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# Key Stage 4 Enrichment Electives Endeavour & Achieve



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## At Parkside School we are ...

- a school where children are **challenged and supported** to do their very best and encouraged to develop strong relationships.
- a school based on a **culture of kindness**, where education is a holistic experience.
- an **inclusive school** where adults believe in the children, and children believe that the adults believe in them.



# Dear Students,

Welcome to the Parkside School Endeavour & Achieve Programme for 2025-26. As you transition into Key Stage 4, our enrichment curriculum evolves to meet your growing ambitions and prepare you for your future beyond the academic classroom. This programme is designed to provide you with valuable skills, foster leadership and offer personalised support for your next steps.

## What is the 'Endeavour & Achieve' Programme?

Your E&A programme in Years 10 and 11 focuses on purposeful action, ambitious future planning and achieving lasting success. It's about empowering you to take control of your learning and development.

- **Lead and Take Responsibility:** Seize opportunities to develop strong leadership and personal responsibility, making a real impact within the school and wider community.
- **Deepen Your Interests:** Immerse yourself in areas you're passionate about, allowing for deeper learning and the cultivation of specialist skills.
- **Achieve Long-Term Goals:** Develop the self-discipline and determination required to set and meet ambitious long-term goals, preparing you for academic and professional success.

## How it works:

Your first E&A activity will run from the start of the school year until February Half Term.

We believe these sessions are a crucial part of your school journey. We expect you to approach them with the same dedication and commitment you apply to all your other studies, ensuring you maximise every opportunity for growth and learning.

This is your perfect chance to challenge yourself, develop your character and shape your future. While some activities are very popular, you might not get your first choice straight away, but many may be offered in a different term.

We are committed to providing comprehensive and personalised support for all post-16 pathways, ensuring you feel prepared and confident, whether you are pursuing A-Levels, vocational courses, or apprenticeships. From sparking initial curiosity to building a confident future, our E&A curriculum ensures each one of you is supported, challenged and inspired to achieve your very best.

Mrs. Skipsey

E&A Coordinator





Year 10

**Electives**



# Arts Award (Bronze)

The Arts Award Bronze is a Level 1 qualification designed to introduce you to the visual arts in a wider, more engaging way than you would experience at GCSE. It's your opportunity to seriously explore techniques, develop an art skill and build a compelling portfolio.



## What will you explore?

- **Diverse Art Forms:** Immerse yourself in various art forms and techniques, from practical application to critical appreciation.
- **Artistic Immersion:** Take part in inspiring visits to galleries and museums, attend workshops and engage with professional artists.
- **Skill Development & Sharing:** Actively develop a chosen art skill and learn how to effectively share your insights and creations with others.

## Your Growth & Future

This qualification is designed to significantly develop your **artistic and critical abilities**. You will gain a wider knowledge and understanding of visual arts, not just as a creator but also as an informed audience member. Your experiences and reflections will directly inform your portfolio, **shaping your artistic voice** and preparing you for onward creative and academic paths.

## Your Achievement & Recognition

Your dedication to producing a comprehensive **portfolio** of work and an evidence log will demonstrate both your practical skills and developing knowledge of the Visual Arts. This will be assessed and submitted for moderation, leading to a recognised **Level 1 qualification and certificate** that you can proudly share with colleges and other onward destinations, showcasing your creative talent and commitment.

## Who is this E&A suitable for?

**Year 10 students** with a genuine interest in the Visual Arts – including Art, Photography and Textiles. You'll need to be self-motivated and take ownership of your creative process. There is no exam element; it is all coursework based.



# D of E (Silver)

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# Sport Leaders

Ready to step up, take charge and gain a nationally recognised leadership qualification? The Sports Leaders Level 1/2 Course empowers you to plan and deliver engaging sessions for community groups and schools. This is your chance to develop specialist knowledge in leading various sports and activities, making a real impact in your community and boosting your future prospects.

## What will you explore?

- **Session Planning & Delivery:** Master the skills needed to effectively plan, organise and deliver dynamic sports and activity sessions.
- **Specialist Leadership Knowledge:** Develop your understanding of leading diverse sports and activities, adapting your approach for different groups and environments.
- **Community Engagement:** Gain invaluable experience by leading sessions within schools and for community groups, applying your skills in real-world settings.

## Your Growth & Future

This qualification is designed to significantly develop your core capabilities. You will build **confidence**, develop **resilience** and enhance crucial **communication skills** essential for leadership. This practical experience will prepare you to inspire others, manage groups effectively and serve as a powerful foundation for future roles in sports, education and beyond.

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Your dedication will result in successfully completing the **Level 1/2 Sports Leaders qualification**, officially certifying you as a skilled and capable Sports Leader! This nationally recognised qualification is a valuable addition to your CV and UCAS applications, demonstrating your commitment to leadership, community engagement and practical skill development, setting you apart from others.



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This enrichment is open to all Year 10 students (and some Year 11s by invite) who enjoy programming and want to expand their knowledge. It's ideal for those ready to commit to learning new languages and problem-solving, though prior programming knowledge from Computer Science GCSE would be a great help.



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# English



Ready to smash your GCSE English exams? This is a high-impact booster designed to sharpen your skills, build your confidence and help you secure the best grade possible. This enrichment offers targeted sessions to enhance your understanding and skills in the key areas of the curriculum.

## What's the Focus?

- **Targeted Curriculum Review:** We'll dive deep into the specific curriculum areas and texts you need to master for exam success.
- **Advanced Writing Skills:** Master the analytical, creative and persuasive writing techniques required for top-grade answers.
- **Exam Deconstruction:** Gain confidence by learning to break down, plan and effectively tackle any exam-style question.

## How Will I Improve?

Your sessions are specifically designed to significantly boost your **confidence** and **understanding** of the entire GCSE English course. You will develop important **analytical and persuasive writing skills**, preparing you to excel in your final exams and demonstrate your abilities under pressure.

## What's the End Goal?

Your hard work will result in a deep understanding of the course and a toolkit of proven strategies. Being able to demonstrate this knowledge and skill under exam conditions will equip you to **achieve your full potential** and secure the best grades you're capable of.

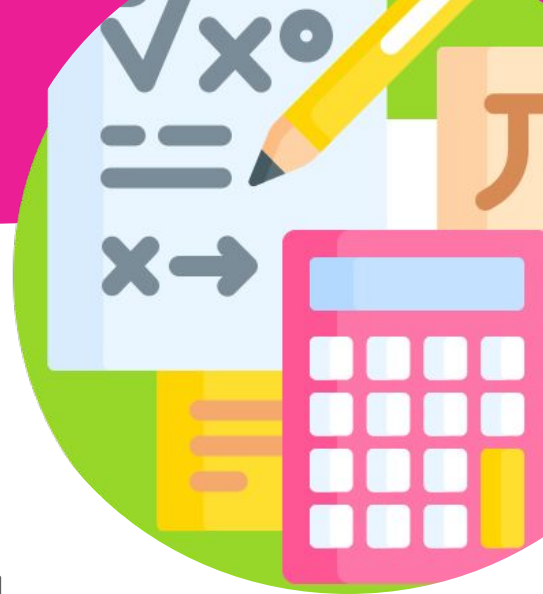
## Who is this E&A suitable for?

This enrichment is aimed at **specific Year 11 students** who want to improve their GCSE English performance. It is ideal whether you are aiming to boost your current grades or solidify your understanding for final exam success.



# Further Maths

Want to push your Maths skills beyond the standard GCSE? This specialist qualification is for high-achievers looking to bridge the gap to A-Level. You'll master higher-order algebraic reasoning and build a powerful foundation for success in A-Level Maths, Further Maths and STEM subjects.



## What's the Focus?

- **Beyond GCSE Problem Solving:** Tackle complex problems using skills and techniques not covered in the standard GCSE course.
- **Real-World Applications:** Explore the practical applications of mathematical theory in real-world scenarios.
- **Algebra & Geometry:** Gain a much more in-depth understanding of advanced algebra and geometry.
- **A-Level Taster:** Get a head start by covering a small number of key A-Level Mathematics topics.

## How Will I Improve?

This course is specifically designed to stretch your abilities far beyond the standard curriculum. You will develop **problem-solving** skills, a deeper **algebraic reasoning** capability and a strong understanding of advanced mathematical concepts. This enrichment will give you a significant advantage, preparing you exceptionally well for the transition to post-16 study.

## What's the End Goal?

Your **year-long dedication (September to June)** will result in an **additional AQA qualification** that proves your advanced mathematical talent. The end goal is to provide you with a rock-solid understanding of higher-level mathematics, ensuring a smooth and successful transition into A-Level Maths, Physics and Further Maths.

## Who is this E&A suitable for?

This specialist enrichment is for **Year 11 students currently in top-set Maths**. It is designed for those who are on track to achieve a Grade 7, 8, or 9 in their Maths GCSE and want to fully prepare for the demands of A-Level STEM subjects.

# Life & Employability Skills



Ready to build the skills that colleges, universities and employers look for? This enrichment gives you the chance to work on the essential skills that will enable you to succeed in both your personal life and your future professional career.

## What's the Focus?

- **Communication & Teamwork:** Learn to collaborate effectively and express your ideas with clarity and confidence.
- **Problem Solving & Critical Thinking:** Develop your ability to analyse complex challenges and find smart, effective solutions.
- **Leadership & Emotional Intelligence:** Build confidence in leading others and understanding your own impact.
- **Personal Effectiveness:** Master essential life skills like adaptability, resilience, time management and personal development.

## How Will I Improve?

Through a series of practical workshops and challenges, you will actively develop these crucial skills. This isn't a typical classroom lesson; it's a hands-on opportunity to build your **confidence, resilience and leadership** potential, preparing you for real-world scenarios in further education and the workplace.

## What's the End Goal?

The end goal is to equip you with a powerful toolkit of "soft skills." These transferable skills are highly valued by all employers and are crucial for **securing and maintaining employment** as well as navigating daily life and interviews successfully.

## Who is this E&A suitable for?

This enrichment is for **any Year 11 student** who wants to invest in their own development. If you are looking to build your confidence and gain the essential life skills that will set you apart in college, apprenticeship and job applications, this E&A is for you.



# Maths

Ready to lock in the GCSE Maths grade you're aiming for? Whether you're pushing for a Grade 4 or targeting a Grade 8/9, this enrichment is designed to get you there. These sessions use your mock data to deliver tailored teaching, focusing on exactly what you need to secure your target grade.



## What's the Focus?

- **Personalised Support:** We will use your mock results to pinpoint the exact topics and skills you need to improve.
- **Targeted Teaching:** Receive tailored lessons and support focused on your specific challenge areas, not a one-size-fits-all class.
- **Strategic Revision:** Gain practice and learn to take ownership of your revision, understanding how to work on topics you've struggled with.
- **Overcoming Barriers:** Build the specific skills and confidence needed to overcome the challenges you've faced in maths.

## How Will I Improve?

These sessions are specifically designed to make you more **self-aware** of your strengths and weaknesses. You will develop a strong sense of **ownership over your revision** and gain the practical skills to break down and solve difficult problems, helping you overcome any gaps in your knowledge.

## What's the End Goal?

The end goal is to directly improve your **final GCSE results**, giving you a well-deserved sense of pride. The **resilience and independence** you build will make you a more **effective problem-solver** in all your subjects, not just in maths.

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This specialist enrichment is for **selected Year 11 students** on both the **Foundation and Higher** tiers who are aiming for a Grade 4 or a Grade 8/9 but haven't quite got there yet.

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## What's the Focus?

- **Targeted Topic Review:** We'll master the most challenging and high-mark topics from Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- **Mastering Exam Technique:** Learn exactly how to structure answers for 6-mark questions and how to respond to key "command words" (like *describe*, *explain*, and *evaluate*).
- **Required Practicals & Data:** Revisit the core required practicals and build your confidence in handling data, reading graphs, and interpreting tables.

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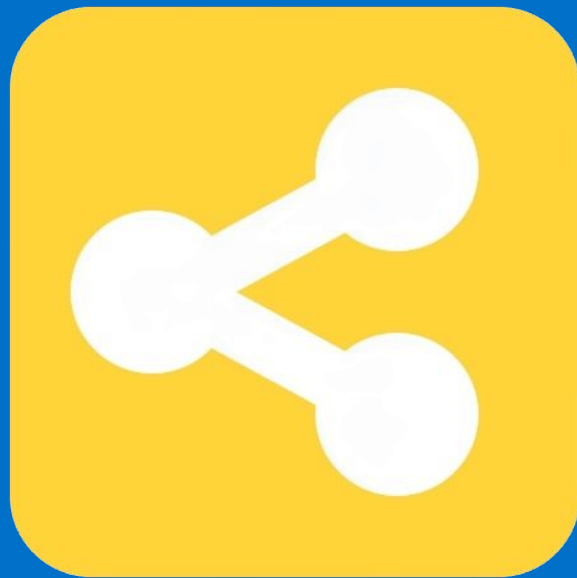
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