



Pool Academy Enrichment Programme 2025

At Pool Academy, we believe education extends far beyond the classroom. Our enrichment programme gives every student the chance to take part in meaningful activities and trips that build friendships, raise aspirations, and create a sense of belonging.

This programme replaces the former Curriculum Enrichment Week. Instead of one week of off-timetable activities, we now offer a carefully planned series of opportunities spread across the year. Each year group will take part in at least one major trip, alongside additional events and celebrations, with costs kept affordable for families. To support all parents and carers, trips can be paid for in instalments throughout the year.

Year Group Trips and Events

Year 7 – Building Foundations

The first year of secondary school is a time for making friends, building confidence, and developing independence. Our programme for Year 7 is designed to help students settle quickly into academy life while providing opportunities for adventure and fun.

- **Halloween Disco** – A social event that encourages new friendships and celebrates the autumn term in a safe and fun environment.
- **School Sleep-In** – An overnight experience on the school site, with team-building challenges, games, and activities that help develop independence and resilience.
- **Year 7 Graduation** - Disco, chocolate fountain, awards, a big celebration of your first year at secondary school!

Year 8 – Expanding Horizons

In Year 8, students are encouraged to broaden their horizons and experience the cultural richness that education can offer. This year's main trip provides the chance to enjoy the excitement of live theatre and a shared cultural experience.

- **Hall for Cornwall Christmas Show: *Aladdin*** – A professionally staged pantomime performance that combines comedy, music, and spectacle. The trip offers students the chance to experience high-quality theatre while celebrating as a year group.
- **Falmouth University Trip:** experience real creative courses, studios, and career paths students could pursue in the future. Students will build confidence and excitement about their own skills by experiencing a professional educational environment.

Year 9 – Challenge and Adventure

By Year 9, students are ready to test themselves with greater challenges and opportunities for personal growth. This year focuses on teamwork, resilience, and building confidence in new environments.

- **Royal Cornwall Show** – An opportunity for students to experience one of Cornwall's biggest annual events, celebrating local culture, agriculture, and innovation.
- **University Experience Trip** – A visit to a leading university to explore campus life, attend talks, and meet current students. This experience helps raise ambition and allows students to picture themselves in higher education - Plymouth?

Year 10 – Raising Aspirations

Year 10 is a key moment in a student's journey as they begin preparing for GCSEs and considering their future pathways. The focus here is on aspiration, ambition, and opening doors to new opportunities.

- **University Experience Trip** – A visit to a leading university to explore campus life, attend talks, and meet current students. This experience helps raise ambition and allows students to picture themselves in higher education - Exeter?
- **Trips to Local Colleges** – Giving students the chance to explore post-16 options, including A levels, T levels, apprenticeships, and more.
- **Porthpean Outdoor Adventure Day** – A day of activities on the Cornish coast, including climbing, kayaking, paddleboarding, and team-building challenges. The trip is designed to encourage resilience, leadership, and problem-solving, while celebrating the unique environment of Cornwall.

Year 11 – Celebrating Achievement

The final year at Pool Academy is about celebrating hard work, marking milestones, and recognising the achievements of our students. Our Year 11 programme is designed to give students lasting memories of their time at the academy.

- **Hall for Cornwall – Macbeth** – Students are invited to attend a performance of *Macbeth* to support their English GCSE studies and deepen their understanding of the play.
- **CSIA 6th Form Taster Day** - Students are invited to experience a day of being a sixth former studying A Levels and T Levels!
- **Year 11 Leavers' BBQ** – A celebration of the five-year journey, recognising achievements and shared experiences.
- **Year 11 Prom** – A formal evening event that provides a memorable conclusion to life at Pool Academy.

Reward and Celebration Events - Linked to the STREAKS APP

Alongside the year group trips and events, students will also have access to a range of **reward and enrichment activities** linked to positive engagement, excellent attendance and completion of homework. These events include:

- Silent Disco
- Bouncy castle and inflatable assault course
- Film and popcorn afternoons
- Pizza Parties
- McFlurry Parties
- *The Masked Singer* performance show, featuring both staff and students
- Theme Park trips
- Further events and surprises announced throughout the year

Whole-School Trips and Opportunities

In addition to year group experiences, students can also access wider trips and residential opportunities, including:

- **Ski Trip to Italy**
- **Barcelona Trip** - Football
- **Cultural Trip to Belgium** – A European visit combining history, culture, and shared experiences.
- **London Trip** - KS4 Curriculum Trip
- **Berlin trip** - Year 10 trip
- Further exciting opportunities announced as the year progresses.

Our Vision

The Pool Academy **Experiences Programme** is central to our commitment to ensuring that every student leaves with not only strong academic outcomes, but also a rich bank of memories, friendships, and life experiences. These trips and events support our mission to prepare students to lead great lives both within and beyond school.