

Schemes Supported & Additional Opportunities

A2B Scheme: The Access to Birmingham (A2B) scheme is designed to help students from families and communities in the West Midlands who have little or no experience of higher education find out about what studying at university involves. (University of Birmingham)



Aston Pathway into Healthcare: During the programmes, which students will complete alongside studying for their A Levels and BTEC courses. Successful applicants will be given the opportunity to take part in various enrichment activities.



Social Mobility Foundation: Gain first hand experience in the top professions and the skills needed to achieve your aspirations. The programme provides Mentoring with a professional, Tailored skills sessions and career workshops and Internships with top employers.



BCU Forward Programme: Based in the academy 2 days each week, students will have access to higher education workshops, subject specific activities and tailored mentoring for information, advice and guidance (IAG).



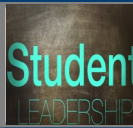
National Citizen Service (NCS): NCS is an experience that helps build your confidence and self-belief so that you can take on anything in life. Live away from home, develop skills and meet amazing people. This is your chance to embark on exhilarating challenges, make your mark and build skills for work and life.



The Access Project: The Access Project we support students from disadvantaged backgrounds to access top universities, through a unique combination of tuition and in-school mentoring. We work with them to make good applications, get the grades and transition to university.



Leadership Team: Students have the opportunity to become part of the Leadership Team, supporting staff and students across the academy. This looks great on students CVs demonstrating leadership skills and playing a wider role within the academy.



Work Experience: Towards the end of Year 12 students have the opportunity to take part in a professional 1 week work placement. This allows students to get vital experience within the field they wish to go into after Post 16 education. The academy careers lead helps support this.



Medic Mentor: Organisation that invests in wellbeing, mentoring and widening access programmes for all applying students who want to become a healthcare professional. Medic Mentor has established fantastic programmes that provide a variety of mentoring platform.



Future Learn: Develop as a professional or discover a new hobby, there's an online course for all students. You can even take your learning further with online programs and degrees. Meet educators from top universities and cultural institutions, who'll share their experience through videos, articles, quizzes and discussions.



For further information regarding these opportunities, please speak to Mr Billingham or Miss Wood. Remember to keep checking Google Classroom for other opportunities that become available throughout the year.



Stand out from the crowd





Enrichment @ Hamstead Hall Academy Sixth Form



Duke of Edinburgh Award (Gold, Silver and Bronze)

A life-changing experience and fun time with friends. An opportunity to discover new interests and talents, developing essential skills for life and work. A recognised mark of achievement; respected by employers, involving helping the community/environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, planning, completing an expedition and, for Gold only, working with a team on a residential activity.



Football Training and Football Team

Both Year 12 and Year 13 have the opportunity to take part in football training at 3.30pm on Wednesday (Astroturf). This involves drills and also practice matches of Year 12 v Year 13. For students who are selected, an opportunity to represent the Sixth Form in matches against other local Sixth Forms will be available. Get involved to improve fitness levels and have fun with your peers.



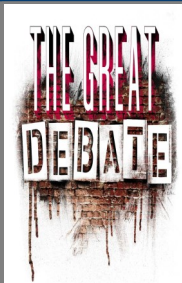
Fitness Club

This will help improve your cardiovascular system, strengthen your muscles, help you maintain your weight, boost your mental health and decrease the odds that you'll develop other health conditions. Exercising daily strengthens your heart and allows it to pump more efficiently with less strain. Please see Mr Cartwright for further information.



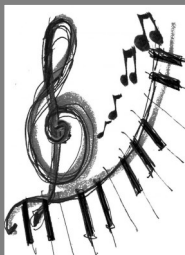
The Great Debate

Debating is fun but will also widen your knowledge on a range of topics and improve, confidence, critical thinking, communication and public speaking skills. Are you passionate about big issues in society such as sexism, racism, LGBTQ+ rights or the environment? At debating, we discuss what matters to you and help build your confidence. For further information and to get involved please speak to Mr Bonner.



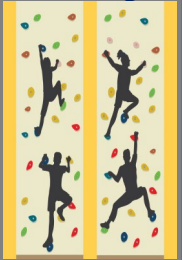
Music

Many studies have been conducted on the effects of music on the brain. Scientists say that students who are exposed to music, or those who play an instrument, do better in school than those who don't. Learning to play an instrument is like learning to speak another language and it can be challenging at times. Please see Mr Taylor for further details.



Rock Climbing Wall

Our Rock climbing wall is designed to develop a range of physical and mental skills in an encouraging, inclusive environment. Climbs are specifically designed with challenges to conquer from easier to more difficult, making it a fantastic activity for all. In addition, this is a great enrichment activity to have fun with peers. For further information, please contact Mr Brown.



Badminton

Apart from the agility improvement that you will gain from playing badminton, another benefit is the balance and flexibility that is gained through the practice of badminton. Being such a fast sport, sometimes you have to shoot in uncomfortable situations while keeping yourself standing up. This will over time help you improve your body balance. Contact Mr Hoare for further information.



IT and Coding Club

The IT and coding Club provides participating students an opportunity to learn the basics of computer programming in a team setting. The club's main focus is on creating applications and websites. The club is open to develop the areas of IT you wish to improve upon, including the utilisation of Artificial Intelligence. For further information contact Mr Billingham.



Painting Club

Painting enrichment will engage, inspire and challenge students to experiment and create their own works of Art. Not only has painting been proven to improve brain health, but it can also support your emotional intelligence and emotional growth. No matter what your skill level is, art therapy is about picking up a pen, pencil or paintbrush and giving yourself permission to create freely, with no judgement or self-criticism. Please see Miss Yeatman for further information.



Peer Tutoring

Peer Tutoring provides more opportunities for students to practice specific skills, which leads to better retention and understanding of subject knowledge. Students who take part in the programme receive 3 training sessions on the rationale of Peer Tutoring, Safeguarding and Teachers Perspectives of peer tutoring. Peer tutoring will develop your communication skills and support growth in your confidence.

