Play, Create, Perform and Explore

enrichment



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Enrichment at Hillcrest

More than lessons. More opportunities. A richer school experience.

At Hillcrest School and Sixth Form Centre, we believe that a great education is about more than what happens in the classroom. Enrichment is an important part of life at Hillcrest, giving every student opportunities to discover new interests, develop their talents, build confidence, make new connections and experience something different.

Our ambition is for every student to participate in enrichment and to find opportunities that excite, challenge and inspire them. Whether you already have a passion you want to pursue or simply want to try something new, there is something for you.

Our programme provides a broad and varied range of opportunities throughout the year, including sport and physical activity, music and performance, creativity and culture, nature and adventure, leadership and volunteering, academic enrichment and opportunities to develop skills for the future.

Enrichment for everyone

Our enrichment programme is designed **for every Hillcrest student**. We want you to feel welcome, get involved and find opportunities that match your interests – as well as discover something completely new.

We are committed to making enrichment accessible to all. We will listen to you, look at who is taking part and continue to develop our programme so that everyone has the opportunity to benefit. If there is something making it difficult for you to join in, please speak to your Form Tutor, Head of Year or Mr Squires so that we can explore how we can help. We want to make it as easy as possible for you to join in.

Enrichment is also about recognising everything you gain beyond the classroom. Throughout the year, we will celebrate those who participate, contribute, perform, compete, lead and achieve. Most importantly, we want every student to recognise the new skills, confidence, experiences and interests they develop along the way.

Your Hillcrest experience is **richer** when **you** take part!

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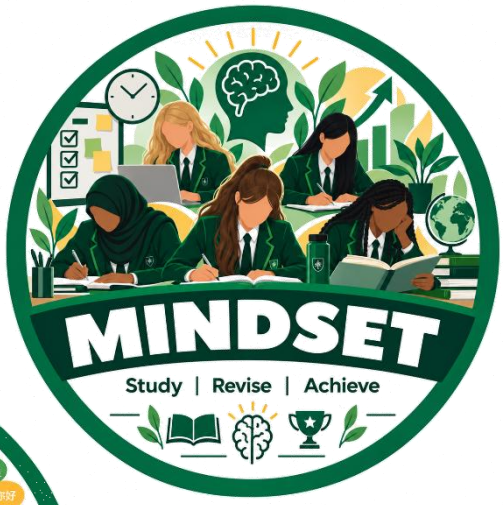
Find your enrichment







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Active enrichment

Move | Compete | Participate

All of our sports clubs are fully inclusive and open to everyone, regardless of ability, experience or previous involvement in sport. Whether you want to try something new, improve your skills, get active, have fun or simply join in with friends, everyone is welcome to attend and get involved.

Sport	Day	Time	Location	Year Group	Teacher(s)
Badminton*	Tuesday	Lunch	Sports Hall	Years 7-8	LTS
Badminton*	Wednesday	Lunch	Sports Hall	Year 9	LGI
Badminton*	Thursday	Lunch	Sports Hall	Years 10-11	LTS
Netball	Tuesday	15:15-16:10	Outside/ Gym	Years 7-8	LGI & LTS
Netball	Wednesday	15:15-16:10	Outside/ Gym	Years 9-10	LGI & LTS
Cricket & Leadership Programme	Wednesday	15:15-16:20	Sports Hall	Years 7-9	External Coach
Basketball	Thursday	15:15-16:20	Sports Hall	Years 7-9	External Coach
Football	Tuesday	15:15-16:20	Outside/ Sports Hall	Years 7-13	External Coach

Active Lunch

Want to do something different with your lunchtime? Active Lunch is for everyone - you don't need to be sporty or be part of a sports team.

Head to the Tennis Courts, grab some equipment and choose how you want to get active. Play with friends, try something new, practise a skill or simply have some fun away from the classroom. There's no pressure, no trials and no experience needed – just turn up and join in.

Every lunchtime | Tennis Courts | Years 7–13 | Everyone Welcome

* First come, first served – 16 places available per lunch time. You must bring trainers to participate. Daily sign-up sheet available on PE notice board.

Full PE kit is required for all after-school sporting enrichment.

LTS = Mrs Taylor-Stupple; LGI = Mrs Ginn

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Adventure enrichment

Explore | Challenge | Discover

Conservation Club					
A club that explores local conservation and environmental issues across Birmingham, giving students the opportunity to understand, investigate and take action on challenges affecting their local area. Students will get out into nature, explore local green spaces and wildlife, take part in practical conservation activities, and consider how they can make a positive difference to Birmingham's environment and biodiversity.					
Tuesday	Lunch	Years 7-13	Room 23	Everyone Welcome	Mr O'Neill

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award					
A supportive weekly session for students completing their Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Hillcrest. Students will receive guidance to help them plan, complete and record the different sections of their award, including Volunteering, Physical and Skills activities, as well as preparation for their expedition. The session provides dedicated time to review progress, upload evidence, overcome any barriers and ensure students stay on track towards successfully achieving their DofE Award.					
Monday	Lunch	Years 10-11	Room 23	Invitation Only	Mr O'Neill

Attenborough Society					
Explore our planet during your lunch break. Take a journey through some of the world's most incredible natural environments, from tropical rainforests and vast deserts to oceans, polar regions and beyond. Each week, enjoy a different David Attenborough documentary in a relaxed and quiet lunchtime setting. Discover extraordinary wildlife, explore the challenges facing our planet, and deepen your understanding of ecosystems, environments and conservation, linking to topics studied in Geography at both KS3 and KS4.					
Monday	Lunch	Years 7-13	Room 29	Everyone Welcome	Mr Gregory

Culture enrichment

Create | Experience | Express

Hillcrest Beats (Percussion)					
Get ready to make some music! Join us for an exciting, high energy musical experience packed with performance, creativity and participation. try something new, and take part in an unforgettable whole class band. Whether you're an experienced musician or a complete beginner, this is your chance to get involved, make some noise and have fun!					
Tuesday	15:20-16:20	Years 7-13	Room 12	Sign Up On Music Noticeboard	Elliot Turner (external musician)

Hillcrest Ensemble (Chamber Ensemble)					
An exciting opportunity for classical string musicians to rehearse and perform together, developing their ensemble skills and musicianship. This invite-only group is open to students playing at Grade 1 standard or above.					
Tuesday	15:20-16:20	Years 7-13	Dance Studio	Invitation Only	Mr Gregory

Hillcrest Strings (Guitar)					
Join Hillcrest Strings to develop your skills on guitar, bass guitar or ukulele and be part of a friendly musical group. Whether you're a complete beginner or already play an instrument, it's a great opportunity to learn new techniques, play your favourite songs, make new friends and grow in confidence as a musician.					
Wednesday	15:20-16:20	Years 7-13	Room 12	Sign Up On Music Noticeboard	Jake Elwell (external musician)

Hillcrest Voices (Choir)					
Join the Choir to develop your singing skills, build confidence and be part of a supportive musical community. Whether you're an experienced singer or completely new to singing, it's a fun opportunity to make new friends, perform at school events and enjoy making music together.					
Thursday	8:30-9:10	Years 7-13	Hall	Sign Up On Music Noticeboard	Wioletta Francis (external musician)

Hillcrest Pans (Steel Pans)					
Get ready to feel the rhythm! Join our Steel Pan Club for an exciting musical experience full of energy, creativity and hands on participation. Discover the vibrant sounds and rich heritage of steel pans, learn new musical skills, and perform together as part of a whole class steel band. Whether you're a seasoned musician or trying something new for the first time, this is your chance to play, perform and have fun!					
Thursday	15:20-16:20	Years 7-13	Hall	Sign Up On Music Noticeboard	Owen Clarke (external musician)

Performance Dance					
Performance Group is an audition-based dance club for students who are passionate about dance and ready to take their performance skills further. Students will explore a range of dance styles, develop technique, confidence and stage presence, and work together to create exciting routines. Members will have opportunities to showcase their talents through school productions, performances and special events throughout the year.					
Wednesday	15:20-16:20	Years 8-11	Dance Studio	Audition	Mrs Berlyn

Dance Club					
Dance Club with Mrs Broomhall is open to everyone, whether you're an experienced dancer or trying dance for the first time! Explore different dance styles, learn new moves, build your confidence and develop your performance skills in a fun and welcoming environment. You'll also have the chance to create and perform routines for school shows and events. All year groups and abilities are welcome!					
Thursday (WkA) Wednesday (WkB)	15:20-16:20 Lunch	Years 7-9	Dance Studio	Everyone Welcome	Mrs Broomhall

Street Dance					
Learn energetic routines, develop your dance skills and express yourself through movement. Open to all abilities-come along, build confidence and have fun!					
Friday	Lunch	Years 7-9	Dance Studio	Everyone Welcome	Mrs Berlyn

Hillcrest Stage					
Explore drama and performance through games, improvisation and character work. Whether you are an experienced performer or simply want to try something new, Hillcrest Stage is a welcoming space to create, collaborate and perform.					
Tuesday (WkB)	Lunch	Years 7-9	Drama Studio	Everyone Welcome	Mr Johnson

Art Studio					
Take your creativity beyond the classroom and explore new art techniques, materials and ideas. Experiment, develop your skills and create something you can be proud of. Selected sessions will also be led by our Art Ambassadors, giving you the chance to learn new techniques and be inspired by other talented Hillcrest students.					
Wednesday	Lunch	Years 7-9	Rooms 45, 46, 47 and Ceramics Studio	Sign Up Sheet Outside Room 45	Mr Featon

Thread and Create					
Discover the relaxing and creative art of cross stitch. Learn how to read a pattern, master the basic stitches and gradually create your own cross-stitch picture. Attend each week to develop your skills and see your design come to life, one stitch at a time.					
Friday	Lunch	Years 8-9	Room 5	Sign Up By Emailing Teacher	Dr Gardner

Thrive enrichment

Learn | Grow | Succeed

Library					
The library is a vibrant space where students can explore a wide range of books, access digital resources, and enjoy quiet study time. The library offers something for every curious mind.					
Every day	8:15-8:40, break, lunch, 15:15-16:00	Years 7-13	Library	Everyone Welcome	Miss Parween and Mrs Bryant

Homework Hub					
The Homework Hub is open to all students. A quiet space where students can seek support from expert teaching staff to complete their homework.					
Every day	15:20-16:20	Years 7-13	Room 34	Everyone Welcome	Mr Allen and Duty Staff

Book Club					
Discover new stories, ideas and perspectives through a range of exciting and thought-provoking texts. Read together, share your views and explore how stories are brought to life through their theatre and film adaptations.					
Monday (Wk B)	Lunch	Year 12	Room 40	Invitation Only	Miss Cains

Poetry by Heart					
Poetry by Heart is a poetry speaking competition. Students will learn their chosen poems off by heart and take part in a national competition. Taking part in Poetry by Heart is all about developing confidence with poetry in an enjoyable, accessible and engaging way that leads to its life-long enjoyment.					
Friday	Lunch	Years 7-13	Room 36	Everyone Welcome	Mr James

Spanish Club					
Explore Spanish language and culture in a fun, relaxed setting beyond the classroom. Develop your conversational Spanish while discovering the music, traditions, food, festivals and cultures of Spain and Latin America through a range of engaging activities.					
Tuesday	Lunch	Years 7-13	Room 25	Everyone Welcome	Miss Gonzalez

Science Club					
Get hands-on with science through a range of exciting experiments, challenges and practical activities. From spectacular reactions and Bunsen burner experiments to problem-solving challenges, escape rooms, tie-dye and much more, there will always be something new to discover. Open to Years 7–9, with KS4 and KS5 students completing their Duke of Edinburgh's Award, welcome to join as volunteer helpers.					
Thursday	15:20-16:20	Years 7-9	Lab 60	Sign Up Sheet Outside Lab 55	Miss Finney

Chess Club					
Put your strategy, problem-solving and decision-making skills to the test at Chess Club. Whether you're a complete beginner or an experienced player, come along to learn new tactics, challenge other students and develop your game in a friendly and competitive environment.					
Thursday	Lunch	Years 7-13	Room 23	First Come, First Served	Mr O'Neill

British Sign Language (BSL)					
Discover the basics of British Sign Language (BSL) and develop a valuable new way to communicate. Learn everyday signs and phrases, building your confidence in using British Sign Language.					
Thursday (Wk A) Wednesday (Wk B)	Lunch	Year 7-11	Room 26	Sign Up Sheet Outside Room	Mrs Gaze

Classics and Ancient History Club					
Step back in time and explore the fascinating world of Ancient Greece, Rome, mythology and classical culture. In the Autumn Term, students will prepare an original response to a Greek myth to enter the Ovid for All competition, combining their knowledge with creativity and imagination.					
Friday	Lunch	Years 7-9	Room 21	Everyone Welcome	Mrs Buncey

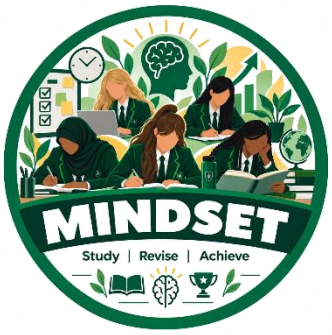
Community enrichment

Lead | Support | Contribute

Debating Society					
Speak up. Think critically. Make your case. Develop your confidence, communication and critical-thinking skills by debating a wide range of engaging and thought-provoking topics. Sessions alternate between Junior and Senior Debates, with students from Years 7–13 welcome to get involved. Students who regularly attend will also have the opportunity to represent Hillcrest in debating competitions, putting their skills to the test against other schools.					
Tuesday	Lunch	Years 7-13	Room 21	Everyone Welcome	Mrs Buncey

Model UN					
Step into the world of international diplomacy by representing different countries and debating some of the biggest issues facing our world. Through simulated United Nations meetings, students will research global challenges, negotiate with other delegates and work together to develop solutions. MUN is a fantastic opportunity to develop confidence, public speaking, debating, research, teamwork and leadership skills, while building a greater understanding of international affairs.					
Wednesday	Lunch	Years 10-13	Room 22	Everyone Welcome	Miss Dhadda

Art Ambassadors					
A dedicated session for our Art Ambassadors to come together and share their creativity, skills, knowledge and enthusiasm for the arts. Ambassadors will have opportunities to contribute to creative projects, support art across the school and inspire others to get involved. Sessions will run at selected times throughout the year. Look out for details and sign-up sheets on the Art notice board outside Room 45.					
Thursday (when advertised)	Lunch	Years 7-13	Rooms 45, 46, 47 and Ceramics Studio	Sign Up Via Sheet Outside Room 45	Mr Featon



Mindset enrichment

Study | Revise | Achieve

Support, revision and guidance for KS4 students preparing for GCSE and Level 2 qualifications.

Subject	Day	Time	Location	Year Group / Class	Teacher(s)
Art NEA Studio Time	Monday & Tuesday	Lunch	Rooms 45, 46 and 47	Yr 10 & 11	Mr Featon
Geography Revision	Tuesday	Lunch	Room 29	Year 11	Mr Gregory
Textiles Practical Support	Wk B Tuesday	Lunch	Room 62	Yr 10 & 11	Mrs Gill
Chemistry Revision	Tuesday	15:20-16:20	Room 56	Year 11 (11Sci/S3)	Ms Hendrickse
Geography Drop-in Support	Wednesday	15:20-16:20	Room 29	Yr 10 & 11	Mr Gregory
Supervised Quiet Study	Wednesday-Friday	Lunch	Room 39	Year 11	Mrs Meacher
Textiles Theory Support	Thursday	Lunch	Room 62	Yr 10 & 11	Mrs Gill
Strong Foundations	Thursday	Lunch	Room 27	Yr 10 & 11	Ms Hutt
Music Coursework Support	Thursday	15:20-16:20	Room 12	Yr 10 & 11	Mr Nock
Art NEA support	Friday	15:20-16:20	Rooms 45, 46 and 47	Yr 10 & 11	Mr Featon

Study 11					
Get ahead, stay on track and achieve your best! Join us in the Sixth Form area for a dedicated space to complete homework, revise for your GCSEs and prepare for success. Whether you're tackling tricky topics or aiming for top grades, Study 11 is your space to focus, achieve and succeed!					
Tuesday & Thursday	15:20-16:20	Year 11	Sixth Form Common Room	Everyone Welcome	Miss Ankiah & Mr Gariff

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