



**George Eliot Academy**

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# ENRICHMENT AND COMPETITIONS

**2025 / 2026**

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# Join In. Stand Out. Enrichment at the Heart of School Life

At George Eliot Academy, education goes far beyond the classroom. We believe that the development of well-rounded, confident, and resilient young people comes through a vibrant and inclusive enrichment programme. That's why we actively encourage all pupils to take part in a wide range of extra-curricular clubs and house competitions.

Whether it's sports, music, drama, debate, coding, or creative arts—there's something for everyone. These opportunities allow pupils to explore their passions, discover new talents, and develop lifelong skills that support their academic journey and personal growth.

## Living Our **STAR Values** through Enrichment

- **Self-Discipline:** Regular participation in clubs and competitions teaches commitment, time management, and perseverance. Pupils learn to set goals and work consistently to achieve them.
- **Tenacity:** Overcoming challenges, pushing limits, and striving for improvement are all part of enrichment life. Whether rehearsing for a performance or training for a match, pupils build resilience and grit.
- **Ambition:** Taking part in extra-curricular activities fuels ambition by encouraging pupils to dream big and reach for excellence, both as individuals and as part of a team.
- **Responsibility:** Leadership roles in clubs and house activities foster a sense of ownership, accountability, and care for others—skills that will serve pupils well throughout life.

## Character, Culture and Belonging

Enrichment is not just about activities—it's about community. House competitions create a sense of friendly rivalry and school spirit, while clubs bring together pupils from different year groups and backgrounds. These shared experiences strengthen our school culture and help every pupil feel they belong. Participation promotes kindness, respect, teamwork, and leadership—key traits of strong character. When pupils engage fully in school life, they don't just fit in—they stand out.





# Enrichment Timetable

	Break 1 - 10:40-11:10	Break 2 - 12.55-13.25	After School - 15:10-16:10
<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Y7-8 Basketball:</b> Sports Hall (LPO)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Y7-9 Horrible Histories Club:</b> M019 (SOK)</li> <li>• <b>Y10-11 Generation Link Club:</b> M101 (BHA)</li> <li>• <b>Spanish Film Club:</b> L111 (MAG)</li> <li>• <b>Music Orchestra:</b> S012 (KHE/AHA)</li> <li>• <b>Geogflix:</b> M103 (DCO)</li> <li>• <b>STEM Reading Club</b> S106 (SGI)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Y7-9 Boys Football:</b> School Field (CEV/LPO)</li> <li>• <b>Y8-11 Trampolining:</b> Sports Hall (JMO)</li> <li>• <b>Drama Club:</b> Drama Studio (SGD)</li> <li>• <b>Book Club:</b> L004 (RHI)</li> <li>• <b>STEM Club:</b> S104 (EMA)</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Y9-11 Basketball:</b> Sports Hall (CEV)</li> <li>• <b>Y7-9 Warhammer Club:</b> L001 (GLE)</li> <li>• <b>Creative Writing:</b> L003 (BHO)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Musical Rehearsal Space:</b> S012 (KHE)</li> </ul>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rowing Club:</b> Fitness Studio (CEV)</li> <li>• <b>LEGO Engineering:</b> S206 (MKE)</li> <li>• <b>Latin Club:</b> L002 (MAU)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Y7-9 RE Film Club:</b> M101 (SSM)</li> <li>• <b>Musical Rehearsal Space:</b> S012 (KHE)</li> <li>• <b>GEA Green Gurus:</b> M104 (HBK)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Girls Football:</b> School Field (BCH)</li> <li>• <b>Netball:</b> School Field (CEV)</li> <li>• <b>Rugby:</b> School Field (LPO)</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Y10 Indoor Football:</b> Sports Hall (LPO)</li> <li>• <b>Y8-9 Programming Club:</b> L001 (GLE)</li> <li>• <b>LGBTQIA+ Club:</b> L009 (ESK)</li> <li>• <b>Draw &amp; Talk:</b> S010 (SBR)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mathematical Art:</b> L106 (JJO)</li> <li>• <b>Musical Performance Room:</b> S012 (KHE)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Y7 Trampolining:</b> Sports Hall (CEV)</li> <li>• <b>Y7-9 History Detectives:</b> M019 (SOK)</li> <li>• <b>Rock School:</b> S012 (KHE)</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Y11 Indoor Football:</b> Sports Hall (JMO)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ukulele Club:</b> S012 (KHE)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vibrant Voices Choir:</b> S012 (KHE)</li> <li>• <b>Art Club:</b> S010 (SBR)</li> </ul>



# Art Department - Autumn Term

Date	Activity	Details	Staff and room
<b>Friday 19th September 3:10-4:10</b>	Introduction to Photography	You will be able to take your own Photographs and use Photoshop to edit. Maximum Group size 27	Ms Brimacombe Miss Donohoe S010
<b>Friday 26th September 3:10-4:10</b>	Introduction to Photoshop	Learn how to edit your photographs using Photoshop	Ms Brimacombe Miss Donohoe S010
<b>Friday 3rd October 3:10-4:10</b>	Introduction to Photoshop	Learn how to edit your photographs using Photoshop	Ms Brimacombe Miss Donohoe S010
<b>Friday 10th October 3:10-4:10</b>	Printing with leaves	Learn how to create exciting work using nature to print Maximum group size 25	Ms Brimacombe Miss Donohoe S010
<b>Friday 17th October 3:10-4:10</b>	Making clay fridge magnets	Make a clay fridge magnet in clay. Maximum group size 25	Ms Brimacombe Miss Donohoe S010
<b>Friday 24th October 3:10-4:10</b>	Making clay fridge magnets	Glaze your fridge magnet	Ms Brimacombe Miss Donohoe S010
<b>Friday 7th November 3:10-4:10</b>	Felt making	Learn how to make pictures using wet felting. Maximum group size 20	Ms Brimacombe Miss Donohoe S010
<b>Friday 14th November 3:10-4:10</b>	Batik	Learn how to create a batik picture	Ms Brimacombe Miss Donohoe S010
<b>Friday 21st November 3:10-4:10</b>	Batik	Finish your batik	Ms Brimacombe Miss Donohoe S010
<b>Friday 28th November 3:10-4:10</b>	Making clay Christmas decorations	Make clay Christmas decorations Maximum group size 25	Ms Brimacombe Miss Donohoe S010
<b>Friday 5th December 3:10-4:10</b>	Making clay Christmas decorations	Glaze your decorations	Ms Brimacombe Miss Donohoe S010
<b>Friday 12th December 3:10-4:10</b>	Making clay Christmas decorations	Finish your decoration	Ms Brimacombe Miss Donohoe S010



# Daily Independent Social Enrichment

Before School - 08:00-08:20	Break 1 - 10:40-11:10	Break 2 - 12.55 - 13.25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breakfast Club (School Hall)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friendship Room - L007</li> <li>Silent Computer Room - L001</li> <li>Study Room</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friendship Room - L007</li> <li>Silent Computer Room - L001</li> <li>Study Room</li> <li>Board Game Room - L009</li> </ul>

## Revision and Intervention Timetable

	Break 2 - 13:00-13:30	After School - 15:10-16:10
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sparx Club: L115</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCSE Music Intervention</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sparx Club: L115</li> <li>Y11 History Intervention: M018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spanish Nebula</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sparx Club: L115</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y11 Intervention</li> <li>Y10 Art/Food/Photography</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sparx Club: L115</li> <li>Y10 GCSE PE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spanish Nebula</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sparx Club: L115</li> <li>Y11 GCSE PE</li> </ul>	



# Enrichment Club Information

Club Name	Department	Day/Time	Description and Key Information
Basketball	PE	Y7-11 Monday Break 1 Y9-11 Tuesday Break 1	An opportunity to participate in recreational sport, to provide pupils with a chance to stay active. Trainers are required in order to participate.
Rowing	PE	Wednesday Break 1	This club gives pupils a chance to compete in an activity focussing on health and fitness, whilst introducing what will be a new sport for many pupils. Trainers are required to participate.
Netball	PE	Wednesday after school	This will provide pupils with an opportunity for pupils to play in more competitive sport, looking towards representing the school. Full PE kit is required.
Indoor Football	PE	Y10 Thursday Break 1 Y11 Friday Break 1	An opportunity to participate in recreational sport, to provide pupils with a chance to stay active. Trainers are required in order to participate.
Trampolining	PE	Y7 Thursday after school Y8-11 Monday after school	For year 7, this will provide an opportunity to participate in a sport that is not on the curriculum, beginning to learn and develop new skills. For older year groups, this will be an opportunity to consolidate learned skills and introduce higher tariff skills. Full PE kit is required.
Y7-9 Football & Girls Football	PE	Y7-9 Monday after school Girls Wednesday after school	This will provide pupils with an opportunity for pupils to play in more competitive sport, looking towards representing the school. Full PE kit is required.
Rugby	PE	Thursday after school	This will provide pupils with an opportunity for pupils to play in more competitive sport, looking towards representing the school. Full PE kit is required including a gum shield.
Mathematical Arts	Mathematics	Thursday Break 2	Unleash your creativity in Mathematical Arts! Explore shapes, patterns, and creativity where Maths and Art come together in fun ways.
Warhammer	Computing	Tuesday Break 1	Join us for an exciting opportunity to explore the world of Warhammer – a hobby that combines creativity, strategy, and craftsmanship. In this club, pupils will learn how to assemble, customise, and paint their own Warhammer miniatures, developing fine motor skills, patience, and attention to detail along the way. Whether you are completely new to the hobby or an experienced collector, the club offers a welcoming and supportive environment for everyone. Pupils will also gain an insight into the lore and storytelling behind Warhammer, as well as learn techniques for creating unique, high-quality models. All materials and guidance will be provided, so just bring your enthusiasm and imagination!
Programming	Computing	Thursday Break 1	Unlock your creativity and turn your ideas into reality with our Programming Club! This club is perfect for pupils who want to explore coding, experiment with Python, and develop their problem-solving skills in a fun and supportive environment. You'll learn how to design and build your own programmes, turning your thoughts into workable solutions. From small experiments to creative projects, you'll have the freedom to test ideas, solve challenges, and bring your code to life.



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Creative Writing	English	Tuesday Break 1	With a range of writing styles to explore, unleash your creativity and enter some competitions along the way. GEA has a rich tradition of excellent young writers so join us to upskill, co create or get your work seen!
Latin	English	Wednesday Break 1	Language explorers are welcome here! Latin is the cornerstone of so many European languages – English is no exception to this. Come and find out how the ancient Romans spoke and how it links to our own language. There may be the opportunity to gain a qualification in Latin further down the line.
Book Club	English	Monday After School	Our Book Club has been a key part of the English department for many years; exploring a wide range of genres and authors, come ready with ideas, opinions and predictions to some literary classics and newcomers.
LEGO Engineering	Science	Wednesday Break 1	Join our Lego Engineering Club, where creativity and problem-solving come to life through exciting challenges. Take part in fast-paced 10-minute build competitions and see what amazing designs you can create!
STEM Reading	Science	Monday Break 2	STEM Reading Club brings together a love of books and the wonders of science, technology, engineering and maths. Join us to explore exciting stories, spark curiosity and share ideas!
STEM Club	Science	Monday After School	Discover the world of science, technology, engineering and maths in STEM Club, where every half term brings a brand-new project to explore. Get hands-on with practicals, take on exciting home project competitions, and much more!
Horrible Histories	History	Monday Break 2	History with all the gory bits left in! Pupils can sit back, relax, and enjoy the award-winning Horrible Histories episodes — full of laughs, songs, and the strange (but true!) stories that make the past so unforgettable.
History Detectives	History	Thursday After School	Step into the past and join our team of History Detectives! Each week, pupils tackle historical mysteries, sift through clues, and piece together evidence to solve puzzles from different eras. From cracking secret codes to investigating famous figures, the club brings history to life in a hands-on, exciting way that sparks curiosity and imagination.
Geogflix	Geography	Monday Break 2	Learn about the world round you through documentaries and film.
GEA Green Guru's	Geography	Wednesday Break 2	See how we can make GEA more sustainable and environmentally friendly. Work towards the Eco Schools award.
Generation Link	Health & Social	Monday Break 2	Pupils are able to create letters, artwork, or digital media for local care homes or community groups. Their work will be passed on to different places within the community.



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George Eliot Chamber Orchestra	Music	Monday Break 2	This club provides all musicians with the chance to perform as part of a larger ensemble (group). Pupils will work towards performances in school events and concerts. Musicians are expected to be grade 1 or above and will need to bring their own instrument.
Rehearsal	Music	Tuesday & Wednesday Break 2	This club is designed to provide pupils with a rehearsal space where they can develop their performing and composing skills. Pupils are able to access all instruments and computers, maximum 30 pupils in the classroom on a first come basis and practice rooms will need to be booked in advance with Ms Hewitt.
Performance Room	Music	Thursday Break 2	This will provide pupils with an opportunity to perform for their peers, a little like an open mic event. Pupils need to sign up with Ms Hewitt to perform.
Ukulele	Music	Friday Break 2	This club will provide pupils the opportunity to learn to play the ukulele and perform within a group. Pupils will work towards performances in school events and concerts.
Rock School	Music	Thursday After School	This club is aimed at future rock and pop stars - all ability levels welcome! Pupils will work in bands on the instrument of their choice; typically drums, electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboard and vocals; learning to play together and working towards performances in school events and concerts.
Vibrant Voices	Music	Friday After School	This club is aimed at singers - all abilities welcome. It provides pupils with the opportunity to learn to sing in harmony as part of a larger choir. We sing a variety of repertoire from classical to musical theatre to pop/rock songs. Pupils in choir are expected to perform in all music department events and concerts.
Drama Club	Drama	Monday After School	Drama club will give pupils the opportunity to work on their devising skills and explore professional repertoire. It will also provide performance opportunities throughout the year such as showcases and open evenings.
RE Film Club	RE	Monday Break 2	The RE Film Club is a fun and engaging way for pupils to explore big questions about life, values, and beliefs through the medium of film. Learn through stories: Films are used to spark discussion about moral choices, cultural diversity, and different religious perspectives. Encourage reflection: Pupils get to think about how themes in movies connect to their own lives and the wider world.
Spanish Film Club	Languages	Monday Break 2	This will provide pupils with the opportunity to watch a variety of films in Spanish to develop listening and comprehension skills and create a love of Spanish whilst developing cultural awareness.
Art Club	Creative design	Friday after school	This club brings together pupils with a passion for creativity and teamwork. Members work collaboratively on artistic projects that enhance the school environment, including murals, installations and special projects across the school. Pupils will also aid the making of crafts for the Christmas fayre. This will enable them to learn from each other and bring their vision to life through school-wide art initiatives.





# House Events and Competitions

## Autumn term

Date	House Competition	Event	Staff
<b>Monday 8th September</b>	Science Competition Year 7- Get to know the Science Team		EMA
<b>Tuesday 9th September</b>		Music Leaders - Application Entries Literacy Job - Application Entries	KHE KBR
<b>Friday 12th September</b>	Literacy/ English Competition Roald Dahl Day (13th Sept)		KBR
<b>Monday 15th September</b>		THE HIVE OPENS	
<b>Thursday 18th September</b>	History Competition International Day of Peace		SOK
<b>Friday 19th September</b>		Jeans for Genes £1	JLT
<b>Monday 22nd September</b>	Design an anti-bullying logo house competition.	Fairtrade Fortnight	SSH/JLT
<b>Tuesday 23rd September</b>	Geography Competition Compete as a form to complete as many activities as possible		DCO
<b>Wednesday 24th September</b>	Art Competition Design a UL Christmas Card  National Fitness Day Can you complete 1 mile?		SBR  JMO
<b>Friday 26th September</b>	MFL Competition European day of Languages	European day of Languages	TLG
<b>Friday 26th September</b>	MacMillan Cake Competition	MacMillan Cancer Support - Cake sale for pupils and parents from 2.00pm - 3.30pm	JLT/RMA



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Date	House Competition	Event	Staff
<i>Monday 29th September</i>	Drama Competition Design and Make a Greek Theatre		SGD
<i>Wednesday 1st October</i>	History Competition Black History Month		SOK
<i>Thursday 2nd October</i>	English Competition National Poetry Day	A Poem to Start every Lesson	KBR
<i>Monday 6th October</i>		Black History Month Book Recommendations	KBR
<i>Thursday 9th October</i>	RE Competition 'Sacred Symbols'		SSM
<i>Monday 13th October</i>	Year 7 Form Competition Week		RMA
<i>Wednesday 15th October</i>	Food Competition Year 10 Springboard Heats		SMA
<i>Monday 20th October</i>	Year 10 - In it to win it 100% attendance prize draw week  Year 10 - Merit champion prizes	THE HIVE Halloween theme	RMA
<i>Tuesday 21st October</i>	In it to win it 100% attendance prize draw week  Merit champion prizes	Halloween Disco	PTA/RMA/JLT



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<i>Wednesday 22nd October</i>	In it to win it 100% attendance prize draw week  Merit champion prizes		
<i>Thursday 23rd October</i>	In it to win it 100% attendance prize draw week  Merit champion prizes	Year 10 and 11 Career Fair Prom wear sale	
<i>Friday 24th October</i>	In it to win it 100% attendance prize draw week  Merit champion prizes	Movie and Mocktails Year 7	
<i>Monday 3rd November</i>	RE Competition Write a Modern Parable Contest	Collections for Christmas Hampers  Non-Fiction November Non-fiction book recommendations	RMA/SBR  KBR
<i>Tuesday 4th November</i>		Firework Event	PTA/RMA
<i>Wednesday 5th November</i>	Food Competition Bonfire night cookie decoration		
<i>Friday 7th November</i>	Music Competition Year 7 design an instrument from recycled materials		KHE
<i>Monday 10th November</i>	Science Engineering Week Competitions		EMA



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<b>Monday 10th November</b>	Science Engineering Week Competitions		EMA
<b>Tuesday 11th November</b>	History Competition Remembrance Day		SOK
<b>Monday 17th November</b>	Maths Competiton week 'Connection or Coincidence?'		CWI
<b>Tuesday 18th November</b>	MFL Competition Languagenut		MFL
<b>Wednesday 19th November</b>	Art Competition Book design for reading garden.		SBR
<b>Monday 24th November</b>	Year 8 Form Competition Week		
<b>Wednesday 26th November</b>	UK Parliament Week		MAU/VDE
<b>Friday 28th November</b>	Music Competition Year 8 compose your own piece of music in binary form.		KHE
<b>Monday 1st December</b>	History Competition History of Christmas Poster Design	THE HIVE Christmas Theme	SOK
<b>Thursday 4th December</b>	Attendance Challenge 12 Days of Christmas		
<b>Friday 5th December</b>	Attendance Challenge 11 Days of Christmas	Year 8 Movie and Mocktails	





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<b>Monday 8th December</b>	Attendance Challenge 10 Days of Christmas  Maths Competition Mathematical bauble Design		CWI
<b>Tuesday 9th December</b>	Attendance Challenge 9 Days of Christmas		
<b>Wednesday 10th December</b>	Attendance Challenge 8 Days of Christmas		
<b>Thursday 11th December</b>	Attendance Challenge 7 Days of Christmas		
<b>Friday 12th December</b>	Attendance Challenge 6 Days of Christmas		
<b>Monday 15th December</b>	Attendance Challenge 5 Days of Christmas  PE Competition Intra House Dodgeball		JMO
<b>Tuesday 16th December</b>	Attendance Challenge 4 Days of Christmas		
<b>Wednesday 17th December</b>	Attendance Challenge 3 Days of Christmas		
<b>Thursday 18th December</b>	Attendance Challenge 2 Days of Christmas		
<b>Friday 19th December</b>	Attendance Challenge 1 Day of Christmas	In It to win it – attendance Prize draw Golden Ticket Prize draw	

