

Enrichment options

Block 2 - 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

GWA Musical "Annie" Mrs Hutchings, Mrs Dragutu, Miss Stevens, Mrs Hodges

Everyone is invited to come and perform in the school show. You will have the opportunity to sing, dance and act on stage. Auditions will take place for named parts in the first week back - details of audition pieces will be available around the school.



Students who have been involved in the show this term will continue this enrichment

In addition students who have been selected to be involved in Production and Behind the Scenes will be allocated

Ancient History

Miss Biddles

What have the Romans ever done for us? Why did the Egyptians write in hieroglyphics? Which Greek God is the best? Join us, as we take a trip into the past and learn what makes us who we are and why we are the way we are!



Basketball (Girls only)

Mrs Penberthy

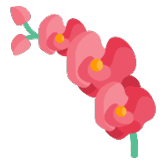


Maximum 35 students

Botanical Beauties

Mrs Watts

A series of observational drawings & workshops based around plants, flowers & botanicals.



Brass Instrumental

Swindon Music Services

Fancy learning a brass instrument? – Dare to fanfare and sound the trumpet!

Maximum 10 students



David Attenborough Club Miss Bracey



Broaden your knowledge of the world around us and relax while watching some top David Attenborough episodes

Duke of Edinburgh Award Mrs Lynam and Mr Barrington-Wilding (Year 9)

Students who have already signed up to participate in the Bronze award will participate.



Embroidery Club Mrs Wallace

Do you enjoy sewing fun patterns with colourful thread? do you want to get better at it? join this club for- you guessed it- fun



Football (Girls only)

Mrs Harmer

Maximum 45 students



Imaginative Drawing Mr Cowling

Do you have a wonderful imagination? Could you bring it to life through drawing/ painting and creating? Come and join us, where we will draw from imagination to create mythical beasts, crazy cartoons and much more



Outdoor Adventurous Activities

Mrs Harding-Selman

A range of outdoor adventurous type activities...Capture the Flag, Teambuilding games, Orienteering etc. Come along and get creative, solving problems and getting some fresh air!

Maximum 25 students

Read all about it!

Mrs Harris

Want to know more about what's going on in the world? Interested in journalism? If so, come along to Read All About It! where we will take a look at some of the biggest stories in the news from around the world, take part in discussions and debates and learn how recognise trusted and balanced sources of news.



Science Club

Miss Earlam

Undertake science practicals and what demos, and learn the science behind them

Maximum 15 students



Yoga

Miss Hall

End the day with some yoga exercise. Fantastic for strength and relaxation














Maximum 15 students



















Other Activities

Self Study
Nurture (invite only)
Italian

Wednesday

Badminton (Boys only) Mr Moreira / Mrs Alabidi		Classic Film Review Club Mr Oyo A film review club where we watch great films from the last 30 years and write reviews about our favourite.	
Maximum 25 Students			
Dance Company Mrs Dragutu		Football (Boys only) Mr Townsend, Mr Simpson,	
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		Maximum 65 students	
Game Design Mr Anley / Mr Phillips			
What if there was a special type of videogame that you were allowed to play instead of reading a printed book? A game not just with text, but with actors reading the parts, creepy animations, fun puzzles, and even an immersive, first-person survival challenge. Work with industry professionals such as authors, graphic artists and computer coders to design and create an alternative reading experience that will help to inspire a widespread love of reading Maximum 6 students			
History of Science Miss Clarke		Travel back in time to experience the history of time. We will look at Greek philosophers to alchemists to modern day scientists to see how science has shaped our understanding of the world.	
Humanities Documentaries (Yr 8/9) Mr Withers / Mr Weston			
Add extra detail to topics you've been learning in humanities by studying a range of documentaries (not films!) on the subjects you've studied so far this year or will go on to study. All documentaries are rated PG please keep this in mind when selecting.			
Karaoke Mrs Hawkins		Fancy yourself as the next Ariana Grande, Adele or Stormzy? Grab the mic and show us your sparkle! Maximum 20 students	
Minecraft Mrs Ellis If you are a seasoned pro or a Minecraft novice, come and see what it is all about		Multisports Mr Smith	
		A variety of sporting games and activities, varied each week	
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.			
Young Carers Mrs Lloyd Come and meet other Young Carers; have a natter, look at support available at school, shape what Young Carers looks like at GWA.		Other Activities Parliament (Parliament Members will be excused from their enrichment each week) Self Study Nurture (Invite only) Polish	
			

Thursday

Adventures in Time and Space Mr Spencer  <p>Come and explore the history of the most imaginative, most exciting, and most incredible genre of media to ever have exist. There will be space, aliens, time travel, and the impossible come to life!</p>		Basketball (Boys only) Mr Townsend  <p>Basketball skill drills, scrimmages and competitions for boys. Maximum 35 students</p>
British Sign Language Mr Chick  <p>An introduction to British Sign Language. All students can participate with the option to pay for certification at the end of the course</p>	Cake Decorating – Year 9 Mrs Darko  <p>Explore the 6 stages of cake decorating. Students will make and decorate a fruit cake Students will need to bring their own ingredients and supplies (list provided before group)</p>	Cheerleading (Girls) Mrs Harmer  <p>Maximum 25 students</p>
Comedy Club Mr Wheatley  <p>An exploration of some the great comedic archetypes that have blessed TV and what makes them so endearing and entertaining to its audience. We look at the Wisecracker, the Dork, the Goofball and many more across some of the best loved sitcoms such as Fawlty Towers, Blackadder and Friends.</p>	Digital Graphics Mr Wells  <p>Welcome to the delightful world of brand design, where we'll help you create a brand as refreshing as a tropical smoothie! Our course takes you on a laid-back exploration of colour theory, unravelling the secrets of how different shades can evoke emotions and shape the essence of your brand. No need to stress over complex tools – we'll guide you through using Photoshop to craft a logo that's as vibrant and inviting as the flavours in your favourite smoothie shop. This isn't just about pixels; it's about capturing the essence of your smoothie haven. Picture building your brand on Smoothie Day during Successful Lives Day – a perfect blend of creativity and practical skills, leaving a lasting and delightful impression. Your future smoothie shop brand is just a course away – let's make it a delicious reality!</p>	
 Disney Musicals Mrs Bradfield <p>Do you love a love a Disney musical? Are you looking forward to the release of Descendants 4? Come along and enjoy some catchy songs and cheesy dance moves!</p>	Dungeons and Dragons Mr Friend  <p>Delve into the fantastic world of Dungeons and Dragons. Roleplay creativity and imagination required..</p>	Friends Mrs Chapman  <p>Share your love for Monica, Rachel, Phoebe, Ross, Joey and Chandler- we'll watch some classics, recreate our own scenes and discuss some of the key storylines as well as make our own merchandise!</p>
Introduction to GCSE Textiles (Year 9) Miss Wrona  <p>Thinking about taking GCSE textiles next year. Sign up to learn the basics on how to use a sewing machine Maximum 12 students</p>	Jigsaw Puzzle Club Mrs Townsend  <p>Step away from school work and digital interactions; jigsaw puzzles provide a relaxing yet challenging offline activity that promotes problem solving, team work and interactivity. For puzzlers of all abilities!</p>	
Orchestra / GWA Band Mrs Shannon <p>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</p>		 Tag Rugby Mr Simpson  <p>Maximum 30 students</p>
Tabletop Games Dr Bamford  <p>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.</p>	UK Maths Trust Junior Challenge Mr Raval <p>Take part in a regional competition (April), where you have the opportunity to represent GWA. The Mathematical Challenges are the UK's most popular school mathematics competition.</p> <p>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.</p> 	

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 Football, Badminton, Basketball, Cheerleading, Tag Rugby, Multisports and Yoga, 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 – Basketball (Girls) – maximum 35, Football (Girls) – maximum 45, Outdoor Adventurous Activities – maximum 25. Yoga – maximum 15

Wednesday – Football (Boys) – maximum 65, Badminton (Boys) – maximum 25, Multisports – maximum 25

Thursday – Basketball (Boys) – maximum 30, Cheerleading (Girls) – maximum 25, Tag Rugby (Boys) – maximum 30

GWA Show – “Annie”

Students who select this enrichment are committing to attend this enrichment until the show performance. This will require staying after the school day to 5pm. Auditions for the main parts will be held in the first week of term.

All students who have participated in the show in the Autumn term will continue this term, unless otherwise advised.

Students who have been selected to be part of the Production team have already been notified.

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.

Cake Decoration (Year 9 Only)

Students will need to bring their own ingredients and supplies. They will keep their fruit cakes in school until the end of the course.

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

Nurture

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.