

Enrichment- Aims/Intent

This unique programme offers the opportunity of a wealth of diverse and engaging enrichment activities to our students at every stage of their education. It extends students' knowledge and expands skills as well as giving them the opportunity to flourish as individuals. From academic activities, to sport and arts clubs, our enrichment activities promote problem-solving, teamwork and a commitment to learning and self-improvement.

We plan activities and experiences to allow our students to develop their passions and individual talents across a range of areas.

The aims in Enrichment are that students will be taught:

1. To widen students' intellectual experiences through various stimulating activities.
2. To improve independent learning skills in the wider curriculum.
3. "To light a fire" within students and develop new interests.
4. To work with students from other year/form groups with coaching and support from our sixth form.
5. To offer them the opportunity to study a variety of options of their choice in something they would not have had a chance to study otherwise.
6. To develop collaboration and teambuilding skills.
7. To build students' character development.
8. To develop an opportunity to be involved in a new experience outside of the classroom.

How cultural capital is enhanced through Enrichment:

Personal Development

Enrichment develops confidence and teamwork through discussions, collaborative work with other students from form groups and year 12. Learning new skills outside of the taught curriculum. Developing resilience, responsibility and strategies to make teams and work in teams.

Social Development

Political, social, historical and current affairs awareness through a selection of some of the activities on offer. Enrichment helps students to go beyond their academic pursuits and the normal requirements of their life.

Physical Development

Developing students' sense of identity through some of the activities. Reflecting in their work through self-evaluation and assessment. Enrichment provides opportunities for socializing, increased concentration and improved self-esteem.

Spiritual Development

Through debating 'the big questions' enrichment activity. The activities help in development of students by focusing on their personal insight, values, meanings and purpose. Students develop a zest for life and the courage and ability to persevere, overcoming any inner resistance and vacillation when approaching obstacles.

Cultural Development

Enrichment helps to support students to understand, feel comfortable with, value and appreciate potential cultural diversity. They are encouraged to challenge discrimination, whether based on cultural or racial difference. Enrichment allows students to experience cultural traditions embedded in arts, crafts, language, literature, theatre, song, music, dance, sport, science, technology and travel. Students develop an appreciation of beauty both in experiencing artistic expression and by exploring their own creative powers.

Moral Development

Enrichment involves supporting students to make considered choices around their behaviour and the values that provide a framework for how they choose to live. They also learn about society's values, how they are derived and change; and how disagreements are resolved.

Implementation

The Programme for 2021/22

The bespoke Enrichment programme is for all Year 7, and 12 students and is for 45 minutes a week on an extended school day; this allows students to learn different skills outside of the classroom. Throughout the academic year students choose six activities ranging from making textural sculptures to henna painting. We have a large number of activities to choose from and students are given a flyer that outlines every activity. Students are encouraged to try new activities so they acquire new skills and interests. It also gives individuals a chance to meet students in other form groups and in other year groups.

The Enrichment sessions run after school on Tuesdays until 4.25pm and is compulsory for all Year 7 and Year 12 students. This is an exciting opportunity for your son/daughter to try something new.

This really is a unique aspect of our academy and we are looking forward to welcoming more students in the near future.

Enrichment is a non-assessed part of the curriculum

Impact

The impact of Enrichment activities:

Engagement in fun activities creates a desire to learn, leading to a 'development of engagement in learning', 'Enrichment is increasingly understood as having a potentially significant impact on the intellectual, social and psychological well-being of students.' - Bowdoin USA

Students develop social skills and learn new skills and processes.

Enrichment opportunities-

Henna tattoo, Gardening club, Speakers' corner, Basketball, Tag football, Photography, Science STEM opportunities, Roller blading, Performance workshops, Dance, Musicals, Mindfulness colouring, Arts mark Award, African Drumming, Yoga, Checkmate, Anime, Tag Rugby, Origami, Games Galore, Y7 and 8 Choir and many more.