

Enrichment 2026

Year 7

Enrichment is a vital part of our character education curriculum, and these additional learning opportunities enable pupils to put into practice virtues such as courage, curiosity, and resilience.

Our enrichment programme helps pupils understand the distinctive relationship we have with our University, as well as trying new cultural experiences that expand their understanding of themselves and the world around them.

Pupils rotate between different enrichment activities on a half termly basis. This is so our pupils can experience all the enrichment opportunities we have on offer and benefit from a breadth of experience. Please see details below:

	1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b
My Story - Drama	X1	X2	X3	Y1	Y2	Y3
My Community	X2	X3	Y1	Y2	Y3	X1
My University	X3	Y1	Y2	Y3	X1	X2
My inclusive world - BSL	Y1	Y2	Y3	X1	X2	X3
My Movement - Afrobeats	Y2	Y3	X1	X2	X3	Y1
My Planet	Y3	X1	X2	X3	Y1	Y2

My Story – Drama:

During this enrichment you will be introduced to some of the key skills and techniques used by drama practitioners. Through this development of key skills, we will also be working on developing **virtues** such as; **communication, teamwork, collaboration** and **confidence**.

My Community:

You will develop your knowledge and understanding of civic virtues to help you understand the concept of community. These virtues include **citizenship; civility; community awareness; neighbourliness; service; volunteering** and are the character

traits that are necessary for engaged and responsible citizenship that helps us to contribute to the common good.

My University:

Our school is distinct in that it is part of the University of Birmingham. Yet what is a university? Who works there? What makes the University of Birmingham so sought after? What is it like to be a student? These are some of the questions you will try to answer by meeting people at the University of Birmingham on our visits to campus and by being curious. Then you will produce videos that will help to share what you have found out, developing your **teamwork** and **communication skills**.

My Inclusive world – BSL:

British Sign Language (BSL) is the sign language of the Deaf community in the UK, and almost as old as the English language itself! In this enrichment, you will learn the basics of communication in BSL like how to introduce yourself, spell using the BSL alphabet, ask and answer questions and more. You will also learn about the unique Deaf culture of the UK, and how deaf people communicate and engage with the world around them.

My Planet:

Gain more of an understanding of the importance of our natural world and use civic virtues to explore planet conservation. You will use compassion and empathy when investigating key areas of conservation for example: bees, forests, and endangered animals. You will also get a chance to engage in **public speaking** as you defend and explain why your given animal deserves conservation! You will also have the opportunity to develop **creativity** and **wisdom** as we practice methods of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

My Movement – Afrobeats:

*Afrobeats dance lessons are fun, energetic and inclusive sessions where you will learn a variety of movements and routines inspired by Afrobeats music and African dance styles. The sessions are designed to encourage **confidence, creativity, teamwork and self-expression**, while introducing you to the cultural influences behind Afrobeats. You will learn simple dance sequences in a supportive and enjoyable environment.*

Year 8

Year 8 rotate between different enrichment activities every half term in their college groups.

All pupils will have 5 weeks of swimming lessons instead of partaking in the rotation below with their college at the University of Birmingham Sports and Fitness centre at some point throughout the year. We will be in touch with you separately to let you know when your child will be taking part in swimming and details of the kit.

Activity	Term & College Groups					
	1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b
Knitting	Barber	Winterbourne	Munrow	Muirhead	Lapworth	Bramall
Build a green village	Bramall	Barber	Winterbourne	Munrow	Muirhead	Lapworth
Engineering	Lapworth	Bramall	Barber	Winterbourne	Munrow	Muirhead
Drama with the Rep theatre	Muirhead	Lapworth	Bramall	Barber	Winterbourne	Munrow
Classics for all	Munrow	Muirhead	Lapworth	Bramall	Barber	Winterbourne
The Apprentice	Winterbourne	Munrow	Muirhead	Lapworth	Bramall	Barber

Knitting:

No matter your skill level you will be shown how to cast-on, knit, purl and cast-off, creating a number of projects! Once you have learnt the skill of knitting you will be given the option to learn how to crochet as well. A lot of **resilience** and **patience** is needed for knitting as knitting is a quite intricate skill.

Build a Green Village:

Join our Eco-Village Project, an exciting enrichment activity focused on ambitious designing and building of a sustainable community! This hands-on experience invites you to work **collaboratively** to create a self-sufficient village that integrates eco-friendly practices, renewable energy, and innovative architecture. You will engage in every

aspect of village life—from planning and construction to environmental stewardship, showcasing **creativity, innovation** and **leadership skills**.

Engineering:

Engineers are the innovators, designers, and makers that support our developing world. They are responsible for the safety of superstructures like the Burj Khalifa and their work on transport is a constant battle to prevent a global standstill. This enrichment aims to uncover the world of engineering and give you an opportunity to discover the vast range of roles within it. You will show **curiosity** while researching the different engineering disciplines, **resourcefulness**, and **teamwork** during group construction projects, **confidence** when presenting your work for testing, and **reflection** when you evaluate their success.

The Rep:

A drama session led by an experienced drama practitioner from The Birmingham REP Theatre. Sessions are designed to inspire creativity and introduce you to careers in the arts. This is an opportunity to develop many character virtues including **confidence, self-discipline, communication**, and **teamwork**.

Classics For All:

Welcome to Classics for All! In this enrichment, you will develop your curiosity as you dive into the world of all that is Classics: the Ancient Greek, Greek Myths and Culture, and Greek Drama. You will develop your curiosity as we explore some of Greece's myths and legends; your perseverance as you embrace your introduction to the Ancient Greek language; and your bravery and confidence as you engage with - and perform - the plays of Ancient Greece. You may even get the opportunity to engage in local competitions and have visitors from the University to come and tell you about all the wonderful things from the classical world. Αρπάζει τη μέρα!

The Apprentice:

Step into the world of business, work as a **team**, and compete to design and present a creative product idea, but there's a twist! You'll need to carefully manage your budget and make smart financial decisions along the way. Work together, think on your feet, and use your financial skills to create the best pitch. Can your team impress the judges and show you understand money as well as **creativity**?

Year 9

Year 9 rotate between different enrichment activities every half term in their college groups.

In term 1 all pupils will have an introductory 2hr session for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award that they will all be completing throughout year 9. This includes an expedition during challenge week in July. Term3a will be used to prepare pupils for the expedition. Further details to follow.

In term 1 pupils will also all get the opportunity to take part in the Solutions for the planet, big ideas day. Further details below.

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	1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b
Electronics	Barber	Winterbourne	Munrow	Muirhead	Duke of Edinburgh	Bramall
Crafts	Bramall	Barber	Winterbourne	Munrow		Lapworth
Exploring French culture	Lapworth	Bramall	Barber	Winterbourne		Muirhead
Careers in healthcare	Muirhead	Lapworth	Bramall	Barber		Munrow
Squash	Munrow	Muirhead	Lapworth	Bramall		Winterbourne
Hidden Birmingham	Winterbourne	Munrow	Muirhead	Lapworth		Barber
Performance squad	Pupils who demonstrate a strong effort to PE will be selected for this enrichment. Each term a different sport will be the focus, and a different group of pupils will be picked to take part. Term 1a will focus on netball. It provides you with the opportunity to develop advanced netball skills, tactical awareness and game performance through competitive training and match play. You will refine attacking and defensive strategies, improve decision-making under pressure. This enrichment looks to push pupils as a way of striving for excellence in Netball.					

Electronics:

You will be building a small robot to try to race an obstacle course and retrieve items from the course. We will use block coding and python to code the instructions for the robots. You will practice **curiosity, creativity** and **teamwork** skills.

Crafts: We will be trying out various craft activities including origami, bracelet making, and paper quilling. You will have the opportunity to try each craft and enjoy exploring your creativity. Perhaps you'll find a new hobby or enjoy sharing your craft skills with others! You'll have the opportunity to develop your curiosity, resilience, and appreciation of beauty.

Exploring French Culture: You will dive into various aspects of French culture from music, films and TV shows, games, exploring other francophone cultures and, of course, French food! Sessions will feature a mix of classroom learning, project-based exploration and practical activities, such as playing French playground games, creating a French song and tasting French delicacies! These sessions go beyond the language taught in French lessons: they cultivate confidence through expressing personal thoughts and creative projects, **curiosity** by exploring a diverse French-speaking world, **respect** and **tolerance** through thoughtful discussions of social and cultural norms, and resilience by tackling complex challenges as a team.

Careers in Healthcare and First Aid: You will have the opportunity to explore careers across the breadth of healthcare. There will be opportunities to show **curiosity** by meeting professionals in a wide variety of careers, and you will have the chance to reflect on your own skills and passions and how these fit into healthcare. You will also show **bravery** and **curiosity** by learning new first aid skills.

Squash: You will learn how to play squash, using the world class facilities at the prestigious Edgbaston Priory Club. Coached by an experienced and professional squash coach over the 6 weeks, you will gain an understanding of the rules of the game, improve your **fitness** and develop your **agility, hand eye coordination**, and **teamwork** skills.

Hidden Birmingham: Your city has stories you've never heard. This half term, you're going to tell them. Did you know Birmingham is one of the most diverse cities in Europe? That a chocolate family tried to build the perfect village here? That the same city gave the world Black Sabbath, bhangra, Benjamin Zephaniah and a Nobel Prize winner? There's a hidden Birmingham all around you, and over the next six weeks, you'll uncover it and turn what you find into your very own podcast episode.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

To achieve the **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award**, you must complete four specific sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills, and a final Expedition. The award will challenge you to step outside your comfort zone. You will develop independence, strong teamwork skills, and the resilience that comes from challenging yourself outdoors and helping your community.

Solution for the planet – Big Ideas Day

You will work in teams and tackle real-world sustainability and climate challenges that matter to you. Guided by business mentors, you will brainstorm creative, STEM-focused concepts and pitch your "Big Idea" to your peers at the end of the day. By taking part, you will develop **teamwork, critical problem-solving**, and **public speaking skills**, while gaining a deeper understanding of environmental issues and how STEM careers can drive global **change**.

Year 10

In year 10 pupils rotate in their colleges between a different activity each week. Pupils will be told during form time what activity they will be taking part in each week.

In term 2a all pupils will get to complete a mini research project, this is like an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) that pupils could decide to do whilst at sixth form. They will choose the theme of the project and will work by themselves to research and create a poster that they will present in a poster presentation at the end of the half term. Posters will be judged by PhD students from the University.

If you have chosen to complete the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award, you will have expedition preparation sessions during term 3.

Rotation activities this term:

Flag Football	In this session, you will learn the basics of throwing, catching, and teamwork through exciting games and challenges. You will need courage to take on new skills, teamwork to work with others, and resilience to keep going when it gets tough. Most of all, you'll have fun while discovering a sport that's all about speed, strategy, and spirit.
Textiles Emoji Keyrings	You will gain hands-on experience in a wide range of sewing skills. Throughout the programme, you will have the opportunity to design and produce functional products, allowing them to showcase their creativity while developing practical skills. In addition, this enrichment will support the enhancement of problem-solving abilities, creativity, and technical confidence in an educational environment.
Nature & The Romantics	You'll have the chance to step outside the classroom and experience the natural world as the Romantics once did, noticing details often overlooked in everyday life. Together we'll explore how the beauty and power of nature can stir emotion and spark ideas. You'll also be invited to capture your own impressions in a creative and imaginative way, drawing on the Romantic spirit. This session will help you see how the natural world shapes art and thought.
Building a business	You will work in groups to complete a number of tasks in relation to businesses and entrepreneurs, and one key activity of developing and presenting a business idea. You will consider several business areas such as the importance of having a clear target market, appropriate market research, effective marketing, profit targets, and suitable sources of finance. There will be opportunities for you to practice a range of virtues including leadership, teamwork, courage, and confidence.

DT	You will get a chance to create your own custom bag charm. In this session you will learn how laser cutters can cut and engrave and using 2D design software to design a product to scale.
Crafts	We will be trying out a range of craft activities including origami, bracelet making, and using beads to make keyrings. You will have the opportunity to try each craft and enjoy exploring your creativity. Perhaps you'll find a new hobby or enjoy sharing your craft skills with others! You'll have the opportunity to develop your curiosity, resilience, and appreciation of beauty.

Year 11

In year 11 pupils rotate between a different activity each week. Pupils will be told during form time what activity they will be taking part in each week.

What is Politics?	Who decides what we can and cannot do in life? Who says that we can join the armed forces at 16 but cannot watch certain films until you are 18? What can you do if you disagree with certain laws? Questions such as these are the heart of Politics. This enrichment course is an introduction to Politics in general: What is it? How does it affect us? The course then gives an overview of the answers to these questions in the UK before considering how far pupils think our current system is fit for purpose.
Social Sciences on Screen	Explore sociological and psychological theory through film. Themes such as societal injustice, inequality, psychological harm, and functioning will be showcased and discussed in-depth to introduce you to these two disciplines of thought.
Ballad writing	Thanks to Tennyson, we all remember The Charge of the Light Brigade, but who on earth was Stagger Lee? And who didn't like Mondays and why was Hattie Carroll's death so Lonesome? In this enrichment, we will look at some popular ballads from the past and the real stories that inspired them; we will take the key features of the ballad form and use them to write and perform our own ballads about a real story from our times. You will build your skills in prosody (the patterns of rhythm and sound used in poetry), your confidence and your creativity!
Pickle Ball	A delightfully unconventional racquet sport that marries elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis into one! Played on a court roughly one-third the size of a tennis court, this game features paddles that resemble oversized table tennis bats and a perforated plastic ball that floats through the air with unexpected grace. Before you ask, no pickles are in fact involved.

Fitness for life	Fitness and Conditioning in the Activity Studio. There is strong scientific evidence that being physically active can help you lead a healthier and happier life. It's well-known that physical activity can boost self-esteem, mood, sleep quality and energy, as well as reducing your risk of stress. You will learn how to use a range of fitness equipment in our newly refurbished Activity Studio. This will equip you with the confidence to exercise outside of School and after education into adult life.
Watercolour – Art	Using watercolour pencils and fine liner pens, work on top of an outline to produce your own piece of artwork. You will take inspiration from the artists Polina Bright and Alana Dee Hayes who produce colourful and patterned portrait-based work. Don't worry if you haven't studied art at GCSE – there will be something for everybody!

Sixth form

In term 1 all year 12 students will complete enrichment with their form groups. They will rotate between activities shown in the table each week. In term 2 and 3 year 12 students will rotate in their colleges.

In year 13 students will rotate in their colleges. They also can sign up for an optional enrichment. In term 1 they can choose to take part in a Sustainability, Bridge, first aid or yoga enrichment instead of following the rotation. They also could volunteer in their local community on Friday afternoons in place of enrichment. For this, students need to complete a placement application on UniFrog. Details of how to do this are shared with students during form time.

Please note in year 12 when pupils are taking part in the Spin Class at UoB and in year 13 when students are visiting Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, they are expected to make their way there independently, where they will be met and registered by a member of school staff. At the end of the session, they will be dismissed by school staff from the venue. Details of how to get there will be shared with students in form slides and on Class Charts. For all other activities students are to return to school after lunch to take part in the activities and will be dismissed from school at the end of the day.

Year 12

Embroidery	Embroidery is more than just stitching - it is a mindful and creative practice that allows you to slow down, focus, and express yourself through art. You will learn the basic stitches whilst also developing your creative skills. In this enrichment you will need and learn several virtues such as patience, as this is a craft that takes time and care, resilience, and lots of artistry. By the end of the session, not only will you have developed a new life skill that can come in handy in day-to-day life, but you will have also experienced how embroidery can support focus, self-expression, and wellbeing.
Debate	Is it unethical to eat meat? Should violent video games be banned? Should the death penalty be completely abolished? These are just some of the questions you may consider in debating enrichment. Gain opportunities to practice your research and oracy skills through participation in a formal class debate, whilst practising the virtues of respect, compassion, critical thinking, and curiosity. Work together as a team to build the strongest case you can, ready for a class vote on the most compelling argument.
Quiz Show	A series of questions and challenges, but not your usual Friday night quiz nights. Work in your teams to solve quirky quiz show games that are not just knowing an answer to a question but being able to spot connections, guess sensibly, and speak gibberish convincingly.
Decode the Frame	We invite you to see films in a completely new way. Together we'll uncover how directors use camera angles, sound, lighting, and editing to guide our emotions and shape the stories we watch - often without us even realising it. By the end of the session, you'll never look at a film scene the same way again. You'll be practising curiosity as you ask questions about how film language works, critical thinking as you analyse the techniques used, and confidence as you share your interpretations with others. You'll also build collaboration skills by discussing and debating film clips in groups. This session is about enjoying film on a deeper level and realising that every frame is carefully designed to make you think and feel in a certain way.
Cooking	Learn the basics of cooking for life beyond sixth form. This enrichment will help you build confidence in the kitchen, cook simple, healthy meals on a budget, and develop practical skills such as meal planning and shopping wisely. Along the way, you'll strengthen important qualities like responsibility, resilience and creativity

Tennis	In this session, you will learn how to play Tennis down at our local Tennis Club. With first-hand experience with a fully qualified Tennis Coach and top facilities, this is certainly an enrichment you want to fully engage with! In one whole session, you will gain basic skills within the sport, providing you with insight into the world of Roger Federer and Serena Williams!
UoB Spin class	A dynamic indoor cycling experience designed to elevate heart rates, boost endurance, and ignite motivation—all without ever leaving the room. Set to energizing music and led by an enthusiastic instructor, each session combines intense cardio, resistance training, and rhythmic movement to create a full-body workout that challenges both body and mind. Taking place at the UoB Fitness Centre, giving you a first-hand experience of what a gym class truly is.
Vision in Verse	Students will explore the fascinating relationship between source material and screen adaptations. Through case studies such as Mean Girls (inspired by the non-fiction book Queen Bees and Wannabees) and Apocalypse Now (a reimagining of Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness), pupils will examine how writers and filmmakers draw on diverse sources - literary, artistic, and journalistic - to create compelling narratives for film. Students will then receive a curated Source Material Booklet featuring a selection of short stories, poems, articles, and artworks. Using this as creative stimulus, they will develop their own original film concept. The enrichment culminates in each student pitching their film idea to the group, developing both their analytical thinking and creative presentation skills.

Year 13

Debate / Current affairs	The art of debate involves inviting views that differ from our own, encouraging reflection and insight into the world we live in, and hopefully contributing to making it a better place. To become skilled in debate, you need to develop the skills of oracy, critical thinking, and teamwork to effectively present a coherent and well-justified case. Throughout this enrichment, we will tackle topical and contemporary issues, challenging you to think critically about your own position. After focusing on the structure of a debate and allowing time for research and planning, we will engage in a whole-class debate on issues such as lowering the voting age, social media use, and the NHS. During this enrichment, you will cultivate the virtues of respect, compassion, critical thinking, and
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	curiosity - deepening your understanding of current issues and reflecting on perspectives different from your own.
Art gallery	Students will visit Birmingham Art Galleries to explore world-class art and culture. Students will develop their curiosity, critical thinking, and creativity while broadening their cultural capital. The visits also encourage character virtues such as respect, reflection, and resilience, alongside valuable life skills like independence, teamwork, and confidence in new settings.
AI and responsibility	This enrichment will help you learn how to use Artificial Intelligence in a safe and responsible way. You will look at some common myths about AI and explore useful AI tools for your studies. You will also learn about the JCQ rules on using AI in coursework, so you know what is allowed and what is not. The aim is to help you use AI wisely to improve your learning while keeping your work honest and fair.
Modular Origami	In this hands-on enrichment session, you will discover how to transform flat sheets of paper into amazing 3D shapes without using glue or tape! You will learn how to fold a single geometric building block from scratch. By interlocking these identical units together using nothing but friction, you will start by mastering a classic 6-piece cube, before exploring how to connect more pieces together to complex 12-piece and 30-piece modular origami.
Ultimate Frisbee	Ultimate Frisbee is a non-contact team sport played with a flying disc. Two teams of seven players compete on a rectangular field with an end zone at each end, similar to American football. The objective is to score points by catching the disc in the opposing team's end zone. Players cannot run while holding the disc, so they must pass it to teammates to move it up the field. If a pass is incomplete, intercepted, or goes out of bounds, possession switches to the other team. A unique feature of Ultimate Frisbee is the "Spirit of the Game", where players are responsible for officiating themselves and resolving disputes fairly without referees in most competitions. The game combines elements of

	football, netball, and soccer, requiring speed, teamwork, throwing skill, and strategic movement.
What is Money?	You will learn some of the history of money and will develop an understanding of interest rates, inflation, insurance, credit cards, taxation, investments and other key aspects of finance. You will apply this to make decisions based on real life scenarios. You will need to show curiosity when learning about unfamiliar financial terms and use team- work and courage when producing a presentation on a case study to be shared with the class.
Sustainability (Sign up only)	Sessions will teach you about environmental issues facing the planet as well as preparing you for future careers in the environmental sector. During this enrichment you will create and present your research at a poster conference at the University of Birmingham, as well as develop resources to share your research with the year 7 My planet enrichment.
Yoga (Sign up only)	A one off 2-hour yoga session. An experienced yoga instructor will teach you the fundamentals of yoga, it will be accessible to anybody, no experience needed.
First Aid (Sign up only)	You will learn practical skills. What you learn improves your confidence and knowledge when dealing with emergency situations. The session covers; responding to a catastrophic bleed, dealing with an alcohol or vape spiking incident, performing a primary survey and CPR and how first aid situations affect mental health and wellbeing, and how to get support.
Bridge (Sign up only)	Bridge is a strategy card game with strong links to maths, developing logical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and decision making. No previous knowledge is needed; all materials will be provided, and we will teach and guide you through the rules.