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Year 9 Enrichment Options Process Launch

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to launch the **9 Enrichment Options Process** for the coming enrichment cycle.

Now entering its **third year**, our Enrichment Programme has become an established part of life at Avonbourne, providing students with opportunities to explore new interests, develop new skills and build character beyond the traditional curriculum. Following the continued success of the programme, enrichment opportunities are now available to even more students across the academy.

At Avonbourne, enrichment forms an important part of our commitment to **Education with Character**. Through a timetabled lesson within the school day, students can choose activities that spark curiosity, inspire a lifelong love of learning and help them discover talents and passions they may not otherwise have explored.

Alongside learning new skills, enrichment activities are designed to develop character and strengthen our **REACH values** of **Respect, Equality, Ambition, Compassion and Hard Work**. Whether students choose a practical, creative, sporting or academic activity, each session provides opportunities for personal growth and development.

Enrichment Pathway Booklet

Attached is the **Enrichment Pathway Booklet**, which outlines the activities available to Year 9 students. We encourage you to review the options with your child and discuss which activities best match their interests, strengths and 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 help students gain a clearer understanding of each option before making their selections.

Submitting Preferences

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

- The sign-up window will open on **Wednesday 7th October at 4.00pm** and close on **Friday 9th 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.

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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. We hope every student will find an activity that excites them, broadens their horizons and supports their development both in school and beyond.

If you have any questions, please contact me at

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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ross Goldsmith

Assistant Principal – Character & Rewards

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Year 9 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	

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2	Drama	Teacher: Miss Callow
	In this enrichment programme, you will explore exciting scripts, develop your acting skills and build confidence through performance. Working with others to rehearse scenes and take part in drama activities will help you develop teamwork, communication and creativity. You will learn to respond positively to feedback and overcome challenges through practice and perseverance. By the end of the programme, you will have strengthened your performance skills and developed the ambition, hard work and determination needed to succeed. REACH Values Developed: Ambition, Hard Work and Determination	
3	She's got Game	Miss Slaughter
	In this enrichment programme, you will explore a range of sports and physical activities while building confidence and developing a positive attitude towards staying active. You will discover opportunities available beyond school and learn how regular participation can support your wellbeing and personal development. Through setting goals and trying new challenges, you will develop ambition, resilience and determination. By the end of the programme, you will feel more confident leading an active and healthy lifestyle. REACH Values Developed: Ambition, Hard Work and Determination	
4	Wellness Through Fitness	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	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	
6	Football Analysis	Mr Rushent
	In this enrichment programme, you will learn how to analyse football matches, teams and players using observation, evidence and critical thinking. Working with others, you will identify tactical patterns, discuss performances and communicate your ideas effectively. The programme will develop your teamwork, resilience and analytical skills while introducing careers within football and media. By the end of the programme, you will have strengthened your football knowledge and developed ambition, hard work and determination. REACH Values Developed: Community, Ambition, Hard Work and Determination	
7	Boxercise	Mr Reiffer
	In this enrichment programme, you will improve your fitness, coordination and confidence through a variety 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	
8	Crochet	Miss Morrish
	In this enrichment programme, you will learn the creative skill of crochet while developing patience, focus and perseverance. Starting with basic stitches, you will gradually build your confidence before creating your own handmade project. Learning a new skill requires commitment and resilience, helping you overcome challenges and achieve personal goals. By the end of the programme, you will have produced a finished creation and strengthened your ambition, hard work and determination. REACH Values Developed: Ambition, Equality, Hard Work and Determination	
9	Creature concept art	Ms Spencer
	In this enrichment programme, you will develop your drawing and creative skills by designing original fantasy creatures inspired by popular films, television and games. You will learn how artists use imagination and technical skills to bring ideas to life through concept art. Creating detailed artwork requires patience, perseverance and a willingness to improve. By the end of the programme, you will have produced unique designs while developing ambition, creativity, hard work and determination. REACH Values Developed: Ambition, Equality, Hard Work and Determination	
10	Sports Leadership	Mr J Goldsmith
	In this enrichment programme, you will develop the skills and confidence needed to become an effective sports leader. You will learn how to organise activities, communicate clearly, make fair decisions and lead others positively. Through practical leadership opportunities, you will build teamwork, responsibility and confidence while learning the importance of respect and service to others. By the end of the programme, you will have strengthened your leadership skills and developed qualities that help you make a positive impact within your community. REACH Values Developed: Community, Respect, Ambition	
11	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze skills	Miss Sherwood Taylor / Mrs Ballantyne
	In this enrichment programme, you will learn the practical outdoor skills needed to prepare for your Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition. Through activities such as first aid, navigation, campcraft and outdoor problem-solving, you will develop confidence, independence and teamwork. The programme will challenge you to step outside your comfort zone, overcome obstacles and take responsibility for yourself and others. By the end of the programme, you will have gained valuable life skills while strengthening resilience, ambition, hard work and determination. If you are doing your D of E Bronze award, you must choose this as one of your options. REACH Values Developed: Respect, Equality, Ambition, Community, Hard Work and Determination	
12	Sports Journalism	Miss Farrell



	Our Sports Journalism Enrichment Programme gives students the opportunity to explore the exciting world of sports media while developing valuable communication, literacy and teamwork skills. Throughout the course, students will learn how real sports journalists work by researching stories, writing match reports, conducting interviews, creating podcasts, and exploring broadcasting techniques. They will also gain an understanding of how social media and digital platforms have transformed modern sports reporting. REACH Values Developed: Respect, Equality, Ambition, Community	
13	Become the Entrepreneur	Miss Mason
	In this enrichment programme, students will take on the role of entrepreneurs, working in teams to identify a gap in the market and develop an innovative product or service to meet customer needs. Over four lessons, students will conduct market research, design and create a mock-up of their idea, and prepare a professional business pitch. The programme will culminate in students presenting their final product or service to their peers, allowing them to apply their Business knowledge in a practical and engaging real-world context. REACH Values Developed: Respect, Equality, Ambition, Community	
14	Target Games	Mr Plunkett
	In this enrichment programme students will have the opportunity to develop their skills and tactics through exciting and competitive activities namely Footgolf, Tri-Golf, Archery, Boule and Boccia. Each game challenges students to aim accurately, think strategically, and make smart decisions under pressure. By taking part, students will gain knowledge of the correct etiquette used within different target sports, helping them understand how these games are played properly and respectfully. Students will also develop resilience by overcoming challenges, whether that's missing a target or learning a completely new skill. By the end of the programme students will have had fun competing with peers while improving their confidence, accuracy and overall skill level. REACH Values Developed: Hard work and Determination, Respect, Equality	