



Year 8 Enrichment Options Process Launch

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to launch the **Year 8 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 8. 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 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.

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 8 Enrichment Options Booklet

*A guide to the activities
available from November 2026*

1	Football Officiating	Teacher: Mr Goldsmith
	In this enrichment programme, you will learn the key skills needed to officiate football matches confidently and fairly. Across four sessions, you will explore warm-ups, health and safety, the laws of the game and the role of a match official. You will develop leadership, communication and decision-making skills while practising how to manage game situations effectively. By the end of the programme, you will have gained valuable officiating experience and developed the confidence, responsibility and leadership skills needed both on and off the pitch. REACH Values Developed: Respect, Ambition, Community, Hard Work and Determination	
2	Theatre Design – The Hunger Games	Teacher: Miss Dashwood
	In this enrichment programme, you will explore the exciting world of theatre design through the story of <i>The Hunger Games</i>. You will learn how different theatre departments work together by creating storyboards, designing backdrops and exploring costume design. Through teamwork and creativity, you will develop your planning, design and communication skills while bringing key scenes and characters to life. By the end of the programme, you will have produced your own theatre design work and developed valuable creative skills. REACH Values Developed: Community, Respect, Hard Work	

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3	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	
4	Volleyball Academy	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	
5	D of E preparation skills	Miss Sherwood Taylor / Mrs Ballantyne
	In this enrichment programme, you will learn the practical outdoor skills needed to prepare for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Across four sessions, you will explore first aid, camp cooking, navigation, map reading and how to pack and prepare for an expedition. These activities will help you build confidence, independence and teamwork while developing valuable life skills. By the end of the programme, you will be better prepared for future outdoor adventures and challenges. REACH Values Developed: Respect, Community, Ambition, Hard Work and Determination	
6	Pinterest Portraiture	Miss Lyons
	In this enrichment programme, you will develop your artistic skills by creating portraits inspired by popular Pinterest styles and trends. You will learn techniques such as sketching, shading, capturing light and shadow, and working with a range of artistic media. As you develop your artwork, you will build resilience, patience and confidence while experimenting with new creative approaches. By the end of the programme, you will have produced your own portrait artwork and strengthened your creative skills. REACH Values Developed: Ambition, Hard Work and Determination	
7	Poetry	Ms Kanamia
	In this enrichment programme, you will explore a variety of poetry styles and discover how writers use language to express ideas, emotions and experiences. Through creative writing activities, you will experiment with different poetic forms while developing your vocabulary, imagination and confidence. You will be encouraged to think independently, take creative risks and refine your work through practice and perseverance. By the end of the programme, you will have created your own collection of poems and developed as a confident writer. REACH Values Developed: Respect, Ambition, Hard Work	
8	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	
9	Pottery	Mrs Davies
	In this enrichment programme, you will learn a range of pottery hand-building techniques while designing and creating your own unique clay projects. You will explore drawing, planning and colour mixing as you produce items such as themed pots and original clay characters. Creativity, patience and perseverance will be key as you develop your practical skills and bring your ideas to life. By the end of the programme, you will have created a range of personalised ceramic pieces to take home and enjoy. REACH Values Developed: Ambition, Hard Work and Determination	
10	Become The Entrepreneur	Miss Mason
	In this enrichment programme, you will step into the world of business by becoming an entrepreneur. Working as part of a team, you will identify a gap in the market, develop an innovative product or service and create a professional business pitch. Through research, design and presentation activities, you will develop creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills. By the end of the programme, you will have presented your business idea and gained valuable experience of enterprise and innovation. REACH Values Developed: Respect, Equality, Ambition and Community	
11	Dragon Concept Art	Miss Spencer
	In this enrichment program students will be designing their own dragon creatures, by examining a brief set out by a director or author they will pick out key information about a dragon character from a story and use this to create a dragon bust watercolour artwork, a dragon egg artwork and a map of the dragon's world. Within the program students will advance skills in creative interpretation, design, and concept skills as well as, painting drawing and illustration skills. REACH values developed: ambition, hard work	
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	