



Enrichment at Duke's Sixth Form



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Dear Student

Welcome to our enrichment information booklet. In addition to academic study we offer students a stimulating and challenging mix of extra-curricular activities to ensure you are well equipped with the skills needed for success and have fun along the way.

We have developed our offer for 2022– 23 to represent our ambition for you to be the very best you can be. Following post 16 education, there is a high level of competition for university places and employment opportunities. Taking part in enrichment allows students to develop skills that will strengthen their applications in the future.

We believe every student should be enabled to pursue the very best opportunities for higher and further education and the best apprenticeships possible. With this in mind, every student is encouraged to strengthen their own personal profile through enrichment activities during their time in the Sixth Form.

Best Wishes

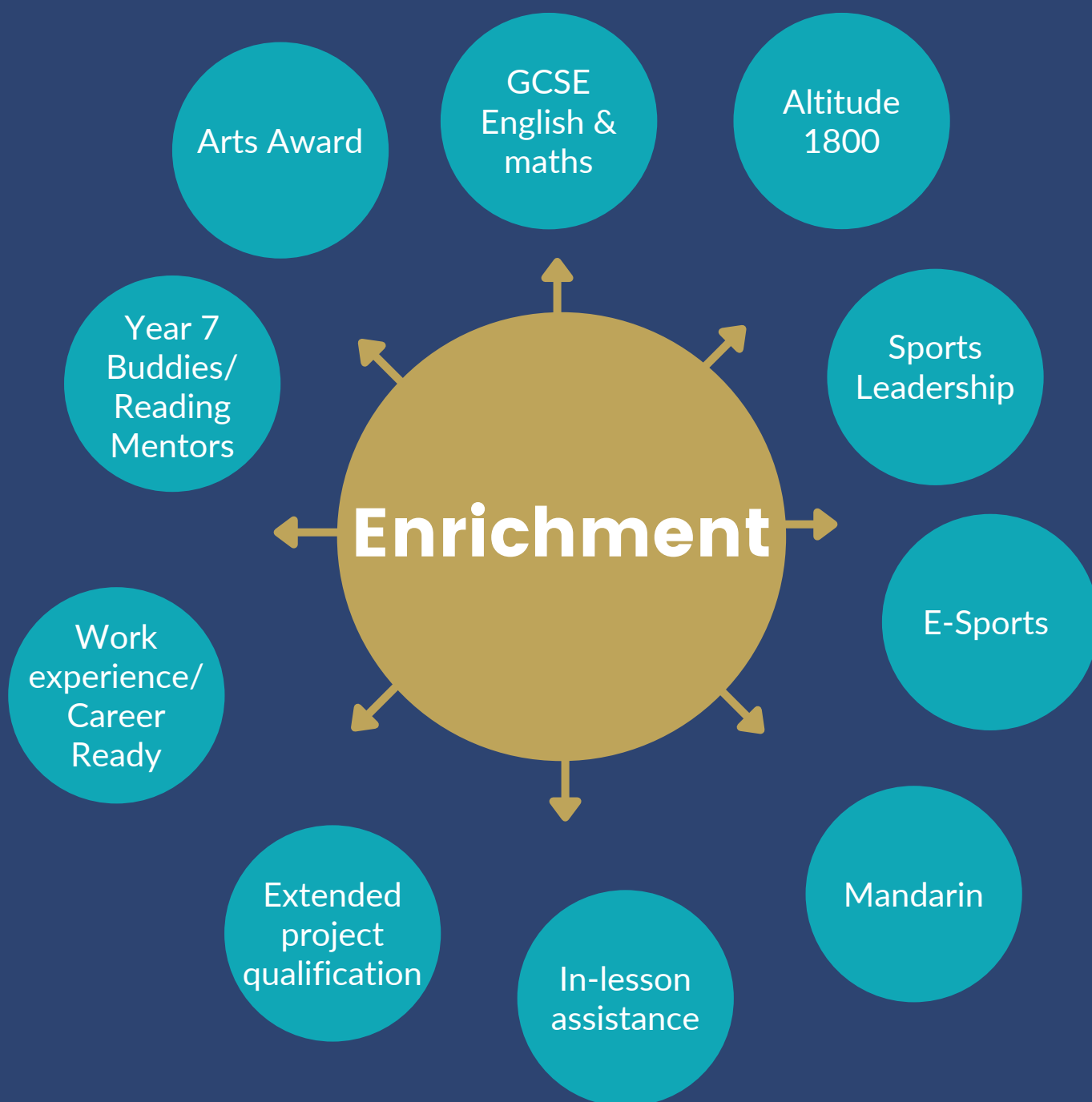


Mrs D. Towers

Head of KS5 and Careers



What **is** Enrichment?



Why is Enrichment **important**?

Following post 16 education, there is a high level of competition for university places and employment opportunities. Admissions tutors and employers are looking for more than academic qualifications so it is vital that students leave the sixth form with the strongest personal profile possible. Taking part in enrichment allows students to develop skills that will strengthen their applications in the future.

When does Enrichment **take place**?

Timetabled enrichment activities take place for 2 hours per week. It is compulsory that all students opt for at least one activity during this time.



Which Enrichment option is **best for me**?

There is no right or wrong answer. Students are encouraged to take part in as many activities as they can during their time in the Sixth Form. Think about your future career choice and the skills needed for that role. You can then match this to the skills each option allows you to develop. Most importantly, choose something that you will enjoy as the more you put into it, the more you will get out.

Note: It is compulsory that those students without a grade 4 in either/ both GCSE Maths/ English choose this option as their timetabled enrichment option. Health and Social Care/ Childcare students are also encouraged to opt for work experience.

Enrichment options

Sports Leadership

Sports Leadership provides students with a great opportunity to develop sporting ability in a leadership role, whilst studying full time.

Sports Leadership benefits from experienced professional coaches/ teachers, who can give you specialist advice to get the best out of your leadership skills.

Students will put their coaching skills into practice by delivering lessons for NCEAT Primary and Centre students and helping to lead sports days.

Students will gain a level 2 BTEC Certificate on completion of the course.

Skills you will develop:

- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Communication

Who to see for more information?

Miss A. North, Subject Lead - Sport

Arts Award

Run in association with the Baltic, Gateshead students will work towards a Gold level award which also attracts UCAS points for use towards university entry.

Students will plan their work with their adviser and keep a record by creating a portfolio of evidence. Students can pick their own style of portfolio for example; diary, website blog, video etc.

Students can choose to focus on expressive or creative arts.

Skills you will develop:

- Creativity
- Leadership and communication
- Planning and organisation

Who to see for more information?

Mrs L. Gatti, Subject Lead - Art



Enrichment options

Career Ready

The Career Ready programme is supported by local employers including the NHS, Bernicia, ORE Catapult, Northumberland County Council and Draeger.

Students benefit from regular meetings with employers, workplace visits, masterclasses, work shadowing and mentoring.

Career Ready is a nationally recognised programme.

Skills you will develop:

- CV writing
- Interview skills
- Wider understanding of the world of work
- Public speaking
- Communication
- Increased initiative

Who to see for more information?

Mrs D. Towers, Head of KS5 and Careers

Extended Project Qualification

The AQA EPQ allows each student to embark on a largely self-directed and self-motivated project. Students must choose a topic, plan, research and develop their idea and decide on their finished product.

We encourage creativity and curiosity. A project topic may be directly related to a student's main study programme, but should look beyond the specification. A finished product may take the form of a:

- Research based written report
- *Production i.e. charity events, fashion shows or sports
- An *artefact (i.e. piece of art, a computer game or realised design)

* A written report must accompany these options

Skills you will develop:

- Public speaking
- Research skills
- Essay writing
- Analysis
- Time management
- Increased initiative

Who to see for more information?

Mrs A. Mills, EPQ Centre Co-ordinator

Enrichment options

In-lesson Assistance

In lesson assistance allows students to support teachers within a subject area of their choice.

The role can involve general classroom support, working with small groups of younger students or mentoring individual learners. Students also support the subject area at whole school events such as options evenings.

This option would suit anyone looking to work in education, social work, with young people or coaching.

Skills you will develop:

- Leadership
- Communication
- Adaptability

Who to see for more information?

Subject Leads (Any)

Year 7 Buddies/Reading Mentors

This opportunity will involve supporting the English and SEND department with their literacy work.

Students will carry out small group work or individual mentoring sessions for students who may be in need of additional support with their reading.

This opportunity would suit anyone considering a career working in education, with young people or coaching.

Skills you will develop:

- Leadership
- Problem Solving
- Communication

Who to see for more information?

Mrs D. Towers, Head of KS5 and Careers



Enrichment options

GCSE English & maths

Students who did not achieve their grade 4 in the summer of Year 11 will be given another opportunity to complete the qualification in the summer of Year 12.

Students are provided with weekly timetabled lessons and a vast amount of resources to work independently at home and during sixth form study periods.

Students are assessed through coursework, a speaking and listening element and a summer examination in English. Students are assessed through a calculator and non-calculator examination in Mathematics.

Skills you will develop:

- Enhanced literacy/numeracy skills
- Public speaking
- Essay writing
- Problem Solving
- Independent Study

Who to see for more information?

Miss E. Wardle, Faculty Lead - English
Mr J. Butler, Faculty Lead - Mathematics

Altitude 1800

UK Tech now accounts for 9% of the national workforce- are you ready?

Students will work with the Altitude Foundation programme to develop their skills in coding and computer programming. The programme is supported by industry professionals giving students an insight into working in digital careers.

Students will become confident in using programmes such as Python, JavaScript and BBC Microbit.

Skills you will develop:

- Creativity
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Initiative

Who to see for more information?

Mr D. Campbell, IT Teacher

Enrichment options

Mandarin

Mandarin is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world. Why not learn to speak it?

In addition to learning a language, students gain an awareness of another culture and develop their skills for world travel when in employment.

Students who wish to pursue Mandarin further can opt to be entered for a supporting qualification.

Skills you will develop:

- Wider understanding of the world of work
- Public speaking
- Communication
- Creativity

Who to see for more information?

Mrs M. Opstad, Subject Lead - MFL

E-Sports

Studying E-Sports as a level 3 option in Year 12? Students should also sign up for E-Sports enrichment to develop their skills in online gaming.

Students will create gaming teams and enter into the competitive GB E-Sports league.

Skills you will develop:

- Problem solving
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Critical thinking

Who to see for more information?

Mrs L. Hart, Head of Faculty - IT



Enrichment options

Work Experience

Work experience allows students to complete placements in a field or industry related to their future career or university aspirations.

Placements are available within the Academy Trust covering areas such as catering, business administration, childcare, classroom assistant opportunities and event management OR, you can source your own.

Placements

All sixth form students are encouraged to complete at least one work experience placement during their time in the sixth form. As a result we have excellent links with some local employers. Placements may take the form of work shadowing, weekly throughout the year or a block placement in March, the summer term or school holidays.

Local employers we have connections with:

- Muckle LLP: Law
- Northumberland Estates- Various
- Rugby Football Union: Sports Coaching
- Wansbeck Hospital: Healthcare
- Newcastle United: Media
- Alison Brett Dental Care: Dentistry
- Shotton Mine: Open Cast mining
- ORE Catapult: Engineering
- Ashington Children's Centre: Childcare & Education
- NCEAT: Primary Education / Event Management
- Robson and Prescott: Veterinary Medicine
- Bernicia- Various

Skills you will develop:

- Communication
- Responsibility
- Initiative

Who to see for more information?

Ms A. Fear, Head of Health & Social Care or Mrs D. Towers, Head of KS5 and Careers

Additional Opportunities

In addition to timetabled enrichment, students have the opportunity to participate in numerous activities outside of lessons.

We have excellent links with local and national universities as well as companies, the Apprenticeship Agency and Jobcentre to help support students in their future career pathways and higher education choices.

What is on offer?

- Charity Events
- Volunteering Abroad
- Student Leadership
- Reading Mentors
- Edinburgh: Christmas Market Visit
- Flamingo Land
- University visits (local, national & international)
- University summer schools/ student shadowing days
- University supported entry schemes
- Graduate Ambassadors
- Weekly guest speaker assemblies
- Employer visits
- Music lessons
- Enterprise activities
- MOOCs- Massive Open Online Courses
- Ethics Conferences
- Personal Finance
- Unifrog
- PSHE programme
- First Aid
- NCS (National Citizenship Service)
- Democracy awareness events
- Study skills workshops
- Sports teams
- Well being events
- Exchange programmes



Volunteering Overseas

In recent years Duke's sixth form has offered the students the opportunity to complete voluntary work overseas. In July 2014 students travelled to Kenya where they worked in an orphanage and helped with the installation of water filters in a Massai village. In July 2015 students travelled to South Africa where they worked with a church to support local community and school projects. In October 2016 students travelled to Botswana to support education projects. In October 2017 23 Year 13 students returned from Sri Lanka after completing work in conservation, temple renovation, special educational needs school and an elderly care home. In 2019, 10 Y13 students returned from Kenya having supported community projects to improve schools and local villages.

Are you up for the challenge?

Miss Cain has already launched our next overseas project that all Year 11 students returning to Duke's Sixth Form are welcome to be part of. This will be a visit to Nepal.

Remember this is not only about the work you do in the country your travel to. Students work all year to fundraise for the trip. You must be dedicated to attending weekly meetings and must be a good team player.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that will allow students to enhance their skills in almost every area. Most notably students become excellent team players, leaders, motivators and problem solvers, while making memories that will last a lifetime.

