

Uppingham Community College ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Spring Term
2026



Introduction

New to Uppingham Community College for 2025-2026, our Enrichment Programme is designed to enhance the experience our students receive at school by giving them an opportunity to participate in an activity they enjoy or explore something new.

The programme runs on a Wednesday afternoon of the week one calendar, during lesson 5 and each activity is tailored to run for a full term. Some courses are available to all students and others targeted at specific year groups.

Each student will now be able to choose **five options**, in order of their preference, via a Microsoft 365 form. Our aim is for all students to get their first choice wherever possible but if we have to allocate other choices, students will be listed as priority placement for the following term. Students will be able to view confirmed placements on their timetable. **Please note that once Enrichment allocations are timetabled, they are final and cannot be changed.**

Chargeable activities will be made available to pay for on MCAS once the place is confirmed. The cost indicated next to the activity is for the full term.

WHAT TO DO NEXT

1. Read through this booklet and identify Enrichment sessions that you would like to take part in.
2. Discuss your choices with your parent or carer.
3. Submit options using the Microsoft 365 form included in this email. This form is also available on Satchel One.

Remember to check your selections carefully as choices cannot be changed once the survey is submitted.

PLEASE NOTE

Enrichment sessions have a minimum number required to run. In the event of this number not being reached or insufficient contributions being received, the course will not run.

For any questions or queries, please use the new email address enrichment@ucc.rutland.sch.uk



Creative

Spotlight Dance Years 7, 8, 9 & 10

Every year we perform at the spotlight dance show in Stamford. We do one group dance and you can do one in a group, pair or even solo. It is a chance for you to show everyone what you can do! :)

PE kit required



Fashion and Textiles All year groups

Ever wondered how the aspects of the fashion industry work? From forecasting trends and creating fashion illustrations to how fabrics can be developed and changed into the fashion garments we see on the catwalks around the world. Join us to create a fashion portfolio of mood boards, drawings and fabric techniques. Start on your journey into Fashion by customising a t-shirt.



Food from around the world

Years 9, 10 & 11

Interested in trying foods from different parts of the world? Each week we will be exploring a different cuisine for us to make and taste together, allowing us to bring a taste of the world into UCC.

N.B. Students to bring required ingredients.



Diamond Painting All year groups

Need a break from screens and schoolwork? Try Diamond Painting - the relaxing, creative trend that lets you unwind, focus your mind and boost your mood. No experience needed - simply choose your kit, place the gems one sparkle at a time, and watch the masterpiece come to life.

Cost: £8.00

Design Ventura challenge (Invite only - continued from last term)

Design Ventura challenges students in Years 9-11 to design a new product for the Design Museum Shop. It helps develop creative, business, and employability skills through teamwork and the full design process—from ideas to branding. The top ten state school teams pitch in London, with the winning team announced at a Celebration Event. They then work with professional designers to develop their idea and see it sold in the Design Museum Shop.



Makaton Singing Hands 7, 8 & 9

Learn to sign pop songs in Makaton.

Lego Club Years 7, 8 & 9

Are you the next Lego Master?! Get creative and join in with our themed Lego challenges every fortnight. Have a go at creating 'Stop Motion' movies using Lego sets and figures. Develop your communication and team-work skills by collaborating on projects with your peers. All you need to bring is your imagination!

Knitting for beginners All year groups

Learn how to cast on, knit, purl and complete a simple project using a pattern.

Escape Room Experience Year 8 only

Join the ultimate puzzle adventure! Work in teams to crack codes, solve mysteries, and race against the clock in head-to-head challenges. This exciting programme includes sessions in school led by a local escape room expert, three thrilling escape room packs, and a live onsite experience: The Lost Traveller. This enrichment opportunity sharpens your mind and teamwork skills in the most exciting way possible. Are you ready to escape?

Cost: £35.00



MUSICAL THEATRE

'Frozen' rehearsals (Invite only for cast of production)

All students involved in the cast of 'Frozen' must complete this enrichment this term. It will be an opportunity for the full cast to work on the show in the final months running up to the performances. For this reason, unfortunately, we will not be able to accept any students outside of the cast on this enrichment.

Cultural

Debate club Years 9, 10 & 11

Do you like to have your say, do you have passionate opinions on important topics? The Debate Club is for you. Come along and debate important topics, hear varied opinions and argue your point of view. Let's give our young people a voice!

Criminology Years 9, 10 & 11

Are you fascinated by crime dramas, real-life investigations, or the psychology behind why people commit crimes? Join our 7-week Criminology enrichment programme and explore the world of crime, justice, and investigation!

Each week, you'll dive into a different aspect of criminology—from criminal profiling and the justice system to famous cases and forensic techniques. This is your chance to discover what it's really like to think like a criminologist.

Open Year 9 and KS4 students – curious minds welcome! Come and see the world through a different lens... you might even uncover your future career path.



Everything Countries, Maps and Flags! Years 7, 8 & 9

An opportunity to learn about the world through fun interactive activities, games and quizzes.

Understanding Media - An Introduction to Media Studies

All year groups

Ever wondered how adverts grab your attention, how social media shapes what we think, or who decides what's in the news? In this course, you'll explore everything from adverts and films to news and social media. You'll learn how to spot hidden messages, question what you see and hear, and discover how media affects our thoughts, choices, and society.

Intro into Psychology Years 10 & 11

Have you ever wondered why we behave the way we do? Learn 5 classic psychological theories of behaviour and the scientific studies that support the theory (we may even take part in a few!) - Behaviourist, Biological, Psychodynamic, Cognitive and Positivist. This will be lecture-style with some interactive activities, perfect for those interested in Psychology at A-Level.

Ornithology (Classroom based) All year groups

Find out about birds; draw them, learn about their song, migration and protected status.



GCHQ codebreaking All year groups

Do you have the ability to 'think outside the box'? GCHQ is the UK's intelligence, security and cyber agency, working alongside MI5 and MI6. Every year, GCHQ releases a series of puzzles and codes to develop and test the lateral thinking, problem-solving, and ingenuity skills needed to work for the secret service. Come along and work together to try and solve some of these puzzles - could you be the spies of the future?

Chess Club All year groups

Chess club offers a stimulating environment for players of all levels, fostering strategic thinking, social interaction, and a deeper appreciation for the game. Come and join fellow enthusiasts and develop your skills or learn the game from scratch!



Biodiversity club Years 7, 8 & 9

From climate change to disappearing wildlife, biodiversity club will give you the opportunity to play a role in preserving and maintaining biodiversity. Activities include making bug hotels, willow stars, bird feeders and sowing seeds to making a nectar bar container. These items will be taken home to attract wildlife to your outdoor space and increase biodiversity.
Cost: £5.00

GeoGuessr Years 9, 10 & 11

Do you like geography and learning about different parts of the world? Geoguessr is a fun game where you can put your global knowledge to use. You start in a random location on Streetview and gather clues to find your location on the world map. You can play individually or compete against friends.

Cost: £5.00

Practical Science Years 7, 8 & 9

Ever wished you had the opportunity to do more practical science experiments in lessons? Here is your chance to get your hands on some lesser-known pieces of science equipment and improve your science practical finesse! It will be a mixture of Physics, Chemistry and Biology but always practical, hands on and fun!



Into Film All year groups

Welcome to the wonderful world of film, where we will explore films of significance; movies that matter and films that are fun! Some sessions will involve just watching a film, others might mix it up with some chatting about our thoughts on what we have watched. If you love fantastic films; marvelous movies and celluloid spectaculars - come and join us!

Maths Challenge Club Years 7, 8 & 9

Do you enjoy doing challenging, different and unusual mathematics problems? Each Enrichment Wednesday we will be exploring problems set by the UK Mathematics Trust and other popular sources such as nRich. Enhance your maths knowledge in a fun and different way.



Active & Wellbeing

Silent Book Club All year groups

Silent Book Club is a global community of readers, with more than 1500 chapters in 54 countries around the world. SBC members gather in public at bars, cafes, bookstores, libraries, and online to read together in quiet camaraderie. Often with traditional book clubs there's the hurry to finish the selected book, and the pressure to have something smart to say. Wouldn't it be great to have a book club where you could just enjoy books, without any homework? At Silent Book Club, there's no assigned reading. At the end of the session, you can chat about your book, or not! **N.B. You will need to bring your own book.**



Jigsaw club Years 7, 8 & 9

Looking for a mindful way to unwind? The Jigsaw Club is the perfect place to slow down, chat, and connect while completing puzzles one piece at a time



Mind Craft All year groups

We all experience unwelcome moments of stress, panic and frustration and most of the time they pass as quickly as they arrived; but sometimes we need a fall back plan, a series of steps or activities that we know will help. Come along and experience a variety of activities designed to help you focus and relax.

Cost: £2.50

First Aid Training All year groups

Learning first aid empowers you to confidently handle emergencies, potentially saving lives and reducing the severity of injuries. First aid courses teach essential skills like CPR, wound care, and managing common injuries, building your confidence to act effectively in critical situations. This knowledge can be invaluable, whether at work, home, or in the community.

Flag American Football Years 7, 8 & 9

Flag Football enrichment offers KS3 students a fun, fast-paced introduction to teamwork, strategy, and skill development. Pupils learn passing, catching, and tactical play in a non-contact version of American football, promoting communication, fitness, and inclusive participation for all abilities.

Football boots & warm PE kit required

Football Years 10 & 11

Football provides a fun, games-based enrichment option focused on enjoyment, participation and plenty of match time. Sessions are relaxed and recreational, giving students the chance to play small-sided games, stay active and release stress whilst playing with their peers. The enrichment option will be based on the astro turf, so please ensure you have the appropriate footwear. **PE kit required**



Basketball Years 7, 8 & 9

Join our exciting KS3 Basketball enrichment and take your game to the next level! This is a great opportunity for all ability levels to develop key skills including dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, defending, and movement off the ball. You'll also learn about court spacing, teamwork, and basic game tactics through drills, mini-games, and match play. Whether you're aiming to improve your technique or you just love the game, come ready to work hard, play smart, and have fun! **PE kit required**



Disc Golf Years 7, 8 & 9

Try your hand at the exciting and fast-growing sport of Disc Golf! Combining the precision of golf with the fun of throwing a frisbee, players aim to complete each hole by landing their disc in a metal basket in as few throws as possible. **Warm PE kit required**

Girls Rugby All year groups

This opportunity is open to girls in every year group, regardless of level of experience. We will build up from and consolidate basic skills, all the way through to some of the most technical skills and full contact areas of the sport, required at those levels. During the year, there will be opportunities to represent the school, playing in tournaments against other schools. **PE kit, football boots & gum shields required**

Sports Leaders Year 10

If you choose the Sports Leaders enrichment you will be completing the Level 1 Qualification in Sports Leadership. Sports leader qualifications are nationally recognized certifications that develop leadership, life skills, and employability through sports and physical activities. Students will be required to plan and deliver sporting sessions to other students at UCC.

Cost £34.00

Young Women's Farm Group Years 9, 10 & 11

The Young Women's Farm Group at ROEC offers a unique, hands-on experience where young women develop confidence, resilience, and teamwork through working on the farm. Appearance isn't a priority here—this is a space where we focus on building genuine connections, inner strength, and personal growth. We hope to achieve this through caring for animals, learning new skills, and working together side by side, participants will build self-esteem, lasting friendships, and a strong sense of purpose. Along the way, they'll also learn valuable skills that cultivate both personal and practical growth. **Suitable clothing required**

Cost £50.00 (£10.00 per session)



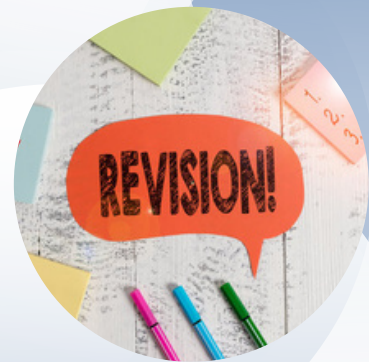
KS4 Support

Maths revision Year 11

A quiet supported space to work on your Maths revision. Bring along your maths questions and we can work together to help each other!

English revision Year 11

A quiet supported space to work on your English revision. Bring along your English questions and we can work together to help each other!



GCSE ART 'Extra' Year 11 only

This is an enrichment opportunity for Year 11 GCSE Art Students to further develop their body of work for BOTH their Coursework Unit & Externally Set Task (EST).

Students would benefit greatly from the extra hour to explore and expand on areas of interest such as printmaking, painting, sculpture and photography, and in turn, they could enhance their overall GCSE marks.

Year 10 Art Year 10 only

This is an enrichment opportunity for Year 10 GCSE Art Students to further develop their body of work for their Coursework Unit. Students would benefit greatly from the extra hour to explore and expand on areas of interest such as printmaking, painting, sculpture and photography, and in turn, they could enhance their overall GCSE marks.



Higher Project Qualification (Invite only - continued from last term)

The Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) is a challenging but exciting course which requires candidates to design, research, and develop a written argument/essay in a subject area of their choosing, with a focus on skills like planning and research.

The qualification is GCSE level and candidates will be awarded the equivalent of a short-course GCSE upon completion. The HPQ is good preparation for the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) studied at A-level. The course runs from September to March and during this time participants will attend 'taught skills' session with a project coordinator, learning key skills such as the use of technology for academic referencing and how to effectively gather primary and secondary data.



Design Technology NEA Coursework Clinic Year 11 only

Need to complete that page you have been working on? Do your coursework pages need a little magic? Finding it difficult to flex about your design work? Then the coursework clinic is the place to be! Why not book an appointment.....?

Biology Masterclass Year 11

An exciting course offering exam focused revision, exam technique training and targeted help on topics within biology to improve students' grades.

