

ENRICHING OUR CURRICULUM

Our aim is to offer a fully enriched curriculum to all pupils to support their wider development. Enrichment activities in school are essential for developing pupils' skills, confidence, and interests beyond the classroom. They provide opportunities for creativity, teamwork, and personal growth while making learning more engaging and enjoyable. From sports and arts to academic clubs, these activities help pupils explore new passions, build friendships, and develop valuable life skills.

Subject	Enrichment Opportunities
ART, DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY	<p>Attending Art Club and Photography Club allows pupils to explore their creativity, develop technical skills, and express themselves through different artistic mediums. In Art Club, they experiment with various techniques and materials, enhancing their artistic abilities and confidence. Photography Club helps pupils learn about composition, lighting, and digital editing, enabling them to capture and interpret the world through a creative lens. Both clubs provide a supportive environment for pupils to refine their talents and showcase their work.</p> <p>Prop and Set Design Club: In this club, pupils develop their creativity and practical skills by helping to create props and backdrops for school productions. Through hands-on projects, they gain experience in design, construction, and problem-solving while working collaboratively as part of a team. This club provides a unique opportunity to contribute to the visual storytelling of performances, enhancing their artistic abilities and confidence in stagecraft.</p>
DRAMA	<p>Participating in the school's Drama Clubs and school productions offers pupils numerous benefits. It helps build their confidence, enhances their communication skills, and fosters teamwork skills as pupils collaborate to bring a performance to life. Acting and stage work improve pupils' creativity, self-expression, and problem-solving abilities. Being part of a production also creates a sense of accomplishment and belonging, boosting pupils' social skills and helping them to form new friendships.</p> <p>In addition, the school's Technical Production Team club provides pupils with hands-on experience in the behind-the-scenes aspects of dramatic performances, including lighting, sound, set design, & stage management, helping them develop valuable technical and teamwork skills. Therefore, the school's drama clubs enrich pupils' personal growth and provides valuable experiences that benefit them both academically and socially.</p>
ENGLISH	<p>Creative Writing Club: Participating in the school's creative writing club helps pupils develop their writing skills, creativity, and self-expression while exploring different forms of creative writing, including poetry. They also have opportunities to enter prize-winning creative writing competitions, allowing them to showcase their work and gain recognition for their talents.</p> <p>Journalism Club: Attending Journalism Club gives pupils the opportunity to develop their writing, research, and communication skills while contributing to the creation of the school newspaper, the NBS Express. Through interviewing, reporting, and editing, they gain hands-on experience in journalism, enhancing their critical thinking and teamwork abilities. This club also helps pupils build confidence in expressing their ideas and keeps them engaged with current events within the school community and beyond.</p> <p>Wider Reading: All pupils in Years 7, 8, and 9 are provided with a book each half-term. This book is chosen by the pupils from a carefully curated list to ensure appropriate levels of challenge and content are adhered to. This programme helps pupils to develop their literacy skills, which in turn benefits all of them in their school subjects. Additionally, research carried out for <i>The Reading Agency</i> has found reading for pleasure can increase empathy, improve relationships with others, reduce the symptoms of depression and the risk of dementia, and improve wellbeing throughout life.</p>

HUMANITIES	<p>Geography Club: Attending Geography Club helps pupils enhance their geographical knowledge of the world through fun and interactive games, making learning engaging while building their understanding of different places, cultures, and environments.</p> <p>Geography trips: In Key Stage Three, pupils have the opportunity to create a Geographical enquiry question which they then investigate and collect data for using geographical fieldwork equipment. In Key Stage Four pupils visit river landscape to investigate physical processes (Epping Forest) and an urban area to study regeneration (Stratford, East London).</p> <p>History trips: Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 attend trips to different museums in Central London (including the British Museum and Docklands Museum, and Imperial War Museum), which allows them to explore historical artefacts from different time periods. This helps to bring history to life by providing a tangible connection to the past and helps to deepen their understanding of how historical sources provide us with evidence of the past.</p> <p>Religious Studies: Pupils' RS education is enriched through discussion in lessons, which use current affairs, modern influential figures, and contentious issues to engage pupils and encourage the application of their knowledge to topics beyond the curriculum requirement. Teachers use specific, probing questioning within lessons to extend pupils' knowledge beyond the core curriculum content. Homework is also designed to continue this outside the classroom. In turn, pupils' cultural capital is strengthened, and there are opportunities for cross-curricular learning, for example with the PD curriculum.</p>
LANGUAGES	<p>Attending the Spanish Spelling Bee and Translation Bee clubs helps pupils develop their knowledge of the Spanish alphabet, phonics, and vocabulary while boosting their confidence in spelling and translation skills. Pupils have the exciting opportunity to enter competitions where they can put their language abilities to the test, improving their pronunciation, accuracy, and fluency in Spanish. These clubs provide a fun and supportive environment to enhance language learning and prepare for competitive challenges.</p> <p>Online Learning: Pupils in Years 10 and 11 are given access to a range of online platforms, such as Kerboodle and Quizlet, which provide them with extensive reading, listening and vocabulary learning opportunities in Spanish. This allows pupils to access extensive vocabulary and other tenses beyond what is needed for their GCSE exams.</p>
MATHS	<p>Chess Club: Attending Chess Club helps pupils develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and strategic planning skills while enhancing concentration and patience in a fun and competitive environment.</p> <p>Puzzle Pirates: Year 7 and 8 pupils have an opportunity to attend 'Puzzle Pirates' club each week. Attending Puzzle Pirates benefits pupils by developing their logic and problem-solving skills through challenging activities tackled both individually and in teams. This not only enhances their mathematical thinking but also prepares them for the Junior Maths Challenge in Year 9.</p> <p>Additional qualifications: The school's most able mathematicians are given opportunities to achieve the highest grades in GCSE early. This means that they then go on to study additional maths qualifications such as Further Maths GCSE and Additional Maths FSMQ. These qualifications provide pupils with the opportunity to study some A-level Maths and Further Maths content early, promoting pupils' interest in studying the subject to a higher level.</p>
MUSIC	<p>Live Orchestra: Pupils in the school are given an opportunity to watch Kidenza, a critically acclaimed 16-piece live orchestra. This provides pupils with a unique and engaging musical experience that brings classical music to life. Through live performance, pupils gain a deeper appreciation for different musical styles, instruments, and the role of an orchestra. The interactive and dynamic nature of the performance helps to inspire a love for music while enhancing their understanding of rhythm, melody, and composition. Experiencing live music in this way also supports their broader cultural education and may encourage them to explore playing an instrument or participating in musical activities themselves.</p> <p>Music from around the world: In their music lessons, pupils are also exposed to cultural, historical and political aspects of life through interesting units such as "Blues". In Year 8, for instance, pupils explore the slave trade and the impact on African American culture and music. The videogame unit also allows pupils to explore the cultural and technological developments of the last 60 years and how music has been a key element in shaping these.</p>

<p>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</p>	<p>Sports clubs: Attending the range of sports clubs in school, including football, basketball, and cricket, allows pupils to develop their physical fitness, teamwork, and leadership skills while enjoying regular training sessions and matches. These clubs provide a fun and supportive environment where pupils can improve their technique, strategy, and sportsmanship. Additionally, they have the exciting opportunity to compete against other schools, giving them valuable experience in competitive play and fostering a sense of school pride and camaraderie.</p> <p>Sports trips: Going on trips to watch live sports games, such as football matches at Wembley Stadium, provides pupils with an exciting and immersive experience that enhances their appreciation of professional sports. Seeing top athletes in action helps to inspire and motivate pupils, while also deepening their understanding of teamwork, strategy, and the competitive spirit. These trips create memorable experiences, foster a love for sports, and encourage pupils to engage more actively in their own sporting activities.</p> <p>Duke of Edinburgh Awards: Year 9 and 10 pupils have the opportunity to sign up to complete Duke of Edinburgh awards. The award gives them the opportunity of improving their dexterity in survival skills and intellectual challenges through outdoor activities, such as orienteering, resources building, team challenges, and photography, building their characters and enhancing their capabilities of decision making, problem-solving, teamwork and working towards a target whilst under pressure.</p>
<p>SCIENCE</p>	<p>Science Club: Attending Science Club allows pupils to engage in exciting hands-on experiments, deepening their understanding of scientific concepts in a fun and interactive way. By exploring different areas of science beyond the classroom, they develop critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and a natural curiosity for how the world works. Participating in experiments also helps to build teamwork and confidence, inspiring pupils to pursue further learning and a passion for scientific discovery.</p> <p>Eco Club: Attending Eco Club helps pupils develop their knowledge of the environment and learn practical ways to be more ecological. Through hands-on activities and projects, they explore topics such as sustainability, conservation, and climate change, gaining a deeper understanding of how their actions impact the planet. Eco Club also empowers pupils to take positive steps towards protecting the environment, both in school and in their communities, fostering a sense of responsibility and environmental awareness.</p> <p>Online Learning: Online learning tools, such as Educake, are used to help pupils to embed knowledge of key components in their long-term memory, so that they can build on this knowledge over time.</p>