

Enrichment and Wider School Opportunities

Many students arriving at Bridgewater are already successful, having enjoyed a hugely rewarding primary experience. Our goal is to build on this success and provide the best possible opportunities for enrichment that we can, as we believe strongly that the wider educational opportunities, are a really important part of your educational experience at Bridgewater High School.

Mr Roberts is our Assistant Headteacher who oversees every student's 'Personal Development' which includes the wider school opportunities that are available. Within this, is our extensive enrichment curriculum offer (including trips and visits), a bespoke Personal Development curriculum (encouraging pupils to stay safe, develop resilience and develop an appreciation of the modern world), a school-based Careers Programme and Student Leadership opportunities to name a few. We would hope and expect every student in Year 7 to take part in as many wider activities as possible as a great way to make new friends, learn new skills and develop confidence.

As mentioned above, we have a well-established formal Enrichment Curriculum with activities on every night of the week. Most are led by teachers, some are provided by Broomfield's Leisure Centre and others are delivered by outside coaches and providers. This means that on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, in particular, there are over twenty-five clubs and activities available to students. Details of these can be found on our website (<http://bridgewaterhigh.org/>).

Furthermore, we have a long-established tradition of encouraging the Performing Arts which stems from the time we were designated as a Performing Arts School. This means that we are well placed to offer some of the best performance opportunities available, ones which our students seize with zeal. In the same way, sport plays a prominent role in school life and our success in this area testifies to the skills, abilities and commitment many of our students have. We run a full range of teams across all year groups where we enjoy significant success at local, county and national levels.

Another aspect of school life we promote is "learning outside the classroom" and you will not find a better example of our desire to promote this than our commitment to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award through which we run an extensive Bronze, Silver and Gold programme. More information regarding this will become available during Years 8 and 9.

We offer a range of extra-curricular opportunities through our Enrichment Curriculum, including exchange visits to Germany, France and Martha's Vineyard, residential visits to The Conway Centre on Anglesey and ski trips abroad. Various Arts and Sports trips have gone to Spain, Italy, France, Poland and the rest of Europe.

Clearly, at the moment, we do not yet know what the situation will be in September in terms of schools fully opening and what guidance we will need to follow. We are planning to offer our normal full range of additional extra-curricular activities, but in reality, there is a strong possibility that we will not be able to offer the usual programme from the start of the year. We will know more in September, but please don't worry about this as we will do everything that we can to give you the very best opportunities and experiences.