



# BYDALES SCHOOL

## TO BECOME OUTWOOD ACADEMY BYDALES

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Outwood Academy Bydales - Enrichment Fayres**

As you are aware, although formal lessons end at 2:30pm, the Academy day does not. There are numerous Enrichment activities for your son/daughter to take part in during the academic year. As activities are added and amended throughout the year, we have decided, based on parental and student feedback, to hold an Enrichment Fayre at the start of every half-term for pupils to sign up to activities for that particular half-term.

### **Enrichment Fayre dates are as follows:**

Tuesday 4 November 2:30pm-3:30pm

Tuesday 6 January 2:30pm-3:30pm

Tuesday 24 February 2:30pm-3:30pm

Tuesday 14 April 2:30pm-3:30pm

Tuesday 2 June 2:30pm-3:30pm

Although attendance is not compulsory, we would encourage all pupils to come along to each Enrichment Fayre to complete a walk around of departments to see what is on offer and sign up to activities for that particular half-term. No other Enrichment activities will run on the above dates.

Pupils will complete an Enrichment slip at each Fayre to remind them what they have signed up for and on what day. Please ensure you check your child's Enrichment slip after the Fayre so you are aware of days your child is staying back and with which member of staff.

Details of Enrichment activities for each half-term will be available for parents/carers to view on our website along with a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section.

In the unlikely event that an Enrichment activity is cancelled, pupils are able to access the LRC until 3:30pm, although parents may wish to make alternative arrangements with their child in the event that this occurs.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to email Mrs Wing [swing@bydales-tc.org.uk](mailto:swing@bydales-tc.org.uk) or Mr Collins [rcollins@bydales-tc.org.uk](mailto:rcollins@bydales-tc.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wing

# Enrichment Information and FAQs

## **General Enrichment Information**

Enrichment runs 2:30pm-3:30pm after school, there are a variety of academic and non-academic activities your child can choose to take part in each day.

Enrichment is not a compulsory subject and pupils do not need to take part, however many activities are important to pupils to support their learning and allow them to take part in extra-curricular activities and develop hobbies.

Students can gain one Pledge by regularly attending an Enrichment activity and showing commitment to this for 6 consecutive weeks.

There are new Enrichment activities that run throughout the year. Pupils can sign up to Enrichment activities at one of our Enrichment Fayres that take place on the first Tuesday back after each holiday from 2:30pm-3:30pm. We would encourage pupils to attend these Fayres to sign up to activities for that particular half-term. After the Enrichment Fayre, pupils will have a slip to keep at home so parents and carers are aware of the activities they are taking part in for that half-term.

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Please refer to our school website/Facebook/Twitter to find copies of the current half-term Enrichment activities programme.

## **Are registers taken at each session and will I be informed if my child does not attend?**

Registers are taken at each Enrichment session; however as Enrichment is not a compulsory lesson this is not automatically generated and flagged if a pupil does not attend, therefore we are unable to chase pupils up between 2:30pm-3:30pm. Please ensure your child communicates with you which activities they take part in each week so you know when to expect them home/what time they need collecting so that in the event you need to contact school we are able to locate the classroom and member of staff running the activity quickly.

## **What happens if an activity is cancelled?**

We endeavour to inform parents/carers in advance; however in the event that an Enrichment activity is cancelled last minute, pupils can access our Learning Resource Centre until 3:30pm. Alternatively pupils may have arrangements in place with parents/guardians in the event that this occurs.

## **External providers and Monday activities**

As whole school staff training is on a Monday, we are currently looking to work with various external providers to offer further Enrichment sessions on a Monday. In some cases this may mean that there is a small nomination fee from parents/carers to ensure particular activities can run. Pupils will be made aware of costs and further information (finishing times etc) prior to any external activities commencing.

## **Can my child swap to a different activity part way through the half-term?**

This may be possible but some activities may be fully booked. Please check with the member of staff running each activity.

**Can my child drop in/drop out of an activity or do they need to attend for the full half-term?**

At each Enrichment Fayre pupils will complete a slip of which activities are drop in/drop out and which activities they should attend for the full half-term. If your child has selected a drop in/drop out activities please ensure they inform you which weeks they will be staying back.

**What if there are two activities my child wishes to attend that run on the same afternoon?**

If there is a clash, we would recommend that pupils either:

- Check with the member of staff running the activities if they can attend alternate weeks at the Enrichment Fayre
- Attend one of the activities for one half-term and the other activity the next half-term (Do check with the member of staff/department if the activity will be running the next half-term).

**What happens if my child does not attend an activity, will s/he not be allowed to go to the remainder of the sessions that half-term?**

If your child is unable to attend a session due to illness or other commitments they will still be able to attend the activity the following week. If your child does not attend for more than 2 weeks running it may be that they are removed from the register to allow space for other pupils to join / drop in to. If you know your child will miss several sessions over the half-term, please contact the member of staff running the activity to inform them.

**Transport after Enrichment sessions**

Please contact Reception (01642 474000) if you require information on bus timetables and transport after 3:30pm.

If you have any questions that have not been answered in this handbook please contact Mr Collins [rcollins@bydales-tc.org.uk](mailto:rcollins@bydales-tc.org.uk) or Mrs Wing [swing@bydales-tc.org.uk](mailto:swing@bydales-tc.org.uk)