

Spring Enrichment 2025



Extended Curriculum

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Dear parents,

At MBS we believe that supporting our student's personal development is crucial in supporting their academic studies and in creating young men and women who are ready to enter higher education and a professional career. The MBS ethos aims to shape our students into responsible, caring individuals, who demonstrate integrity, flexibility, excellent communication skills and a sense of social responsibility. To do this we provide an additional enrichment curriculum of different activities and experiences beyond the traditional subjects taught in the classroom.

At MBS we deliver the extended curriculum in the following ways:

1. Our extended day. Following the completion of the academic curriculum at 3pm, different enrichment sessions are run.
2. The Break-Out Syllabus (discrete educational trips, visiting speakers, external competitive fixtures, and drop-down days which take place within the school day).
3. Inter-house competitions.

This document focuses on informing you about the choices open to our students through the enrichment programme that runs as part of our extended day.

Our goal is to help our students try new things, develop existing skills, increase cultural capital, and deepen their understanding of themselves and their educational journey. We base our enrichment activities in the 4Rs, which are central to all learning and teaching at MBS.

Each term students at MBS can pick from a selection of enrichment activities that run between 3 and 4pm. In addition, some students will be selected to be members of academic extension and intervention programmes. These programmes take precedence over other activities.

It is compulsory for every Year 7 boy to pick ONE enrichment activity EACH term. In other words, they must pick THREE in total across the year.

The minimum expectation for students in years 8 and 9 is that they must complete ONE enrichment activity during the academic year. Students in years 10, 11 and 6th form may select to do enrichment, but will also be required to attend GCSE and A-level intervention sessions which will take priority. Sixth form students will also take a leadership role in enrichment activities.

Enrichment activities can be selected via an online form, the link will be provided to parents via email and will also be posted on the school website.

The deadline for completing the form is **18th December 2024.**

Please note that some enrichment activities have proven very popular and numbers for some must be limited due to the specialist equipment available. If this is the case then students may not be allocated their first preference. If an activity does not have sufficient numbers it may not be possible to run it and so students will be allocated to other activities.

STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Scholars Club – Invite Only

In order to enhance the development of our most able pupils we are running an academic programme for specific boys.

The programme seeks to provide pupils with the opportunity to engage with more challenging concepts and approaches, widening the exposure of pupils to issues and areas of study not covered in their GCSE subjects. The focus will be on developing critical thinking skills, the ability to articulate points in a more sophisticated way and to appreciate links between different subject areas. The programme will attempt to foster intellectual independence and intellectual curiosity amongst our boys, supporting their GCSE studies and developing skills which will prepare them for higher level study in the future.

Our goal is to enhance the competitiveness of our most able pupils in applying to study competitive courses at university and to prepare them for further study in such demanding courses. In addition, we hope to provide motivation for pupils in their studies by exposing them to key thinkers and concepts which will enhance their current studies.

Science club

The opportunity to get more experience with the more practical aspect of science and get involved in projects which focus on the STEM based subjects.

SPARX Maths Club

Sparx Maths Club is a maths homework club that is run every Wednesday after school. In this club, students receive extra support with their maths homework and delve into interactive math challenges through an online platform called Sparx Maths. The students are guided in problem-solving and are fostering a deeper understanding of the subject by solving a variety of problems on different topics. The aim is to cultivate a love for learning, enhance skills, and showcase students' mathematical achievements outside of lessons.

Chess

Strive to be a champion chess player. Chess has long been the game of geniuses! Join this club and benefit from better brain function, improved memory and cognitive abilities, strategic thinking and attention improvement.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Jazz band (Reciprocal learners)

This club is for our budding jazz musicians. The club gives the opportunity to work in an ensemble and prepare high-profile performances in school and the wider community

Choir (Reciprocal learners)

Here, all boys will be encouraged to find their voice. Boys will rehearse to work towards at least one performance every main term

Cooking Club (Resourceful attitudes)

Students will be given the chance to explore a range of different cooking techniques and ingredients. They will be able to explore international cuisines and develop their creativity within the kitchen.

Due to equipment demands space on this enrichment is limited and students need to see Ms Mingle to discuss joining this group.

Guitar Club (Reciprocal learners)

Experienced and new learners are welcome in the group. You will develop your individual talents as well as learning to perform as an ensemble. The group will also perform at school events

Djembe Group (Reciprocal learners)

All drum kit students **MUST** attend, but everyone is welcome. All abilities are accepted to join this African drumming group. You will learn to play a range of traditional tunes, developing your individual talents as well as performing as part of an ensemble. This group will also perform at school events.

Pottery (Resourceful attitudes)

Learn how to create clay pots and sculptures, shape them, glaze and finish them to a high standard using our kiln.

Doodle Club (Reciprocal Learners)

A club designed for aspiring cartoonists or those interested in art and drawing. Each week looks at different drawing styles and allows students to develop their drawing skills. There will be opportunities for competition within the club and across the school!

Crafters Club (Resourceful Attitudes)

A club that aims to teach boys essential life skills that they might otherwise not learn in or out of school. This includes cooking some basic meals, repairing clothes, ironing and other essential skills that any young man needs to learn before he leaves school.

Jam Bands (Reciprocal Learners)

Everyone's welcome to come and play music together, facilitated across three music rooms. You can try out different instruments and be guided with recommendations. There's a chance for those already getting music lessons to play with other musicians or just to try out something new.

SPORTS AND ACTION

Inter-house Sports

Each year group will take it in turns to compete in range of different sports. Dates for these events will be communicated to students through their form tutor and the parent newsletter. Teams will be selected from each house to participate in; football, basketball and table tennis.

Teams will be selected during tutor time and can be changed on a weekly basis. As a result there is no need to sign up in advance alongside other enrichment activities.

Basketball (Years 7-9)

During key stage 4 basketball enrichments, students will learn the fundamentals of basketball in a fun and inclusive environment. Basketball is a fun sport and a great form of exercise for students. During the enrichments, we will focus on shooting techniques, layups, passing, dribbling, footwork, rebounding, and defensive tactics. The students will also get the opportunity to play games with one another.

Table Tennis (All Year Groups)

Students will be able to learn new skills such as different types of serves, different types of shots that can be played, and they can test themselves against their peers in a friendly and enjoyable environment.

Football (Years 7-9)

Students will build on knowledge of techniques, and tactics gained in PE lessons and fixtures. The club aims to develop the social side of the sport as well in a fun and friendly environment.

COMMUNICATION

Manga and Board Game Club

After a brief break, Manga Comic Club is back! As well as being able to read and discuss Manga, boys are welcome to join and also play card or board games in the library. Some of the same Manga related board games will be on offer with a host of new board and card games. Boys are welcome to bring in games or comics from home, but must accept responsibility for such items. The club will take place in the library and those who have been attending Manga Club are welcome to still use the space to read.

Arabic Club (KS3 and KS4)

The Arabic club covers essential aspects of language acquisition, starting with the fundamentals of the Arabic script and pronunciation and progressing to basic greetings, numbers, and everyday vocabulary. The course introduces verb conjugation in present, past, and future tenses, empowering learners to express themselves across various time frames.

CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITY

Duke of Edinburgh (Resilient citizens) For years 9 and above.

This programme is a real adventure from beginning to end. You start your bronze award in Year 9. You achieve your Award by completing a personal programme of activities in four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. During these club sessions you will learn to plan your outdoor expeditions. Starting from September, all Year 9 students will be automatically enrolled onto Duke of Edinburgh, unless they choose to opt out. More information about this will be given in September.

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Focus	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
STEM	Chess (TMA) 5-12		Scholars Club (ACO) (invite only) SPARX Maths Club (ASA) 3-26	Science Club (NYA) 4-19	
CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS	Jazz Club KS4 (SBR) 3-16 KS4 Art Club (OGA) 6-26	Choir (MHE) 3-16 Art Club (KCA) 6-22 Jam Band (SST) 3-16 Doodle Club (OGA) 6-26 KS5 Design Club (DBR) 5-21	Djembe Drumming (SST) 3-16 Cooking Club (EMI) Food Tech Room Pottery Club (KCA) 6-22	Crafters Club (DBR) 5-21 Guitar Club (ASC) 3-16	
SPORTS AND ACTION	Interhouse Competitions (KDF) MUGA Y8 Basketball (AEA) Sports Hall	Y8 Football (CJA) MUGA Mixed Year Basketball (---) Sports Hall Table Tennis (ABE) Dry Gym KS4 Fitness (JAR) Sixthform Gym		Y9 Football (AEA) MUGA Y7 Football (JEV) Sports Hall	KS5 Fitness (ACO) Sixthform Gym
COMMUNICATION	Arabic Club KS4 (REL) 5-14	Manga and Board Game Club (---) Library GCSE Arabic Club (REL) 5-14		Arabic Club (REL) 5-14	
CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITY	Duke of Edinburgh (Y9)				
Homework Club	The Hub	The Hub	The Hub	The Hub	