagery and video's; what are stars made of? Space travel - will there be tourist trips to Mars in our lifetime? We'll also look at what's making the news this week - what has NASA been up to. I'll present some of the beautiful images taken by our local astronomy group right here in Swindon.

Tadpole Tidy up

Ms Hall



This is your opportunity to make a difference to the Tadpole community, whilst having the chance to go on a walk around the village during enrichment. Equipment will be provided, but you will need coats as it gets cooler and parent/carer permission will need to be given for you to leave school site

Popular Culture

Film Club

Miss Booth



Bring your popcorn, sit back and watch some films! Write a review of each film as if you were a film critic

Pokémon Club

Mrs Harris



Calling all Pokémon fans! Come to Pokémon Club where you can join fellow fans in all things Pokémon. Battle your opponents, have discussions about the best and rarest Pokémon, craft your own Pokémon characters and kick back and watch some Pokémon episodes.

Writing Raps

Mr Oyo



If you are interested in poetry and or Hip Hop music, this enrichment offers a unique English based project teaching you how to write, structure and perform Rap.

Disney Club

Miss Rees



Watch the latest Disney movies and learn about the characters

Invitation Only

KS3 Homework Intervention

SEN Team



This Homework Session is separate to homework club and will be run for an invited group of students to be able to complete homework in a more structured environment.

Homework Club

Homework Club. There is the opportunity for you to select to do your homework on either a Tuesday or Wednesday. Please be aware that this is for you to complete work independently and should generally be silent. **You should only choose this if you cannot cope with your homework at home.**

On occasions this could be within a large group of people across multiple year groups and is dependent upon the number of staff available to run groups on a particular day.

Students can only select Homework Club on for one day. **Be prepared – think about what you want to complete before you go and bring your books / laptop with you.... If you finish all your work, remember to have your reading book with you.**

Whilst there is no formal enrichment on a Thursday, students can stay until 4:10pm to carry out their homework. This is available to any year group and attendance will be dependent on the space available and students would not be expected to stay every week.

Sports Clubs

We know that many sports clubs run in enrichment are very popular and many students want to choose them. For this term, if sports are particularly popular, we will be considering swapping students at half term, so more students get the opportunity to be involved.

In this situation, we will also be looking at the second choice made as well in order to ensure that students get a choice they want.

It is very important that students always bring their PE kit for sports enrichment

GWA School Show

After the success of Guys and Dolls this year, the show in March 2026 will be Legally Blonde.

Rehearsals will take place on Thursdays from 3:10pm.
Auditions will be the first week of term.

For further information, please see Mrs Hodges

Next years school show at

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**LEGALLY
BLONDE**



YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT

The Musical.

**Don't audition if
you can't
commit**

**AUDITIONS
FIRST
WEEK IN
SEPT 25**

**THURSDAY
REHEARSALS**

SHOW DATES 24th, 25th & 26th March 2026