

Enrichment options Block 3 - 2023-24

If you have any questions regarding this information, please email Miss Mathis (enrichment@gwacademy.co.uk)



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!

Years 7 – 9	Enrichment is compulsory for Years 7 – 9. They will choose enrichment for the Spring Terms from the options on offer.
Year 10	Year 10 students won't normally be involved in enrichment, however they may be involved in the show or core subject intervention or volunteering with KS3 enrichments.
Year 11	Year 11 students won't normally be involved in enrichment. They may be involved in GCSE intervention sessions otherwise they will carry out independent study

- We will do our best to ensure you have your first option as many times as we can, but this is not always possible.
- You will be asked to make 3 options per day, ranked in order. It is extremely important that you consider your second and third choices in the same way you do your first choice.
- Please do not select the same enrichment for your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice.
- Students are also advised to only choose one day for self study

Unless there is a specific reason why you need to change enrichments, there will be no swapping once groups have been allocated.

Any requests for change must need to be agreed by enrichment leaders or the pastoral team

Tips for choosing your enrichment sessions

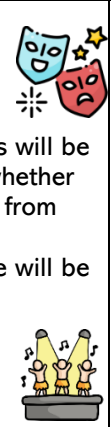











Do:

- 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.
- Consider choosing a Self-Study session one day a week. This is a great opportunity to complete homework with the support of teachers available.
- Read through this booklet *carefully* so you know what the enrichments are about





Don't:



- 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.
- Choose all self-study sessions, you will miss out on the exciting enrichments and opportunities they bring!




Tuesday




Performing Arts	House Performing Arts Mrs Hodges, Mrs Hutchings, Mrs Dragutu			Brass Instrumental An enrichment run by Swindon Music Service. Your opportunity to play a brass instrument. No charge
	 House Performing Arts is back for the third year. This year it will be taking the format of a variety show. Music, Drama and Dance performances will be welcome. You will spend the time in enrichment working on your piece - whether this be in small groups, individual or a larger group - you will get feedback from your peers and teachers before taking it to a paying audience. During the evening performance there will be judges who will mark your piece. All marks for each house will be added together to find this year's winning HOUSE PERFORMING ARTS! If you are interested but don't want to be on stage you can come along and direct/choreograph or lead the tech team. All participating students will receive ACE points for their contributions			
Art and DT	Clay Workshop (Year 7) Mrs Watts	Bonkers Drawing Mr Cowling	Oven Champion (Year 7) Mrs Darko	
	Learn how to use clay to create a clay slab pot.  Max 15 students Please note this is a paid enrichment. Students are asked to contribute £3 to the cost of materials	Do you have a wild, bonkers, imagination? Do you think you can bring your drawings to life? A self-led drawing session where you draw from your mind to create, creatures, portraits, beasts and more! 	Baking a variety of quick recipes to gain more confidence in the kitchen  Max 15 students Please note students will be required to bring in ingredients each week.	
Media & Popular Culture	Adventures in Time and Space Mr Spencer	All things Disney Miss Rees	Pokémon Club Mrs S Harris	
	 A trip through the universe via science fiction. We look at films, books, music, and games all around exploring the unknown. There may be chance to make something of your own!	 Spend an hour immersed in all things Disney, fun with films, music, activities and quizzes	 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.	
Sports	Girls' Rounders Mrs Alabidi Mrs Harmer	Girls' Tennis Mrs Harding-Selman	Web Design and Java Script Mr Eveleigh Explore the language of the web with HTML, CSS and JavaScript 	
	 Max 65 students	 Max 24 students		
History	Horrible Histories Ms Wallace		Duke of Edinburgh Mrs Lynam and Mr Barrington-Wilding	
	Do you love horrible histories? then this is the enrichment for you! enjoy the episodes whilst completing various history themed crafts/colouring! 		Students already participating in Duke of Edinburgh in Year 9 will continue to do so	




Wednesday

Sports	Athletics Mr Townsend Mr Moreira  Max 50 students	Boys' Tennis (Year 7) Mr Simpson  Max 24 students	Girls' Fitness Mrs Rodway  Max 25 students	Frisbee Mr Smith  Max 30 students
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Performing Arts	Dance Company Mrs Dragutu  Train with other dancers who are motivated, creative and passionate about dance, with the aim to choreograph and perform in assemblies, school events and competitions	Drama Company Miss Stevens  Enjoy acting? KS3 Drama Company is for those who enjoy their Drama lessons, and wish to work on their performance skills. We will explore of mixture of devised and scripted work. Please only join if you are happy to perform in front of others.
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Wellbeing	Mindfulness / Relaxation Mrs Hyde  We look at a number of ways to achieve a calm relaxing environment, this will include colouring, relaxation techniques, Mindfulness management.	Young Carers Mrs Lloyd  A supportive group for our young carers. Come and meet other Young Carers; have a natter, look at support available at school, shape what Young Carers looks like at GWA, Invite only	Science	History of Science Miss Clarke  Students will be able to experience science through history. There will be experiments that were invented by the Greeks, the Italians, the Romans, etc.
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Media & Popular Culture	Minecraft Mrs Ellis  If you are a seasoned pro or a Minecraft novice, come and see what it is all about	The T S Eras Enrichment Mr Weston  Are you Ready For It? Join Mr Weston to explore each of Taylor Swifts' 11 Era's - each week will focus on a different album where we will analyse her music videos, song lyrics and pivotal moments in her career to gain a deeper understanding of her global success.	Classic Film Review Mr Oyo  A film review club where we watch great films from the last 30 years and write reviews about our favourite.
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Miscellaneous	Quiz Club Mr Miah  Boost your general knowledge (Art & Literature, Film & TV, Geography, History, Science, Sport, etc), complete quizzes of your own choice and/or design your own quiz.	Public Speaking and Debate Club Miss Fisher  Do you want to make your voice heard? Come to Public Speaking and Debate Club to discuss some of the most relevant topics and challenge the norm. You can also learn to recite monologues, quote Shakespeare, and compete on a national stage!	Draw your family tree Miss Mathis  Learn how to construct and draw your family tree by hand and using your PC.
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Thursday

Games	Table Top Club Dr Bamford  Tabletop Games Club offers an range of board games, card games, dungeons & dragons and more table top games! All welcome whether you're a seasoned player or new to tabletop games. Come to meet fellow gamers, make friends, and have a blast in a safe and inclusive environment.		Chess Miss Giles  'Chess is life in miniature. Chess is struggle, chess is battles.' – G Kasparov. Take time to master this ancient game – are you brave enough to take on Miss Giles and win!		Dungeons and Dragons Mr Friend  Delve into the fantastic world of Dungeons and Dragons. Roleplay creativity and imagination required.	
	Sports	Boys' Tennis (Years 8 and 9) Mr Clarke (max 24) 	Boys' Football (Years 7) Mr Townsend and Mr Simpson (max 60) 	Girls' Cheerleading Mrs Harmer Students participating in Cheerleading in Term 2 will continue 		Jog on Girls! Mrs Chapman  If you want to start running but not sure where or how, this is the enrichment for you. We're going to learn together, start slow and build up.. Max 20
Skills		British Sign Language Mr Chick  An introduction to British Sign Language. All students can participate with the option to pay for certification at the end of the course			Orchestra / Band Mrs Shannon  If you play an instrument, come along and join GWA Orchestra/Band. You will get the chance to play in our Christmas concert, school show, trips and other school events! Compulsory for those in the Modulo Programme	
	Creative	Creative Journalling Mrs Bradfield  Creative journaling is a mix of written words and art, all in one place. Come along and create doodles, diary entries, trackers, poem collections, new ideas in your journal		Origami Miss Williams  The ancient Japanese art of folding paper - from the traditional to the weird and wonderful, come and try your hand at creating some marvellous shapes!		Creative Writing Miss Biddles  Create heroes, villains, plots and worlds to explore, expand your imagination and write the stories you want to read about!
Computing & Maths		Maths Puzzles and Games Mr Raval  Develop your mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems and to inspire a love of problem solving		Robotics with Micro:bits Mr Wells  Develop your skills with coding and our micro:bit robots. We will setup and explore the micro:bits robots and code algorithms to control them. Only available from June (Term 6)		History Tudor History Club Miss Ward  Do you love the Tudors? How many wives did Henry the 8th have?! What was a Tudor home really like? If you love the Tudors then this club is for you. Each week we will pick an activity, colouring, documentary, build your own Tudor home, and all sorts of other crafts.!.
	Miscellaneous	British Comedy Club Mr Wheatley  A chance to study British comedy archetypes, what makes audiences laugh and watch some of Britain's most loved sitcoms.		Cloud Appreciation Ms Hall  for people who love the sky Welcome, artists, scientists, cloudspotters and dreamers. You've come to the right place! This is your chance to focus in and really learn more about the sky. We shall have sessions that incorporated the science behind nephology (study of the clouds) and mindfulness aspects to allow for creativity. Equipment needed: You may feel most comfortable in these sessions, if each week you bring a blanket and sunglasses		

Additional Information

Self Study. There is the opportunity to select self study for a particular day. Please be aware that this is for you to complete work independently and should generally be silent. 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 cannot specifically request to be with a specific teacher or group. Students should only select self study 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.**

Sports Clubs. Including, Tennis, Football, Rounders, Athletics, Frisbee, Girls Fitness and Jog on Girls!, You **must** bring your PE kit every week. Sports clubs have been very popular and it is not always possible to allocate a space to everyone. If a group is very popular, it may be necessary to split these sessions and allocate different students before and after half term.

Tuesday – Girls' Rounders (Max 65 students), Girls' Tennis (Max 24 students)

Wednesday –Athletics (Max 60 students), Girls' Fitness, (max 24 students) Frisbee (max 30 students and Boys Tennis (Yr 7) (max 24 students)

Thursday – Boys Tennis (Year 8 and 9) (Max 24 students), Boys' Football (Year 7) (Max 60), Jog on Girls! (Max 20 students). Cheerleading – existing students only

British Sign Language

All students can participate in this course. There is an optional paid element at the end of the course to obtain your certificate.

Clay Workshop (Year 7)

This is a paid workshop. Students will be asked to pay £3 to cover the cost of materials

Oven Champion (Year 7 only)

Students will need to bring their own ingredients. Recipes will be shared on the Class Team

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award (Year 9)

Students who have signed up to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award will already be aware of his

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This is an environment for those who need more support in self study (invite only)

GWA Orchestra / Band

This is compulsory for anyone involved in the Modulo Programme.

A small number of students may be asked, in January, to be involved in the School Show Band. If this is the case they will be asked to rehearse until 5pm and contact will be made home to confirm this

Young Carers

Students who are young carers can attend this group. (Invite only)