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At D6A, we are committed to enabling students to develop themselves both inside and outside of the classroom. Our enrichment programme is designed to ensure that all students meet their full potential and that the skills they develop support them with their academic studies and wider development.

WHAT IS ENRICHMENT?

Enrichment at D6A is an opportunity for students to extend their learning beyond the classroom by trying new activities or striving to achieve in an area of specialist interest. Our enrichment is varied and ranges from weekly activities to one-off trips and taster activities. Also, we are excited that D6A students through the enrichment programme regularly represent the College at national competitions.

WHY DO WE DO ENRICHMENT?

Universities and employers want to see that students have developed themselves both within the classroom and the wider College community. The most successful students not only achieve high grades but also engage fully in the many enrichment opportunities open to them. It's not only about learning a skill, gaining knowledge, or winning a prize; it's also about the skills our students gain along the way, such as building resilience, learning to work as a team, or thinking strategically.

We believe so strongly in the value of enrichment that all YR1 students take part in compulsory weekly enrichment for eight weeks in the Autumn and Spring Term in addition to attending the YR1 compulsory trip. In YR2 enrichment becomes optional, with many students choosing to continue this commitment or even to run their own student led activities.



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OFFER

Our enrichment provision provides many options for students, so all interests are catered for. We also encourage students through this programme to try new things and push themselves out of their comfort zones. Our enrichment categories consist of:



ACADEMIC STRETCH



CREATIVE AND SELF-EXPRESSION



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



SOCIAL ACTION AND VOLUNTEERING



SPORTS, HEALTH AND FITNESS



TRIPS AND VISITS



ACADEMIC STRETCH

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These enrichments are designed to strengthen students' academic skills and, in most cases, are directly relatable to the A-level courses that we offer at D6A. Many of these enrichments offer students the chance to compete in national competitions.



Bar Mock Trial	Students will participate in a mock trial against other schools and colleges, taking on different roles in the courtroom and will compete in a national competition. This enrichment is only for YR2 students who are selected by staff.
BSA Young Sociologist of the Year Competition	Students will apply their sociological knowledge to relevant world topics. Students will plan a report, conduct primary research and be entered into a national competition, where the winner will receive a prize.
Cambridge University Chemistry Challenge	This national competition organised by Cambridge University aims to stretch and challenge students interested in Chemistry and will provide an excellent experience for any student considering a degree or career in the Chemistry field.
Criminal Psychology	Students will investigate high-profile criminal cases, learning about the classification of offenders and techniques used to bring them to justice. This is an excellent opportunity to build on learning in Psychology, but it is open to all students.
Encryption and Cybersecurity	For students considering a career in Cybersecurity, this is an introduction to concepts, practical programming development and an investigation into a career in this field. This enrichment is particularly suited to Computing and Maths students but is open to all.
Grow a Pound	This is an excellent enrichment for budding entrepreneurs and students studying business. Students will be given £1 and asked to use their business skills to make the biggest profit. All the money raised will be donated to charity.
How to Live Longer	By designing and conducting experiments, students will gain a deeper understanding of biology. This enrichment is ideal for students applying to competitive Biology-related courses who want to stand out from the crowd.
Introduction to Teaching	For students who are interested in a career in teaching; students will learn about what it takes to be a teacher and visit local schools to observe teachers in real environments.
IRIS - Institute for Research in Schools	Students will carry out their own research projects, including practical research, and present their projects to the IRIS Student Research Conference in June 2025. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about how research is carried out and gain insight into research-based careers. Students must commit to this enrichment for the full academic year.

Maths Challenge	For students studying Maths and Further Maths who are interested in developing their reasoning and logical thinking skills and entering the Senior Maths Challenge and Maths Olympiad.
Proctor & Gamble Business Project	Students will learn from industry experts and work in teams to develop business ideas, culminating in a presentation to senior members from Proctor & Gamble. An excellent opportunity to work with a multi-national organisation and gain experience in Business and Marketing.
Physics Olympiad	Students will take part in this national competition, which will stretch them beyond the physics curriculum.
RAISED in Yorkshire Dentistry Initiative	This enrichment is in partnership with The University of Leeds Dentistry Department and is an excellent opportunity for any future dentists. Students will create and deliver a health promotion campaign to improve dental hygiene in Bradford.
Real World Economics	Students will be stretched and challenged beyond the Economics A level curriculum, including wider reading and debating contemporary issues. There will also be opportunities to enter national competitions.
RSC Chemistry Analyst of the Year	This is a national competition for Chemistry students who want to expand their knowledge, skills and aptitude for analytical science through practical analytical experiments based on relevant societal or industrial problems.
Science Reading Club	Students will read and discuss popular science books often found on university recommended reading lists and regularly asked about in interviews for science-based university courses. An excellent opportunity for any future scientists.
SheMD -Women's research project for medics	Open to female students considering a career in the medical field; this enrichment allows students to research a contemporary issue in medicine and then present their findings to groups of their peers. An excellent opportunity to develop research skills, oracy and build confidence.
The British Informatics Olympiad	This is a national competition open to any students interested in learning advanced programming using PYTHON as the programming language. This is open to all students interested in computer science. Students will be required to complete preliminary work before the enrichment activity starts.

ELEVATE

Elevate is a specialist programme that supports students who are planning to apply to the most prestigious universities. Students are provided with guidance around building strong super-curricular experiences and reflections, writing excellent personal statements, and preparing for interviews or admissions tests. In addition, we build in trips to a number of prestigious universities throughout YR1.

At the start of YR1, students with high GCSE grades (typically grade 8s and 9s) will be invited to join the Elevate Programme and will attend a weekly session covering the following:



TERM 1:

All students will work to develop the higher-level academic skills that will be required for their A level success and support their transition to undergraduate study. This includes (but is not exclusive to) developing skills in academic research, essay writing, oracy, and critical thinking.

TERM 2:

Students will choose one of three optional strands that they feel is most applicable to their university application. The strands are Russell Group Ready, Medical Society and Oxbridge. During these sessions, students will explore further courses and university options available, complete wider research into their chosen undergraduate course and strengthen their presentation skills.

TERM 3:

Students will remain in their chosen strand, focusing on their university applications and preparing for specific interview and entrance examination styles that will be part of the university admissions process.



CREATIVE AND SELF-EXPRESSION

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These enrichments focus on developing students' creative thoughts and provides them with a platform to express their ideas and opinions.

Advanced Mehndi on Canvas

Students who are confident in applying mehndi on hands already will have the opportunity to transfer these skills to creating a display piece on canvas. Previous experience is required.

Art

Students will use a range of art techniques, including print work, painting and sewing, to explore ideas surrounding a broad theme. Open to all students

Bollywood dancing (female only)	Students will learn Bollywood dancing and creatively express themselves by choreographing their own routines. This is an excellent way to develop confidence while having fun in a female-only environment.
Breakdancing	Students will learn the breakdancing moves, creating routines in a supportive, fun environment. This enrichment is led by a qualified breakdance instructor.
Cricut	Mixing creativity with business skills, students will create designs they will print and apply to personalise a range of objects.
Crochet	Students will learn to crochet or develop existing skills, to create a range of items. Open to all students.
D6A Band	This is for students who are musicians and want to play and perform as part of the D6A band. There will be opportunities to develop key skills in musicianship and also opportunities to play live at college events.
Future Authors	Students will develop their creative writing and poetry skills, with the opportunity to enter national competitions. Open to all students.
Graffiti Art	Students will learn techniques associated with graffiti art, working towards creating a large piece of art.
Guitar Jam	Suitable for students who can already play or would like to learn the basics. Students will enjoy jamming with other guitarists in a relaxed environment.
Henna Art	Students will learn, share, practice and enjoy the art of creating intricate henna designs. No prior henna experience necessary.
Keyboard club	Students will learn and develop their keyboard skills; beginner players are welcome.
Mindful Journaling and Scrapbooking	Students will be given a topic to draw inspiration from weekly, and they will use these to journal their journey through College. Students will have time to reflect and develop their creative and critical thinking skills.
Singing	Students will enjoy singing a range of music as individuals and a group. Open for singers of all abilities.
Textiles	Students will design and make their own tote bag using hand and machine sewing techniques.

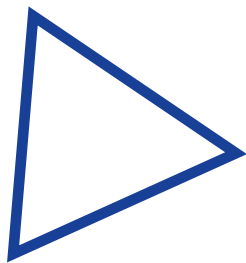


PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

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These enrichment activities aim to develop students' key skills for life outside of the classroom. They also aim to strengthen students' ability to work with their peers and discuss and share their opinions about a range of topic areas.

British Sign Language	Students will learn British Sign Language, the most common sign language used throughout the UK.
Chess Club	By learning and playing chess, students will develop problem solving and strategic thinking skills.
Debate Club	Students will research and discuss current issues before participating in formal debates, where they will present and argue a viewpoint. This enrichment is excellent for developing oracy and is recommended for any students considering a career in law.
Fantasy Football	Students will select and 'manage' a squad of 15 Premier League players online. Using OPTA data from actual matches, students will develop an understanding of how data is generated whilst improving their strategic and oracy skills.
First Aid	Students will learn First Aid and have the opportunity to gain an accredited qualification. This course is great for potential medics, paramedics, or students interested in the Health and Social Care sector.
Italian Club	Students will be introduced to basic Italian, learning key words and phrases. There will also be opportunities to discuss Italian culture.
Beginners Korean	Students will learn the basics of the Korean language by being introduced to common words and phrases. In addition, students will also study Hangeul, the official Korean alphabet, and practise writing phrases and names.
Strategic Board Games	Students will play a range of board games whilst developing strategic thinking, problem-solving and communication skills.
Women's Research Project	Students will work as a team to research an area of interest, presenting their findings to groups of their peers and high school students. Open to female students.







THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S GOLD AWARD

This prestigious award programme involves skills and physical development, volunteering plus an expedition and residential. Students will be supported, however must be self-motivated and able to commit for the full two years of study at D6A. No previous experience is required, but having completed the bronze or silver award would be beneficial.



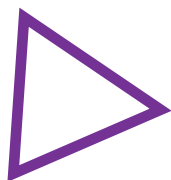


SOCIAL ACTION AND VOLUNTEERING

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The Social Action and Volunteering Enrichments are all focused on giving something back to others, either in our college community or those within the community of Bradford. These enrichment opportunities also help provide valuable work experience required for some university courses.

Bradford Greenspaces	Students will learn practical gardening skills and help to create beautiful, planted spaces on college site and around the local area. Great for student who want to make a difference in their community.
Climate Leaders	For students interested in their wider impact on the world and who want to influence others to make positive environmental change. Students will work towards a Climate Literacy certification which is an internationally recognised and increasingly important qualification in the world of work and would also be great for a UCAS application.
Outdoor Discovery	Students will discover, explore, conserve and share wild places, learning a range of outdoor skills through weekly activities, off-site visits and adventures!
PeaceJam	PeaceJam is an international organisation inspired by Nobel Peace Laureates. Students will participate in Peace Jam UK's One Billion Acts of Peace campaign by devising and carrying out social change projects to tackle the root cause of the most pressing issues in their community.
PRISM	PRISM provides a safe space for students to discuss issues relating to the LGBTQIA+ community.
Supporting Bradford Hospitals Charity	Students will work as a group to create a charitable donation project whilst learning about how the Bradford Hospitals Charity supports patients.
Work Experience - Catering	Students will gain a food hygiene certificate and valuable work experience through volunteering in the Mill Café.
Work Experience - Student Librarians	Students will gain valuable work experience volunteering in the College library.



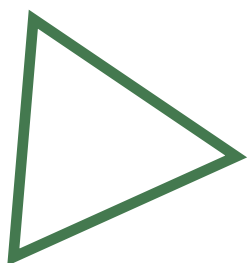


SPORTS, HEALTH AND FITNESS

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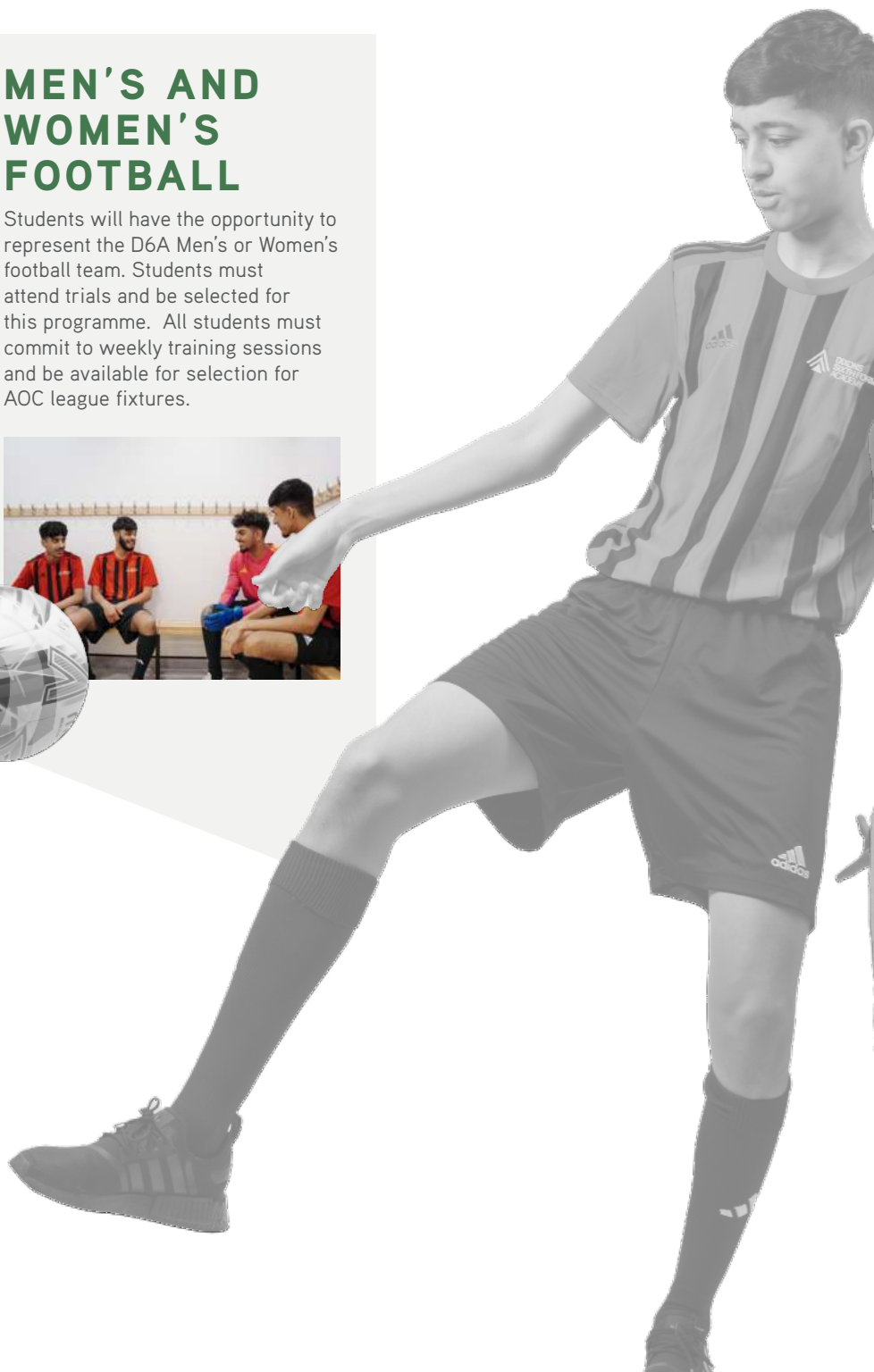
At D6A, we value and promote health and fitness in all students, as it helps to support students in reaching their goals and maintaining a positive approach to their student life and life outside of the classroom. These enrichments continue to promote students' engagement in physical activity, with options for this in both a competitive and non-competitive format.

Badminton	Students will have fun, improve their skills and get competitive playing badminton. This activity will be offered as a mixed enrichment class and a female-only enrichment class.
Basketball	Students will have fun, improve their skills and get competitive playing 3v3 basketball.
Circuit Training	Students will participate in weekly circuit training, a combination of six or more exercises performed with short rest periods between. This is a fun way to get or stay fit.
Climbing Club	Students can learn the basics or improve existing bouldering and climbing skills. This activity takes place off site at The Climbing Hub and is open to all students, no experience is necessary.
Couch to 5K	Students will train weekly, building their fitness towards running 5k. This is open to students of all fitness levels.
Cricket	Students will have fun, improve skills and get competitive playing indoor cricket.
Introduction to Cricket Coaching	Students will work towards an accredited ECB qualification, developing their coaching ability whilst learning how to plan and deliver cricket activities.
Learn to swim	Learning to swim is an essential life skill. These swimming lessons are taught by qualified swim teachers and take place at a local swimming pool.
Table Tennis	Students will have fun, improve their skills and get competitive playing table-tennis against other students.
Yoga	Students will participate in a weekly Yoga class which will use mind and body exercises that develop flexibility and build strength. Students will also improve their knowledge and ability to practise mindfulness and relaxation exercises.



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Students will have the opportunity to represent the D6A Men's or Women's football team. Students must attend trials and be selected for this programme. All students must commit to weekly training sessions and be available for selection for AOC league fixtures.





WOMEN'S NETBALL

Students will have the opportunity to represent the D6A Netball team. Students must attend trials and be selected for this programme. All students must commit to weekly training sessions and be available for selection for AOC league fixtures.





TRIPS AND VISITS

Educational visits make a significant contribution to supporting D6A students through the development of new knowledge and skills. These experiences for many of our students have ignited a spark in them that has become a life-long interest and an area in which they have specialised as they have progressed onto higher education. At D6A we offer a wide range of day trips and residential opportunities in the UK and abroad. A selection of trips D6A has run include:

A WIDE RANGE OF UNIVERSITY VISITS

- The University of Sheffield
- Cambridge University
- Oxford University
- Leeds Trinity University
- Many others

CULTURAL VISITS AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

- Leeds University Art Graduate Show
- The Art House
- Opera at Leeds Grand Theatre
- Yorkshire Dales Environmental Volunteering Days
- Charity Bike Rides
- Theatre visits to The Alhambra

CURRICULUM VISITS

- The Royal Holloway Psychology Competition
- Squire Patton Boggs Law Firm
- Music Recording Studio Experience Day
- Climbing, Sailing and Skiing Experience Days
- Leeds Trinity Sports Visit
- Leeds Carnegie Sports Visit
- Health & Social Care Pearls Tearoom Visit

ENRICHMENT TRIPS

- Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award "Big Hill" training days
- Caving Days
- Watersports Experience Days
- Skateboarding Experience
- Learn to Ski
- Go Ape High Ropes Adventure
- Ski Lessons
- Horse Riding
- Introduction to Teaching
- RAISED in Yorkshire School Visits
- Year 11 GCSE Support visits

RESIDENTIALS

- Tall Ships Sailing Adventure
- Women's Leadership Residential in association with Girlguiding
- Outdoor Adventure Residential
- Hadrian's Wall Visit
- London Trip
- Oxford University Residential
- Cambridge University Residential



YR 1 BIG TRIP

In YR1 all students take part in two trips in the Autumn term to help wider their experiences and build relationships with teachers and peers at D6A.





The YR1 trip involves:

1. A one-day experience at a Russell Group University where students have the opportunity to attend lectures, learn about Wider Participation Schemes and also experience a new town or city.
2. A one-day outdoor challenge experience. Students and staff value this trip and the opportunity to push themselves out of their comfort zones whilst also enjoying the outdoors. Students will take part in orienteering, hill walking and team building activities, challenging themselves to reach new heights and foster a sense of community with D6A.

YR 2 TRIP

At the beginning of YR2, selected students will embark on an amazing visit of a lifetime to the cultural melting hotspot of Istanbul in Turkey. Straddling Europe and Asia, Istanbul is home to over 15 million residents, welcoming over 20 million each year to be the most visited city in the world. Students will visit the world-famous landmarks of The Blue Mosque, the Grand Bazaar, Topkapi Palace and many more places.







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