



**Curriculum
Enhancement Week
Preference Booklet**

Friday, 18 July 2025 – Tuesday, 22 July 2025

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Introduction:

Welcome to our first Curriculum Enhancement Week at Open Academy.

Curriculum Enhancement Week involves a tremendous amount of effort. It is made possible because of the outstanding collective effort of the school staff, who in some cases give up their free time in order to offer our students the most incredible experiences.

For 2.5 days, from Friday, 18 July 2025 to Tuesday, 22 July 2025, all lessons will be suspended and all staff and students will spend these 2.5 days pursuing one of the many activities detailed in this booklet.

Students will opt for one of our many amazing activity clusters, these include in school options, out of school trips and some clusters which contain a combination of in school days and out of school days.

Our main aims of curriculum enhancement week:

- **Enable students to try something new beyond our broad academic curriculum.**
- **Encourage students to learn and use additional skills that may not be fully developed in the academic curriculum.**
- **To strengthen the working relationships between student and teacher.**
- **To give students the opportunity to show leadership skills in different settings.**

All students in Year 7 to 10 are required to take part in curriculum enhancement week, in line with the school policy, holiday is not authorised during curriculum enhancement week.

How to choose an activity:

- Read through this booklet carefully.
- Students are to choose 3 clusters in order of preference. We are offering a large number of clusters, it may not always be possible to allocate every students' first choice, so please select two other clusters that you feel you would also enjoy.
- Students cluster preferences must be completed via the link below:
<https://forms.gle/kEMKbP3H6Wd2xYav6>
- The deadline for completing the google form is Monday, 18 November at 8:30am.
- Please only complete the form once!

Year 7:

Year 7 will be away at Camp from Tuesday, 15 July to Friday, 18 July. As such they will only be joining in with Curriculum Enhancement Week activities on Monday, 21 July and Tuesday, 22 July 2025.

Year 7 will only be able to choose from in school activities for these two days.

Payments:

Following the preferences process closing and students being allocated an activity, parents/carers will be sent a letter confirming their child's allocated cluster. This letter will contain information as to what payments are required and when.

Every activity, unless free of charge, will require a deposit on or before **Monday, 9 December**. The full balance for activities must be paid by **Wednesday, 23 April 2025**. Prices shown in the preference booklet are approximations based on the full number of students participating in the activity, therefore they are subject to a slight change.

A cluster may be withdrawn if it is no longer financially viable. We offer a wide range of clusters including low cost and free clusters which should satisfy those who do not wish to pay a larger amount.

Payments must be made via parent pay, we are unable to accept cash or cheques for any activities.

Please be aware that should your child fall ill or for any other reason decides that they do not want to go on the trip, the school insurance will not cover this. No refund will be given unless a replacement student takes their place.

If you are struggling financially to pay for a trip, please get in touch with Mrs Molloy on leila.molloy@open-academy.org.uk.

Behaviour

Students' ability to consistently be respectful and meet our behaviour expectations will be imperative in them being able to participate within certain activity clusters. In addition to this we need to be confident that a student will follow instructions if we are to take them outside school; for their safety, the safety of all students and the wider public.

Each activity cluster has to be risk assessed and students' behaviour makes up a significant part of this so that we can take all measures to ensure safety and minimise harm.

If a student does not meet our behaviour expectations regularly, we conduct individual behaviour risk assessments to determine whether it would be safe for that student to attend that activity.

Attendance

At Open Academy, we aspire for all students to achieve 95%+ attendance for the duration of their educational journey (no more than 10 school days missed in one academic year).

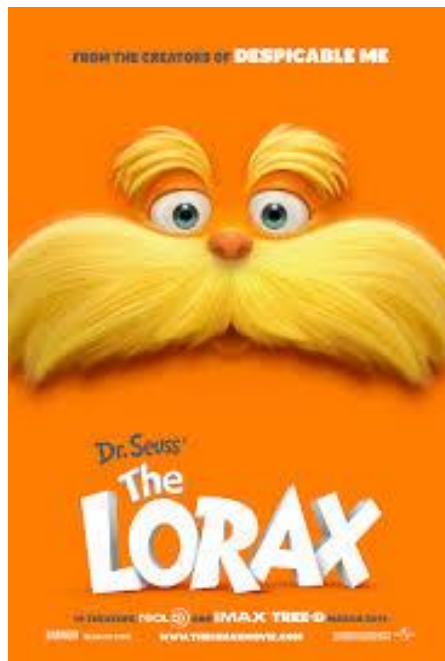
We understand students may experience occasional incidents of being unwell. However, patterns of absence and/or unauthorised absence which result in a students' attendances falling below 90% (20 days missed across the court of one academic year), is considered persistently absent, therefore we will consider whether a student would be suitable to attend certain activities due to their high level of absence.

NATURE IN CRAFTS

Do you love crafts and being creature? Do you enjoy being in the outdoors? If so, join us for a fun filled day and a half of crafting with nature!

Day 1 – We walk to Mousehold and spend the day collecting foliage to create a wreath as well as a number of other creating crafts. You can take these home to adorn your front doors!

Day 2 – bring your snacks and blankets for our movie morning watching The Lorax!



Cost: Free

OPEN TO YEAR 7 ONLY

OPEN ACADEMY SPORTS DAY

Do you love sports? Do you enjoy competing in events? Then this is the activity for you!

We will have an action-packed day and a half full of different activities for you to try.

Some will be competitive, and some will be just for fun!! There will be prizes for the winners.

Students can showcase their skills in different events, cheer on their friends, and enjoy the excitement of a day packed with action. It's a great way to build school spirit, boost confidence, and enjoy a range of sports, making it an exciting and rewarding choice for those who thrive in a lively, athletic environment.

Different activities may include some of the summer favourites: rounders, bodge ball, football, and more!



Cost: Free

OPEN TO YEAR 7 ONLY

BRILLIANT BOARD GAMES

Monopoly? P is for Pizza? Herd Mentality?

If you love board games as much as we do, then this is for you! We play lots of classic board and card games, but we also have many games you won't have played before.

This option encourages critical thinking, problem-solving, and friendly competition in a relaxed setting. It's perfect for students who enjoy a quieter, more focused atmosphere while still having fun and socialising. Board games also help build teamwork and creativity, making this a great choice for those looking to enjoy a different type of challenge outside of physical activities.

Our games club rules are:

- Respect the games pieces.
- Respect other games players.
- Follow the rules of the game.
- Be a humble winner and a resilient loser.
- Always be honest, always trust others (unless bluffing is part of the game).
- Enjoy the game!



Cost: Free

OPEN TO YEAR 7 ONLY

WONDERFUL WHIMSY



Join us for three wonderfully whimsical days in which we will picnic at the beautiful Blickling Estate, visit Dragon Hall and the Norwich writing centre and master the craft of imagination through murder mystery role-play games.



Cost: £4

Year groups: 8, 9, 10 and 12

Required: Comfortable clothing, shoes you don't mind getting a bit dirty and packed lunches for 2 of the days.

CROCHET WITH MARY

Spend two and a half days in crochet heaven learning to crochet with our resident crochet master Mary.

Open to beginners or the more experienced crocheter you will spend your days completing mini projects or one big project over the two and a half days.

Mary can provide a variety of patterns for different projects and abilities, or you may want to bring your own project patterns to work on.



Year groups: 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12

Limited to 10 students

Cost: Free

Required: But please bring some wool, a crochet hook if you have one and a pattern if there is something specific you want to make.

EXPLORING HISTORY

Exploring history will give you a chance to combine real History with creativity to create your own unique and personalised stories of the past. We will look at a range of historical periods, from ancient Rome to the present day, giving you the chance to learn more about the past, consider how it is relevant to today, and to use your knowledge in imaginative ways.

Activities to be confirmed from the following:

Create your own coat of arms and motto using heraldic symbols and a range of languages; build your own Roman/Medieval style cardboard armour; investigate history mysteries, like the sinking of the Titanic; plan a time capsule to inform people of the future about life today; create your own museum exhibition around the topic of your choice; work as a team to build a castle; a trip to Norwich Castle (walking there and back).



Year Group: 8, 9, 10 and 12

Limited to 20 students

Cost £5

ALLOTMENT PROJECT

Working down at the allotment during curriculum enhancement week will most certainly keep you busy as there is always things to be done.

The allotment is all about getting outdoors, having fun and learning how to grow food in a sustainable way that doesn't damage the environment - what could be better?

The allotment is used by many young people all year round but, during Curriculum Enhancement Week, you will be given a project to build and create a totally new area for the whole school to use within the allotment. Your ideas, your designs to support the area around it. It could be building bird boxes/bug homes to support the wildlife, creating beds to plant produce and creating a wellbeing area to support students feeling safe at school.

Overall, we promise one thing: you WILL get your hands mucky! If you are keen on the outdoors, nature, protecting the environment and gardening then allotmenting would be the perfect choice for you!



Year groups: 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12

Limited to 20 students

Cost: Free

FISHING EXPERIENCE

Have you ever wanted to try fishing?

We are visiting Shallowbrook Lakes in Costessey for the day to learn about coarse fishing and hopefully catch a few monsters! You will get expert tuition and all equipment will be provided.

Choosing a fishing trip as an activity option offers a unique blend of adventure, skill-building, and relaxation. It's a chance to experience the outdoors, learn the basics of fishing, and develop patience and teamwork.

Students can enjoy time by the water, soaking in the peaceful environment, while also engaging in a hands-on activity that's both fun and rewarding.

The fishing trip encourages an appreciation for nature and provides a memorable experience different from typical school activities, making it an exciting option for those looking to try something new.



Year groups: 8, 9, 10 and 12

Limited to 15 students

Cost - £30

TOUR DE NORWICH

Two fun filled days of cycling on mainly traffic free roads along Marriotts Way and around Whitlingham Broads. We will provide a fantastic route, amazing weather, and prizes! All you have to do is bring yourself and a bike!

Day 1 is cycling along Marriotts Way to Reepham and back. There will be prizes for the first and last people to get to the finish line, plus prizes along the way for solving puzzles etc.

Day 2 will be cycling around Whitlingham Broad. More prizes to be won for solving puzzles and quizzes. We will also get to chill by the river for lunch!

Day 3 will be a treasure trail around the school grounds. Can you find all the hidden clues to get even more prizes?

An awesome opportunity to improve fitness, build confidence, and develop teamwork as we all ride together through scenic trails. The trip encourages a sense of independence and adventure while teaching important skills like bike safety and road awareness.

With fresh air and a sense of accomplishment after each ride, a cycling trip offers a healthy, fun-filled experience that combines physical activity with the thrill of exploring new environments.



Year groups – 7, 8, 9,10 and 12

Cost – Free

Limited to 20 students

Required: bring a working bike and spares

A PLAY IN TWO DAYS

Find out what it takes to put a play on in 2 days. Whether you are a singer, dancer, an actor or interested in creating set or costume, join in an action packed 2 days with the aim of putting on a performance at the end.

We will be working across year groups so you will develop your skills of collaboration, commitment, communication and creativity. You will also have the opportunity to input your own ideas whilst working to deadlines and must be able to present what you have created to an audience at the end of the 2 days.



Year groups: 8, 9, 10 and 12

Limited to 20 students

Cost: Free

OPEN ACADEMY DOES BAKE OFF

During these days we will learn to make:

Day 1 Bread and Cake:

- A Victoria sponge cake
- Sourdough bread
- Focaccia Bread
- Empanadas (with choice filling)

Day 2: World Food

- Bao Buns
- Turon (Filipino banana pastry)
- Spring Rolls

Day 3 Picnic:

- Scones
- Cookies

DAY 1 – BREADS & CAKE
DAY 2 – FOOD WORLD TOUR
DAY 3 – AFTERNOON TEA
PRICING £20 PER PUPIL



Year groups: 8, 9, 10 and 12

Cost - £20

Limited to 25 pupils

THE APPRENTICE & TASK MASTER

Are you ready to be Lord Sugar's next apprentice?

Complete a range of fun tasks and challenges in groups to accumulate as many points as possible and be the winning team.

A hilarious and creative challenge inspired by the popular TV show.

In this activity, students work in teams to tackle quirky and unpredictable tasks that test their problem-solving, teamwork and thinking on their feet. From building unusual objects to completing funny or puzzling challenges, the focus is on fun and creativity.

Tasks that will test your ability to think outside of the box, get creative and problem solve.



Cost: Free

Year groups: 7, 8, 9 10 and 12

Limited to 30 students

A LONDON ADVENTURE

Ever wondered what the largest mammal in the world looks like up close?
Ever wondered what it is like to be in an earth quake?
Have you ever wanted to go on a safari and see the wonders of Africa?
Or see if you could build a raft and survive in the waters?

Join us on a fun filled exciting day out in London, see the most amazing fossils, bones and rare specimens some only found in the London Museum of Natural History. On the same day join us to see the cutting edge of science, experience an earthquake and see things to amaze you.

Then on our second day enjoy Colchester Zoo, experiencing all the wildlife of Africa, Asia, Europe and much more! Get up and close to some of the animals, see giraffes, tigers, lions, elephants and more!

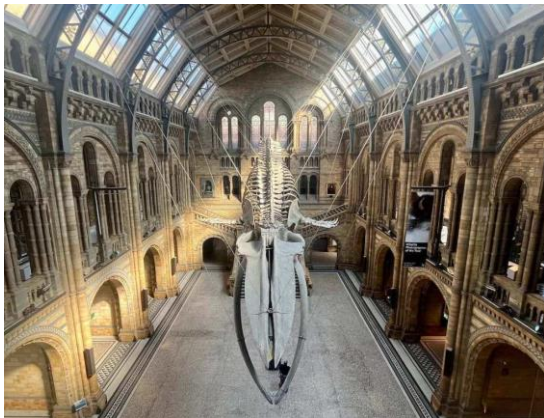
Finally, on the third day enjoy building a raft, can yours float the best or will it sink?
Can you build the best or will you get wet!

Itinerary:

Day 1 – Natural History Museum and Science Museum – London

Day 2 – Colchester Zoo

Day 3 – Whitlingham Broad



Year groups 8, 9, 10 and 12

Limited to 70 students

Cost - £80

HARRY POTTER WEEK

Calling all young witches and wizards! We are thrilled to offer an unforgettable adventure to the **Harry Potter Studios**. Dive deep into the magical world of Hogwarts and experience the magic behind the scenes. Here's what you can look forward to:

Harry Potter Studios Tour – Day 1

- **Explore Iconic Sets:** Walk through the Great Hall, Diagon Alley, and Dumbledore's office.
- **See Original Props & Costumes:** Get up close to the props, costumes, and special effects used in the films.
- **Behind the Scenes Magic:** Learn the secrets of how the movies were brought to life with interactive exhibits and demonstrations.

Harry Potter Themed Days – Day 2 & 3

We will be bringing the magic to life right at school with Harry Potter-themed activities:

- **Potions Class:** Brew your own (safe) concoctions in our magical potions lesson.
- **Movie Day:** Harry Potter movie day with themed snacks!

A fun, interactive way to dive into the world of Harry Potter, engage in exciting, hands-on activities that blend creativity with learning, and experience the magic both on-screen and off.

Don't miss out on this enchanted opportunity. Grab your broomstick and join us for an unforgettable journey into the world of Harry Potter.



Limited to 40 students

Year groups: 8, 9, 10 and 12

Cost - £50

MOTORSPORT MANIA

Are you interested in all things motorsport? Love to get behind the wheel and feel the need for speed? Then look no further than the Motorsport Mania event!

Day 1 (Friday, 18 July):

A visit to the home of British motorsport – Silverstone. An interactive tour around the highly acclaimed Silverstone Museum. Including a 45min STEM workshop, you will experience and be able to walk around some of the iconic racing cars and motorbikes from the past, right through to the modern day.

Day 2 (Monday, 21 July):

Day two will see you get behind the wheel at KartTrak Cromer for a 3hr endurance relay. You will be in groups of up to 4 people, changing drivers regularly to see who can set the fastest lap time on the twisty bends of the North Norfolk track.

Day 3 (Tuesday, 22 July): TBC but likely to be either a) or b) below:

- a) The final half a day will see us visit the iconic Lotus Cars factory in Hethel. Renowned for its prestigious Formula 1 cars winning multiple championships, and agile track racing cars, you will have the opportunity to see various stages of the production of this legendary Norfolk car manufacturer.
- b) The final half a day will see us visit a current Formula 2 race team – Invicta Racing's factory at their Norfolk base in Attleborough. Formula 2 is the official feeder series to Formula 1 and Invicta Racing have a rich history being a front runner on the Formula 2 grid the past few seasons.



Year group: 8, 9, 10 and 12 (students must be over 134cm tall)

Limited to 22 students

Cost: £110

OPEN ADVENTURE

For students seeking excitement and adventure, this option provides an unforgettable experience filled with new discoveries and personal growth.

Day 1: Go Ape

Go Ape is an awesome outdoor adventure where you can swing through the trees, tackle high ropes, and zip-line your way to an unforgettable day!

Day 2: Thorpe Park

Thorpe Park is the perfect spot for a thrill-packed day, with epic roller coasters, fun attractions, and non-stop fun that'll keep you buzzing all day long!

Day 3: Sports from Around the World

This is your chance to try some new sports such as kabaddi, ultimate frisbee, Lacrosse, volleyball and more.



Year groups: 8, 9, 10 and 12

Limited to 70 students

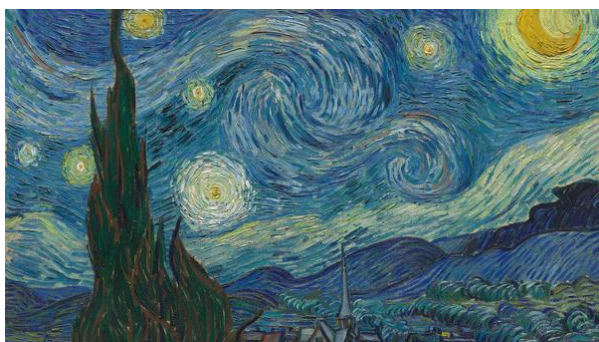
Cost: £75

PAINT, PLAY, CREATE

Enjoy spending time in the art department immersing yourself in a creative journey, exploring various art forms and media of your choice. From painting and drawing to experimenting with collage, clay, or recycled materials, you will have the freedom to express your unique artistic visions.

Whether working individually or in small groups, you will have lots of time in a relaxed environment to experiment with techniques, collaborate, and develop their own personal style in a relaxed and inspiring environment.

We will finish off by setting up a small display area in the Atrium where everyone can present their work for other students to see.



Year groups: 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12

Limited to 20 students

Cost: Free

CIRCUS MANIA

Day 1: Circus Skills:

Acro: Solo gymnastics skills and group Acro skills

Manipulation: Juggling, plate spinning, flower sticks, hula hooping

Balancing: Stilt walking, handstands

Day 2: Dance and Performance skills

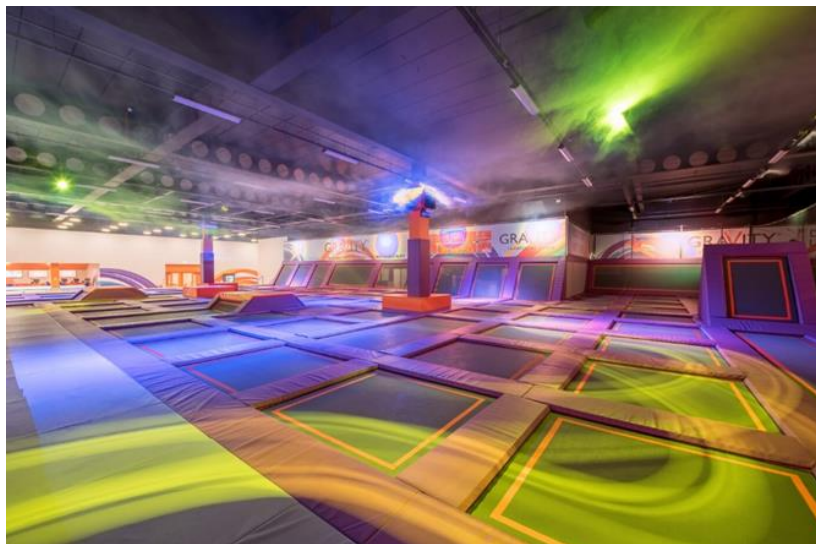
Dance: Warm up, skills practice and then learn a simple routine.

Using skills from the previous day and the routine create a whole routine (just for us!)

Day 3: Gravity – Trampoline Park

Spend the morning at Gravity and jump until you can't jump anymore!

Not only are these activities a great way to challenge yourself and try something new, but they also help improve your coordination, balance, and concentration. Plus, working together with others to learn tricks can build teamwork and confidence. Whether you want to show off your talents or just have fun learning new things, circus skills offer something for everyone!



Year groups: 8, 9, 10 and 12

Limited to 20 students

Cost: £50