

Enrichment at OBCA

At Ormiston Beachcroft Academy we see Enrichment as a major part of our students education and feel we can enhance the value of their education through a solid and well thought out enrichment programme.

We are building upon our current enrichment offer and adding new activities and classes throughout the academic year. Our enrichment offer is available to access by all of our students and we strongly believe that enrichment benefits students in terms of academic and personal development.

We provide Enrichment during certain days of the week and also after school. Our after School Enrichment offer at OBCA helps engage our learners in activities we feel will most benefit them and keep them engaged outside of normal school hours. Our after school enrichment consists of Table Tennis (table Tennis to be restarting end of 2022) and Pan Arts (starting Jan 2023) delivered on Monday and Tuesday between the hours of 3:45pm – 5:30pm. The main aim and focus of After School Enrichment is to prevent behaviors (antisocial behavior, Gang activity) that may have otherwise taken place within the community if our learners had not stayed behind to partake in Enrichment.

Table Tennis Sessions are delivered by Greenhouse Sports Center and supported by 2 members of staff at OBCA. Pan Arts are a drama based company that have been working with OBCA for a number of years. They deliver sessions on a Friday Afternoon during school hours as part of our Enrichment offer and also on a Tuesday after School. We have found that both these session engage our learners well and have a positive impact on their wellbeing. We have previously had one of our previous learners join the Pan Arts team and come into OBCA to deliver sessions.

Our After School Enrichment program was able to manifest due to OBCA being able to secure funding from the Violent Reduction Unit Bid Scheme.

At OBCA we also offer Enrichment during the school week. Friday afternoons have always been Enrichment focused but we have now added an array of enrichment activities during the week.

Learners are given a choice of Enrichment options on a Friday morning and are asked to pick an activity they wish to partake in. We have found that this time on a Friday Afternoon helps to allow learners to try something different to what they would usual do during their typical school day.

We offer our learners a various activates to partake in. These include Pan Arts, Sports Club, Art Club cooking and Off Site Trips to name a few. Swimming, Horse Riding and an Art Mural Enrichment session are all in the final stages of negotiation and should be booked within the next couple of weeks. We also have Virtual Reality relaxation and wellbeing enrichment session that is run by IGXU. These session are held every Thursday at 10am- 12pm and we hope we see an improvement in focus and self-regulation for the learners that are taking part. OBCA are currently in contact with some local sports centers and are arranging some block bookings so we can make use of local facilities available to us.

Any offsite Enrichment must be documented on Evolve. Evolve is a new system that we have been using at OBCA.

It is an online application that we use for the planning, approval and when managing educational visits. Before any visits we undertake, the lead staff member or our Enrichment Lead will log on to Evolve and input the description of said visit onto the system which will create a visit log.

We will input the amount of learners and staff attending the offsite visit, along with any risk assessments that we feel appropriate. Once we have created our visit log on Evolve we will submit our request on the system and wait for approval. If our request is for a low risk visit e.g. Park, Museum or Library trip, the visit can be signed off and approved by the Head of School and our Enrichment Lead. If however the visit is a high risk activities such as Rock Climbing or Canoeing, our visit log will need to be approved by Oats Enrichment facilitator. Once our visit has been approved we can go ahead with the trip. We have found that evolve is a good programme to use and does help us in the management of our offsite visits. As everything is electronic it does save us time when planning a visit. As Evolve is so new we have not had long to use it but this academic year we will really be able to understand and grasp the fine detail of the programme.

Certain enrichment activities during the week are picked by staff members for our learners. We usually do this when we feel a certain activity will benefit a certain learner. We believe that enrichment helps our students personal development by allowing them to engage in new activities they may not have access to otherwise. We have an enrichment tracker this year where we will be documenting reasons as to why a particular student is partaking in an Enrichment Activity and how our Enrichment Offer helps our students progression and personal development. We will also start to run a SIMS report to show data on how Enrichment has benefited our students and look at trends in students achievements and behaviors alongside the Enrichment offer.

I have included an enrichment table that outlines current and further enrichment that will be happening at OBCA.

All enrichment activities have been chosen because we feel that they will benefit our learners and help meet the needs that they have.

We have embedded Enrichment into the curriculum by having activities on offer that align with subjects learners are taking. The art Mural Enrichment Activity will be a 6 week programme that will tie into the curriculum. We also have a Sound bus (Music Studio) confirmed for later on in the year which will tie in with our Creative Writing and Arts lessons.

Day	Activity	Time	Location
Monday	Swimming	TBC ()	Swiss Cottage Leisure Centre
	Essex Outdoors	TBC (twice a term)	Essex Outdoors Harlow
Tuesday	Pan Arts	TBC (3.10pm – 4.30pm)	OBCA
	Music Enrichment		P2
Wednesday	Horse Riding	TBC (Once or twice a term)	Lee Valley Riding centre
	Sound Bus	Once a Term TBC	OBCA
Thursday	VR Group (relaxation and wellbeing)	10am – 12pm	OBCA
Friday	Cricket	11am – 12.30pm	OBCA
	Boxing	12pm – 1pm	OBCA
	Cooking Pan Arts Music Art Games Club	1.30 – 3.00	OBCA

As mentioned above I have created a document for tracking pupils attendance and engagement in Enrichment sessions. We use this to see if enrichment is achieving the outcome we would like for individual student and to track their progress as the weeks go by. I have added a sample copy of this document.

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