

**Enrichment options
January - March 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 and DT	Drawing Club Mrs Inscoc 	Zen Drawing Miss Druce
	Develop your skills in observational drawing from both primary and secondary sources. You will study a number of artists and their drawing style, produce a contextual research page to extend your knowledge of the artist, then produce drawings using a range of different media.	Take part in art activities designed to be relaxing and development mindfulness techniques. 

Sports	Multisport (Boys) 	Rugby (Girls) 	Football (Girls) 	Trampolining (All) 
	Max 35 students	Max 30 students	Max 60 students	Max 30 students
	Students are required to bring the correct PE kit to every session			

Pop Culture	Adventures in Time and Space Mr Spencer 	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!	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.

Care	Kindness Club Miss Weston 	Tadpole Tidy up Ms Hall 
	Come along to Kindness Club, where we will complete a range of activities and crafts to spread some kindness to other students and staff in GWA, as well as Tadpole and the wider community.	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

English	Creative Writing Ms Hegarty 	Debate Club Mrs Chetty 
	Create heroes, villains, plots and worlds to explore, expand your imagination and write the stories you want to read about!	Do you like a good discussion? Can you think on your feet? ... Or would you like to learn? If so, then this club is for you. You will learn lots of skills, including how to read a person's body language and how to be really persuasive.

Tuesday

Games

Chess
Mr Wheatley



'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 Mr Wheatley and win!

Computing

Coding Club
Mr Eveleigh



Get creative and explore text based and block based programming

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

Languages

Duo Lingo
Miss Cohen



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!

STEM

STEM Club
Mrs Kumari



Each session will consider topics such as space exploration, renewable energy, robotics, or ecosystems. By watching videos, discussion students will work to create vibrant and informative posters. They will combine drawings, diagrams, and concise text to illustrate real-world STEM applications, breakthroughs, or solutions to global challenges. For example, a poster on renewable energy might feature wind turbines and solar panels with facts about their benefits.

This activity will be beneficial for the students to think critically, synthesize information, and present it creatively. By the end of the session, students will share their posters with the group, fostering collaboration, communication, and an appreciation for STEM's impact on the world. It's a fun and enriching way to inspire future innovators!

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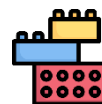
Nurture
SEN Team

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

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KS3 Maths Intervention
Miss Booth



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





Wednesday

Sports and Dance	Dance Company Mrs Dragutu 	Zumba / Latin dance Mrs Barron 	
	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	Learn about the Latin culture whilst participating in this Zumba and Latin dance class	
	Football (Boys) 	Racquet sports (all) 	Multisports (Girls) 
	Max 60 students	Max 30 students	Max 35 students
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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!

Humanities	P&R Film Club Mrs Bekir 	Tudor History Club Miss Ward / Mrs Kaur 
	Have you ever watched a movie and think there's more to it than you first realised?! For example The Polar Express has links and hidden messages about the Holy Trinity! And the Lorax has references to Jesus' guidance! If you fancy watching films and discussing what hidden messages could be found! Then come along to the P&R film club. Ask Mrs Bekir about which films you may watch	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!

Science	Science and Sustainability Miss Clarke 	Space & Astronomy Club Mr Raval 
	Are you interested in finding out how the world could be more sustainable? We'll be growing our own crops, finding solutions for agriculture and becoming experts in the field of sustainability.	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.

Mindfulness

The Peaceful Place

Ms Bergstrom



Welcome to The Peaceful Place—your perfect retreat to unwind after a busy school day! This is your space to relax, recharge, and discover peace. In The Peaceful Place, we'll explore calming activities like mindful colouring, journaling, guided meditations, chair yoga, and listening to soothing music. You'll find simple ways to stay calm and centred, no matter what your day has been like. We might also come together for a chat to reflect on our day, or try some gratitude journaling where we take a moment to write down things we're thankful for. If you're in the mood for something creative, we can make vision boards or even plant seeds and watch them grow—just like how we nurture our own peace and well-being. Planting and caring for these little green sprouts gives us a chance to connect with nature, find stillness, and see growth over time. From peaceful walks outside to simply taking a pause and breathing deeply, every session is about finding your calm, getting creative, and being present in the moment. No pressure—just good vibes and a little self-care. Ready to take a break and find your zen?

Creativity

Graphic Design - Photoshop

Mr Wells



Learn the basics of branding and logo design in this practical course. You'll research branding trends, define a new brand identity, and create a custom logo using Adobe Photoshop.

How to analyse target audiences and branding trends. Learn techniques to design a clear, effective logo. Essential Photoshop skills for logo creation. By the end of the course, you'll have a finished logo ready for use. Perfect for beginners and those looking to sharpen their design skills.

Creative Colouring

Ms Giles



You will learn how to colour in intricate pictures. We will use an on line tutorial and then at your 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.

Games

Chess

Mr Miah



'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 Mr Miah and win!

Languages

British Sign Language

Mr Evans



Learn an important skill – how to communicate through sign language. Mr Evans has taken on this important enrichment to teach you the basics of British Sign Language

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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.