



Backwell School

An Ofsted Outstanding School
A National Teaching School

Station Road, Backwell,
Bristol BS48 3BX
Tel: 01275 463371
mailbox@backwellschool.net
www.backwellschool.net

Headteacher: Jon Nunes MA

September 2017

Dear Year 7 Parent/Carer

Enrichment Opportunities at Backwell School

Backwell School is ambitious when encouraging students to thrive, enjoy learning new skills and achieve the best at whatever it is they are undertaking. The Enrichment Team endeavour to offer all students opportunities where they can put this into practice when taking part in the stimulating range of trips and activities available during Enrichment Week and in the clubs and courses in school. We offer a broad range of activities each year to enhance learning and student experiences, which raises levels of self-esteem amongst our students. Enrichment opportunities play an important role in exposing our students to diverse groups and this in turn helps promote socially intelligent and responsible adults.

Enrichment Week 2017

For a week during the Summer Term the normal school timetable for Years 7, 8 and 9 is suspended and students are offered the opportunity to experience exciting new activities. Enrichment Week 2018 will take place from Monday 11 to Friday 15 June 2018.

During this week Year 7 are offered the choice between five residential trips in exciting venues, a Fishing Week, which is five day excursions from school or Base Backwell, a fun curriculum based week of activities based in school or day trips.

The students will have an assembly in school and bring home an Enrichment Week booklet within the coming weeks. (This will also be available on the school website). Students will be asked to return their "Choices" by a set date. Deadlines must be strictly adhered to, however places will *not* be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Enrichment Week involves us working with outside providers and therefore we must work to set deadlines. We will ask for an initial deposit which must be paid promptly to secure your child's place on a trip. Deposits are normally in the region of £70. Please make yourself familiar with ParentPay, if you are not already, before you need to pay for a trip.

During Enrichment Week we send approximately 500 students from Years 7 and 9 on residential trips. I would therefore ask you to please read the information in the Enrichment Week booklet carefully. This helps make the arrangements run smoothly and ultimately helps ensure the safety and enjoyment of your child.

If you are eligible for Pupil Premium funding you may be eligible for financial assistance towards Enrichment Week trips. Please note that financial assistance cannot be used to pay for deposits. Please contact Student Services for more information.

cont...

Clubs and Courses - At Backwell School we pride ourselves on the quality and variety of lunchtime and after school clubs and courses that we offer. In the coming weeks students will be given a booklet containing the vast array of clubs and courses on offer and how to book them.

Places on clubs and courses *with* a cost involved are booked via Parent Pay on a first come first served basis. *Please note, clubs are very well attended and a quick response is needed in order to secure a place.* Students will then receive a confirmation and timetable of dates for clubs they are booked onto to help them remember where and when to attend. Refunds are not given for non-attendance.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding students are able to come into the Student Services office to book a place on a club.

We would encourage all students to take advantage of these extracurricular activities both during Enrichment Week and throughout the year. We are offering them opportunities to learn new skills make new friends and build confidence but also become very much part of the rich and exciting life that is Backwell School.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Enrichment Team at school.

Yours sincerely

Claire Domaille
Enrichment Coordinator
01275 465942