

The Year 8 Curriculum Enrichment Entitlement 2025/26

The following curriculum enrichment offer is the current one the Year 8s 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
History	Speakers and workshops	History assemblies

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
Form/Assembly	Critical thinking and debate	Classroom debates - Votes for schools
Geography	Big picture	Current affairs - real world case studies
History	Research and Enquiry	Historical source analysis
PSHE	Critical thinking and debate	Classroom debates
PSHE	Critical thinking and debate	Philosophy 4 Children
Religious Education	Critical thinking and debate	Classroom debates
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Science	Big picture	Fake news
Science	Research and Enquiry	Scientific investigation
Student Leadership	Big picture	Current affairs (understanding elections, democracy in news cycle)
Student Leadership	Big picture	Fake news (through form time programme)
Student Leadership	Research and Enquiry	Independent research projects

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	Passion	Bebras Challenge. Round 1 is 10th - 21st November.
PE	Passion	Fixtures
PE	Passion	Inter-House Competition
PE	Subject	PE Extra Curricular Club
Science	Passion	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
History	Classroom/school life	Opportunity for newsletter piece linked to cultural events
PE	Teams	Sports Teams Representation
PE	Charity / Voluntary / Social Action	Volunteering to support with clubs and fixtures
Student Leadership	Classroom/school life	Newsletter Opinion piece
Student Leadership	Leadership	School Council
Student Leadership	Leadership	Student Leadership (participation)
Student Leadership	Leadership	Student Voice Meetings
Student Leadership	Charity / Voluntary / Social Action	Volunteering to support school events

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	Personal reflection / planning	Subject target setting / reflections
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English	Personal reflection / planning	Subject target setting / reflections
Geography	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	Recognition and Reward	Rewards - Club 0 event
Geography	Cultural / Heritage events	Exposure to case studies on contrasting areas and different cultures
History	Cultural / Heritage events	Diverse cultures
History	Curriculum opportunities	Historical figures (e.g. MLK; Alan Turing; etc)
PE	Recognition and Reward	Sports colours/badges
PSHE	Curriculum opportunities	PSHE modules
Student Leadership	Dialogue and Sharing	Links to other OAT schools through OAT student voice
Technology	Cultural / Heritage events	Exploration of cultures and societies (based on ethnicity; sexuality; religion etc)