

Friday 11th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Enrichment Electives for the Spring and Summer term Y8

Welcome to our enrichment programme which starts in January 2021. We hope you will be excited by the offer which provides the opportunity for all students to broaden their horizons and knowledge of the world in which we live. This development of cultural capital is becoming increasingly important for success at GCSE and this programme offers students the opportunity to develop some of the wider knowledge which will support that aim. In addition, there are lots of electives available to suit varied tastes and abilities. Our curriculum design at Haggerston is very innovative and as such all children in year 8 will have enrichment as a part of their timetable for the rest of the school year. Your child's enrichment preferences will be taken into account when the classes for this period are constructed.

Next steps:

Please review the information provided on enrichment electives with your child. Students will shortly be asked to rank in order of preference three electives from each of the two blocks:

- a) Creative block
- b) Aspiration/Character block

Your child will have an option from one of these two blocks in Spring and one from the other in the Summer. This is to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum for students who should be encouraged to try something new or to develop and deepen knowledge of an existing interest. I will try to match as closely as I can to students' preferences. Your child will need to be happy with all three of their choices in each of the two blocks as any one of those three choices may be allocated. **The choices made in school on Monday 14th December during tutor time will be FINAL choices for the Spring term and for the Summer term.**

In tutor time on Monday 14th December we will be asking students to make their selections for the rest of this year. The range of enrichment electives available for January are shared with you via this document. You will find a description of what will happen in each of the electives available. Please review this with your child over the next couple of days. If your child is absent on Monday (due to self isolation for example), we will send you a google form to complete via e-mail.

Year 8 will not be with students from other year groups to avoid any mixing of the bubbles.

We do hope both you and your child are excited about what you see and we look forward to starting the programme in January 2021.



Yours sincerely,
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<u>Creative block</u>	Description
Making products with recycled materials (JH)	Beginning with papier mache, we will create products like jewellery and bowls and then move onto different reclaimed materials e.g. old wooden pallets, old jumpers plastic bottles.
Ceramics (EWS)	Are keen to work in 3D? Do you like getting your hands dirty? Ceramics may be the perfect material for you to learn how to create 3D artworks. From pinch pots to sculpting techniques, you will learn a variety of ways in which you can manipulate clay to create beautiful outcomes.
Art club (LP)	If you are full of creative ideas and itching to be a bit more experimental, then this is the perfect club for you. Art club will give you the opportunity to use some new materials as well as giving you the opportunity to collaborate with your peers to create exciting artworks.
Songwriting Club (JW)	Learn the musical skills to write your own songs, whether or not you play an instrument. We will learn about chords, melody, lyrics and structure, to help you write your first big hit.
Robotics Challenge (AKK)	Are you keen to be involved in special missions, real-world challenges, team-working, robots, design, fun and loads of LEGO? Then the exciting robotics challenge is for you! Here you will learn how to build, program and control autonomous LEGO robots to complete a series of short, exciting missions using LEGO® Education EV3 sets. Your team will research, design, plan, implement and present their own solution to a contemporary engineering problem gaining feedback on your work from the engineering community.
Making with Textiles (JT)	In this club we will experiment with different ways to print and decorate fabric. We will also discuss the growing concern in society about the ready-made garment industry. How can we show our social responsibility and acknowledge the environmental impact of this part of our lives?

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<u>Aspirational/ Character block</u>	Description
Psychology Club (HM)	How does the mind work? Why do people behave like they do? Discover the answer to these questions by exploring famous psychology experiments and planning some of your own. We will also focus on mental health in popular media and film, whilst considering how we can promote tolerance and awareness within our community.
Stock Market Trading (MS)	How much money can you make on the stock market? Choose five stocks and weekly analyse your profit/loss on these stocks.
Musical Theatre Club (HJO)	If you love the world of song and dance, look no further. From modern classics such as Hairspray to old favourites like the Sound of Music we'll explore the history of musical theatre.
VIPs club (ACC)	Ever been curious to know about notable figures throughout history and what they have done to gain fame or influence? Join this club as we learn about Very Important People and the way they have shaped the world around us, and discuss what their prominence tells us about societal trends. You will discuss, research and write about the VIPs.
Film Studies (MAD)	Want to know more about how films are made and what it takes to have a career in the movie business? Learn about different theories of filmmaking and how the movie industry has changed since the very first moving pictures were put on film in the 19th century.
Foreign Affairs Club (LGP)	Are you looking for a space to discuss current events and international affairs? You will be able to get involved in discussing and researching about what is going on in the world at the moment (including the most random events). We will also be running "The most random foreign affair/event" competition.

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