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Year 7 Enrichment Options Process Launch

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to launch the **Year 7 Enrichment Options Process** for the coming enrichment cycle.

What is Enrichment?

Enrichment is a timetabled lesson within the school day that gives students the opportunity to choose and participate in activities beyond their normal curriculum subjects. These sessions are designed to spark new interests, develop curiosity, inspire a lifelong love of learning and help students discover talents and passions they may not otherwise have explored.

As part of our commitment to **Education with Character**, enrichment activities are carefully designed to develop important character traits and reinforce our **REACH values**, helping students grow in confidence, resilience, leadership, teamwork and responsibility.

Enrichment Pathway Booklet

Attached is the **Enrichment Pathway Booklet**, which outlines the activities available to Year 7 students. We encourage you to review the options with your child and discuss which activities best match their interests, strengths and future aspirations.

Enrichment Presentation and Q&A

During their enrichment lesson, students will take part in an **Enrichment Presentation**, where staff will introduce the available activities and answer questions. This will give students a clearer understanding of each option and help them make informed choices before submitting their preferences.

Submitting Preferences

Following the presentation, students will be invited to submit their enrichment preferences online.

- The sign-up window will open on **Wednesday 14th October at 4.00pm** and close on **Friday 16th October at 8.00pm**.
- Students will receive a link via their school email account.
- Students should select **six preferences** to maximise the likelihood of securing one of their preferred activities.
- Students who do not submit their preferences by the deadline will be allocated to an activity.

We encourage conversations at home to help students consider which opportunities will challenge them, develop their character and allow them to make the most of their enrichment experience. Whether they choose to learn a new skill, pursue a personal interest or take on a new challenge, we hope every student will embrace this opportunity to broaden their horizons and continue developing the qualities that will support their future success.

If you have any questions, please contact me at ross.goldsmith@avonbourneacademy.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Head of School: Imogen Bull

Executive Principal: Michelle Dyer

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Year 7 Enrichment Options Booklet

*A guide to the activities
available from November 2026*

1	Chess- Developing Character Through Chess	Teacher: Mr Goldsmith
	In this enrichment programme, you will learn the skills and strategies of chess while developing key REACH values. Chess challenges you to think ahead, make thoughtful decisions and learn from setbacks, helping you develop Ambition and Hard Work. Through competition and teamwork, you will also learn the importance of Respect, showing good sportsmanship and valuing your opponents. Every game provides an opportunity to practise resilience, patience and self-control. By the end of the programme, you will have improved your chess skills and strengthened the character traits that help students succeed both in school and in life. REACH Values Developed: Respect, Ambition, Hard Work	
2	Boxercise	Teacher: Mr Lanahan
	In this enrichment programme, you will improve your fitness, coordination and confidence through a range of Boxercise activities and challenges. Working safely with others will help you develop teamwork, respect and encouragement for your peers. Through regular practice, you will learn the value of perseverance, self-discipline and resilience when facing challenges. By the end of the programme, you will have enhanced your fitness and strengthened important character traits that support success in everyday life. REACH Values Developed: Respect, Equality, Ambition, Community, Hard Work and Determination	

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3	Minibeast Printing	Teacher: Miss Dashwood
	In this enrichment programme, you will develop your artistic skills by creating a series of prints inspired by minibeasts and the natural world. You will build your observational drawing skills, learn etching techniques and explore how to create repeating patterns through polytile printing. Through creativity and attention to detail, you will develop patience, resilience and confidence in your artistic abilities. By the end of the programme, you will have created your own collection of unique printed artwork. REACH Values Developed: Ambition, Hard Work	
4	Wellness Through Fitness	Teacher: Miss Jones
	In this enrichment programme, you will learn how physical activity can support both your physical and mental wellbeing. Through yoga, mindfulness, fitness challenges and team-building activities, you will develop healthy habits, manage stress positively and build confidence. These activities encourage self-discipline, perseverance and respect for yourself and others. By the end of the programme, you will have developed strategies to support your wellbeing and strengthened key character traits for success. REACH Values Developed: Respect, Hard Work and Determination	
5	Volleyball Academy	Teacher: Miss Slaughter
	In this enrichment programme, you will develop your volleyball skills while building confidence and learning the benefits of an active lifestyle. Through training, games and teamwork, you will improve your communication, resilience and sporting ability. You will also explore how sport can support your physical and mental wellbeing both in and beyond school. By the end of the programme, you will have gained new skills and grown in confidence as an active and positive team player. REACH Values Developed: Ambition, Community, Hard Work and Determination	
6	Fantasy Football Education	Mr Reiffer
	In this enrichment programme, you will combine football, leadership and teamwork in a unique fantasy football experience. You will develop coaching and leadership skills by leading activities and supporting your team, while making decisions to improve performance and build success. Through competition and collaboration, you will learn the importance of planning, resilience and determination. By the end of the programme, you will have developed your football knowledge and strengthened the leadership skills needed to succeed as part of a team. REACH Values Developed: Ambition, Community, Hard Work and Determination	
7	Orienteering & Problem Solving	Mr. J Goldsmith
	In this enrichment programme, you will develop map-reading and navigation skills while learning how to understand and create maps. You will design orienteering courses, take part in challenges and work collaboratively to solve a range of practical problems. Through teamwork, communication and critical thinking, you will build confidence and resilience while tackling new challenges. By the end of the programme, you will have strengthened your problem-solving abilities and developed valuable outdoor learning skills. REACH Values Developed: Community, Ambition, Hard Work and Determination	
8	Devising in Drama	Mr Newham



	In this enrichment programme, you will create your own original drama performance inspired by a range of creative stimuli. Working in groups, you will share ideas, develop storylines and bring your performances to life through teamwork and collaboration. You will build confidence, communication and performance skills while learning how to develop and refine your ideas. By the end of the programme, you will have performed a completely original piece of drama and strengthened your creative and teamwork skills. REACH Values Developed: Community, Ambition, Hard Work and Determination	
9	Drama Audition Preparation	Miss. Cumbers
	In this enrichment programme, you will build your confidence as a performer through a series of drama workshops and audition-focused activities. You will learn and perform monologues, develop your presentation skills and gain experience performing independently in front of others. Through practice and feedback, you will develop resilience, confidence and a commitment to improving your performance. By the end of the programme, you will have strengthened your audition portfolio and become a more confident performer. REACH Values Developed: Community, Ambition, Hard Work and Determination	
10	Table Tennis Officiating	Mr Plunkett
	In this enrichment programme, you will learn how to officiate table tennis matches confidently, fairly and professionally. You will develop a strong understanding of the rules and regulations while practising how to manage a range of match situations. Through officiating games, you will improve your communication, confidence and decision-making skills while gaining a greater appreciation of the role of sporting officials. By the end of the programme, you will have developed valuable leadership skills that can be applied both in sport and everyday life. REACH Values Developed: Respect, Equality, Hard Work and Determination	
11	Pickleball	Mr Murphy
	In this enrichment programme, you will learn the skills, rules and strategies of Pickleball, one of the world's fastest-growing sports. As most students will be new to the game, everyone begins with an equal opportunity to learn and improve. Through practice, teamwork and friendly competition, you will develop confidence, resilience and sporting awareness. By the end of the programme, you will have improved your Pickleball skills while strengthening ambition, hard work and determination. REACH Values Developed: Equality, Ambition, Hard Work and Determination	
12	3D Modelling & Digital Art	Mr Bowen
	In this enrichment programme, you will explore the exciting world of 3D modelling and digital art. Using specialist software, you will learn how to create characters, objects and environments while developing your creativity and digital design skills. Through hands-on projects, you will experiment with shapes, textures and lighting to bring your ideas to life. By the end of the programme, you will have created your own digital artwork and developed the patience, creativity and determination needed to overcome design challenges. REACH Values Developed: Ambition, Community, Hard Work and Determination	



13	Sports Journalism	Miss Farrell
	In this enrichment programme, you will explore the exciting world of sports media and reporting. You will learn how journalists research stories, write match reports, conduct interviews and create engaging content for a variety of audiences. Through practical activities, you will develop your communication, literacy and teamwork skills while gaining an understanding of modern sports journalism. By the end of the programme, you will have strengthened your reporting skills and grown in confidence as a communicator. REACH Values Developed: Respect, Equality, Ambition and Community	
14	Cricket leadership and officiating	Mr Gorvin
	In this enrichment programme, you will develop your leadership and officiating skills while increasing your knowledge and understanding of cricket. Through practical activities, you will learn how to lead others, communicate effectively and make fair decisions in a sporting environment. You will also have the opportunity to officiate cricket matches and apply your learning in real game situations. By the end of the programme, you will have strengthened your confidence, leadership abilities and understanding of the role of sports officials. REACH Values Developed: Respect, Ambition and Community	