

Enrichment options

April – July 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.
- 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



Tips for choosing your enrichment sessions


Do	Don't
<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 3 and 4 (until the end of March). 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>	

Tuesday

Art DT	<p>Fantasy Maps Miss Druce</p> <p>This enrichment offers students the chance to design and create their own fantasy maps.</p> <p> Either for existing worlds or creating your own</p>	<p>Creative Fun Mrs Darko</p> <p></p> <p>Experiment with pencil sketches, colouring pencils, watercolour and collages to complete different projects each week</p>	<p>Squashed Sweets Art Club Miss Weston</p> <p>Come and learn how to draw some iconic packaging and create a collage inspired by a local artist, before designing your own chocolate bar and packaging</p> <p></p>
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Sports	<p>Athletics Miss Killick, Miss Larcombe, Mr Townsend</p> <p></p>	<p>Ultimate Frisbee Mr Smith</p> <p></p>	<p>Mulitsports Miss Scott</p> <p></p>	<p>Tennis (Boys) Mr Simpson, Mr Moreira</p> <p></p>
	Max 80 students	Max 30 students	Max 30 students	Max 40 students
	Students are required to bring the correct PE kit to every session			

Pop Culture	<p>Adventures in Time and Space Mr Spencer</p> <p></p> <p>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!</p>	<p>Pokémon Club Mrs S Harris</p> <p></p> <p>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.</p>
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Games	<p>Chess Mr Wheatley</p> <p></p> <p>‘Chess is life in miniature. Chess is struggle, chess is battles.’ – G Kasparov.</p> <p>Take time to master this ancient game – are you brave enough to take on Mr Wheatley and win!</p>	<p>Table top Games Mr Phillis</p> <p></p> <p>A open selection of easy-going board games. Make new friends and meet other students from across the school over a myriad of games, puzzles and tabletop adventures. Bring your own board to show us new games and try your hand at others', the sky is the limit, and you can't be bored with a board!</p>
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Tuesday

Music

Clarinet

Swindon Music Service



Can you play the clarinet or have you always wanted to learn. This is your opportunity to play this lovely woodwind instrument

Max 10 students. You may have already indicated that you want to do this

Orchestra

Mrs Shannon

Do you love playing your musical instrument? Join together with others to perform arrangements of popular tunes.

You must be able to play a musical instrument for this enrichment



History

Mysteries in History

Mr Ashby



Are you interested in cases and happenings that historians and contemporaries struggled to find answers for? Then this choice may be for you! We'll look through sources and videos to try and find answers to mysteries such as; The Princes in the Tower, Jack the Ripper, Titanic and many more! We'll also delve into interesting histories of Swindon and the local area

History Colouring

Miss Ward

A calm space to enjoy colouring historical inventions, famous figures and places. Find out something new. A relaxing space to be creative and enjoy the historical world!



Invitation Only

Nurture

SEN Team

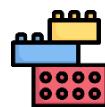
Nurture Homework Sessions run for an invited group of students to be able to complete homework or other activities in a more structured environment.



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

Miss Booth

Some students needing additional support will be invited to attend Maths Intervention



Languages





Duo Lingo



Miss Cohen / Mrs Barron








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!

Wednesday

Sports and	Football (Boys) Mr Townsend, Mr Moreira 	Tennis (Girls) Miss Killick, Miss Larcombe 	Running Club Mrs Chapman 	Striking and Fielding Miss Scott, Ms Hall, Mr Simpson 
	Max 60 students	Max 40 students	Max 30 students	Max 60 students
	Students are required to bring the correct PE kit to every session			

English	Writing Raps Mr Oyo 	GWA Bookworms Mrs Bradfield 
	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.	Do you love reading? Join Mrs Bradfield every Wednesday to read a book of your choosing, discuss books with other students and do bookish activities like quizzes, word searches and colouring in. See you there Book Worms!

Art	Origami Mrs Kaur 	Creative Colouring Mrs Giles 	Mandala Art Mrs Bekir 
	Turn a simple piece of paper into a masterpiece. Relax, focus and have fun with the art of origami. Learn to fold beautiful designs- from animals to flowers and beyond! No experience needed- just bring your creativity.	You will learn how to colour in intricate pictures. We will use an on line tutorial and then at you own speed, work on your chosen drawing. There will be a selection of colouring equipment to use to help bring your picture to life. You may wish to mount and laminate your picture too.	Do you have a creative mind and want to express this through the art of Mandala Patterns? Mandala Patterns; whether creating them or colouring pre made ones help focus and calm your mind. They help destress after a long day!

Science	Science Club Miss Clarke 	Space & Astronomy Club Mr Raval 
	Are you interested in building a battery out of a lemon or exploring science through experiments? We'll be conducting experiments from TikTok Science Sensation Big Manny's book "Science is Lit - Crazy Chemistry & Epic Experiments".	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.

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Games

Chess
Mr Miah



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Dungeons and Dragons
Mr Friend

Dungeons & Dragons takes you and your friends on epic journeys. Become characters you create, battle deadly foes, uncover secrets, find treasure, and make memories that last a lifetime.



Wellbeing

Wellbeing
Mr Axon



Explore various ways that help us all to focus on ourselves rather than the stresses and strains of the world around us, and the release some of that negative energy through mindfulness techniques

Popular Culture

Disney Club
Miss Rees

Learn things you never knew about your favourite Disney movies and characters!



French

Café Français
Mr Evans



Want to practise your spoken French and speak like a native? Want to sample French slang/ tongue twisters and music? Then this and more is what Mr Evans has planned. There may also be some French food to sample from time to time in the Café français enrichment

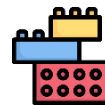
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Young Carers
Mrs Hedges

A safe space for students who are young carers to share experiences and gain support



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.

ADERIN PEAKE SHARMAN

GWA
HOUSE
PERFORMING
ARTS

A MEDLEY OF TALENT

EACH HOUSE NEEDS TO PRODUCE A 15 MINUTE ACT FILLED WITH A VARIETY OF TALENT FROM THEIR HOUSE--ALL YEAR GROUPS TO GET INVOLVED- SIGN UP FOR HPA ENRICHMENT ON THURSDAY.

A SHOWCASE OF ALL PERFORMING TALENTS