

The Year 7 Curriculum Enrichment Entitlement 2025/26

The following curriculum enrichment offer is the current one the Year 7s will experience. However, as the academic year progresses other opportunities will be available to them. Where they experience fewer activities under one of the pillars they will do more in subsequent years. Across OAT academies, we aim for students to experience at least 80 hours of curriculum enrichment every year.

In addition to these experiences, we offer a full assembly and form programme that both supports and extends our curriculum enrichment programme.

Experience – at ODA, we want students to meet many different people from different walks of life; visit amazing places; and try things that they have never done before.

Experience	Category	Detail
Geography	School based event	Exposure to UK cultural events and traditions
History	Speaker and workshops	History Assemblies
All subjects	Speaker and workshops	Enrichment Days (December and July)

Think –at ODA, we want students to develop a broad general knowledge; to engage critically with topical or contentious issues; and to debate the merits of different points of view.

Think	Category	Detail
All subjects	Academic support	Study Skills
Computer Science/IT	Big picture	Fake news
Form/Assembly	Critical thinking and debate	Classroom debates - Votes for schools
Form/Assembly	Big picture	Current affairs
Form/Assembly	Big picture	Fake news - assemblies
GEO/TT	Big picture	Current affairs- real world case studies
History	Big picture	Current affairs (assembly)
History	Research and Enquiry	Historical source analysis
PSHE/RE	Critical thinking and debate	Classroom debates
PSHE/RE	Critical thinking and debate	Philosophy 4 Children
RE	Research and Enquiry	Religious source analysis
Science	Big picture	Fake news
Science	Research and Enquiry	Scientific investigation
Student Leadership	Big picture	Current affairs (understanding elections, democracy in news cycle)

Practice – at ODA, we want students to become familiar and proficient with a wide range of skills; and to become experts at the things they are passionate about.

Practice	Category	Detail
Computer Science/IT	Academic	Computer Science Coding Competition
English	Subject	Performance – Arji Poetry
English	Academic	Subject workshops
English	Subject	Training / Rehearsal – Poetry & Music
History	Passion	Black History Month Competition through lessons
Maths	Academic	East Maths Community Competition
PE	Passion	Inter-House Competition

Science	Academic	OAT Science Cup
RE	Competition	Christmas Card Design
Music	Competition	ODA's Got Talent
Dance	Competition	Dance Competition
Geography	Competition	Royal Geographic Society Competition
Computer Science	Competition	Bebras Challenge
English	Competition	Speech Writing /Performance Competition
Science	Competition	OAT Science Cup

Contribute – at ODA we want students to be active members of their lessons, teams, school community and wider society. We want students to find issues they care about and give them the opportunity to make positive change. We want students to share their skills, knowledge and passions for the benefits of others.

Contribute	Category	Detail
Science	Teams	Subject teamwork
Student Leadership	Leadership	Student Leadership (voting)

Commit – at ODA we want students to make informed decisions about their next steps within school and give them the best possible chance for success after it.

Commit	Category	Detail
Careers	Pathways, Careers, Further Education	Careers speakers
Careers	Pathways, Careers, Further Education	Careers fair
Careers	Pathways, Careers, Further Education	Career skill workshops
Careers	Pathways, Careers, Further Education	Enterprise days
Careers	Personal reflection / planning	Subject target setting / reflections
English	Personal reflection / planning	Subject target setting / reflections
GEO/TT	Personal reflection / planning	Career of the Month
History	Personal reflection / planning	Subject target setting / reflections

Celebrate – at ODA we want students to be proud of their own identity, culture, and achievements; we want students to appreciate the identity, culture and achievements of other people.

Celebrate	Category	Detail
All subjects	Recognition and Reward	Rewards
Form/Assembly	Recognition and Reward	Award ceremonies - values half termly, academic termly via assembly
Form/Assembly	Cultural / Heritage events	Black History Month
History	Cultural / Heritage events	Curriculum Celebration Day - BHM
History	Cultural / Heritage events	Celebrate and explore diverse cultures
History	Curriculum opportunities	Historical figures (e.g. MLK; Alan Turing; etc)
History	Cultural / Heritage events	Celebrate and explore local culture
MFL	Cultural / Heritage events	European Day of Languages (26th September)
PE	Cultural / Heritage events	David Parr Competition

PSHE	Cultural / Heritage events	Cultural societies (based on ethnicity; sexuality; religion etc)
RE	Cultural / Heritage events	Curriculum Celebration Day – throughout the year on display TVs and linked to lessons.
Music	Cultural / Heritage events	Make Music Day
Geography	Cultural / Heritage events	World Water Day
Science	Cultural / Heritage events	British Science Week
English	Cultural / Heritage events	World Book Day