

**Acle
Academy**



Curriculum Enhancement Week

Monday 7th July- Wednesday
9th July 2025

Preference Booklet



Information for Curriculum Enhancement Week

We are delighted to offer students the opportunity to take part in our Curriculum Enhancement week in July 2025.

At Acle Academy, we are committed to providing students with opportunities to learn outside of the classroom. The core purpose of our curriculum is to equip our young people for life afterwards; helping them to build up the mental, emotional, social and strategic resources to enjoy, challenge and cope well with the uncertainty and complexity of an ever-changing world.

The aims of our Curriculum Enhancement week:

To enable students to value our local and national cultural heritage and help broaden students' experiences

- To help students understand the real-world context of what they are learning in the classroom
- To help students develop new skills beyond our classroom-based learning
- To help enrich relationships between students and staff

From Monday 7th July to Wednesday 9th July 2025 the usual timetabled lessons will be suspended and staff and students will be following a unique curriculum pathway. To organise such an alternative curriculum at this scale requires a significant amount of effort from our school staff, many of whom will be giving up their free time in order to provide these exciting experiences for our young people.

All students in Years 7 to 10 are required to take part in Curriculum Enhancement Week. In line with the school policy, **holiday is not authorised during Curriculum Enhancement Week.**

Selecting a Pathway

- Students will need to select their top three pathways in preference order and make their selection via the link below

[Curriculum Enhancement Week Preference Form](#)

- It may not be possible to allocate every students' first preference which is why students should choose three pathways they may enjoy.
- Students must make their selection by **9am on Monday 4th November.**
- Students in Year 7 will be taking part in the Year 7 residential and will have the opportunity to explore alternative pathways the following year. **Students who are not involved in the Year 7 residential will be assigned in school pathways.**
- **Students who have already committed to the Strasbourg trip will not need to select a preference** as this trip is taking place in the same week.
- Students chosen to take part in the RSC Playmaking Festival will not need to select a preference
- Students must complete all activities within the pathway, it is not possible to swap between pathways.

Payments

Once students have made their selection we will allocate pathways and inform parents of their child's allocation by Friday 8th November.

- To confirm the allocation on a pathway that involves a visit, parents will need to pay an agreed deposit by **Friday 15th November 2024**.
- Payment plans will be available for all trips
- The full balance for activities must be paid by **Friday 25th April 2025**.
- Payments must be made via Scopay, we are unable to accept cash or cheques for any activities
- Support will be made available for students who are eligible for pupil premium - please contact Mrs Jacotine at mjacotine@acle.norfolk.sch.uk for further details.

Please note:

- Prices shown in the preference booklet are approximations based on the full number of students participating in the activity, therefore they are subject to a slight change.
- Once a pathway has been selected and allocated, it will not be possible to swap.
- A pathway may be withdrawn if it is no longer financially viable. We are offering a range of pathways to suit all budgets in order to allow all children the opportunity to participate.
- Please be aware that should your child fall ill or for any other reason decides that they do not want to go on the trip, the school insurance will not cover this. No refund will be given unless a replacement student takes their place.

Behaviour and Safety

We expect all of our students to show respectful and safe behaviour within the school community. This is especially important when we consider taking students out of school. To enable children to participate in these pathways, we need to be confident that a student will follow instructions if we are to take them outside school. Each pathway will be risk assessed and this includes students' behaviour. If a student does not meet our behaviour expectations regularly, we conduct individual behaviour risk assessments to determine whether it would be safe for that student to attend that activity. The school reserves the right to withdraw a child's participation in an external trip on behaviour grounds.

Attendance

Students at Acle Academy should maintain a good attendance record to help them prepare for life after school. We encourage all students to achieve 95%+ attendance for the duration of their educational journey (no more than 10 school days missed in one academic year). We understand that children may experience occasional incidents of being unwell, however patterns of absence or unauthorised absence which result in a student's attendance falling below 90%, the equivalent of 20 days missed across the academic year, is considered persistently absent. Therefore we will consider whether a student would be suitable to attend certain activities due to their high level of absence.

We are really excited to offer the Curriculum Enhancement Week and hope your child will enjoy this memorable experience.

Key Dates

Monday 4th November 2024 - Preference deadline
Friday 15th November 2024 - Confirmation of allocation by deposit deadline
Friday 25th April 2025 - Final payment deadline

1. All The World's A Stage

Description of Activities:

We will visit The Globe Theatre in London and watch a Shakespeare Play (plays for this date not yet announced), getting the full Globe experience with standing tickets! We'll build on this experience with a day with playwright, James Fritz, who will work with you to draft your own script, which you will then have the chance to perform and consider the staging of on the last day.

Day 1-Globe trip, by coach, to London.

Day 2-In school with playwright James Fritz.

Day 3-Performance and staging of your own work.

Any prior skills/ knowledge needed?

Just a love of plays and creative writing, along with a willingness to perform and an interest in drama.

Pathway open to: Years 8, 9 & 10

Number of places available: 49

Approximate Cost: £50 based on standing tickets. £75 if seated.



2. CSI Acle

Description of Activities:

Our exciting programme of work runs over several days and see's students follow a case from the crime scene, (analysing the evidence they have recovered from the crime scene), to completing a mock trial where they will present evidence that they have collected to make their case. Students will complete a range of techniques including 'blood' typing, finger print analysis, flame tests and many more.....

Students will also have the opportunity to visit a local laboratory to get real world experience of a working lab.

Day 1 – CSI Acle Day 1

Day 2 – Lab Trip

Day 3 – CSI Acle Day 2

Pathway open to: Years 8, 9 & 10

Number of places available: 30

Approximate Cost: £32.50



3. The Papillion Project

Description of Activities:

Do you love gardening, nature and getting involved with practical activities?

The Papillion project will be a three day pathway that will allow you to transform our garden in our bungalow area, creating a versatile space that can be used for the future.

Your ideas and designs will help create a space that students can use in school. It could be building bird boxes/ bug homes to support the wildlife, creating beds to plant produce, and creating a wellbeing area to support students feeling safe at school.

All resources and materials will be provided and you will get to work alongside the Papillion project experts who will help teach you about sustainable living and environmental awareness.

Pathway open to: All Years

Number of places available: 10

Approximate Cost: Free



4. Sailing

Description of Activities:

Each day, we will transport students to Eastwood Whelpton boatyard where they will embark on the exciting journey of learning how to sail.

During the three days, students will get to sail a classic Norfolk Half Decker on the rivers and our local Broads. They will be learning to sail under the specialist instruction of one of the sailing instructors with 3 other crew members.

The yachts are wooden and around 100 years old, but in superb condition, well maintained and ideal to learn to sail on. They were built originally for racing and are great fun, quick and responsive. Students will learn the parts of the boat, how to crew and helm the yacht and will also understand the basic principles of sailing.

This is quite a physical activity; students will be helping to hoist and lower sails and pull lots of different ropes, however, being part of a crew is great fun and helps develop team working, communication, planning and leadership skills.

No prior knowledge or experience of sailing is needed!

Pathway open to: Years 8, 9 & 10

Number of places available: 16

Approximate Cost: £80



5. Escape Room, Puzzles and the Crystal Maze

Description of Activities:

Are you a fan of puzzles, games and riddles? Are you an adventure seeker with a flair for critical thinking and analytics skills? Can you work well in a team and under pressure?

Then this pathway may be for you.

Three days working in a team on a variety of different types of challenges, developing a range of skills, including leadership, communication and problem solving, having lots of fun along the way.

Day 1: A day in school with the an external Puzzle Company taking part in a variety of grouped workshops using maths, thinking skills, problem solving and logical reasoning.

Day 2: A day in London taking part in the ultimate team challenge-The Crystal Maze LIVE

Day 3: Back in school a day of Escape rooms and cyphers.

Any prior skills/ knowledge needed? Team skills and a willingness to get stuck in. Amongst the Crystal Maze challenges are a range of physical games which need flexibility, stamina and strength to complete!

Pathway open to: Years 8, 9 & 10

Number of places available: 56

Approximate Cost: £70



6. Nurtured by Nature: Land and Sea

Description of Activities:

We will spend two days immersed in the natural world to find inspiration for our art work and creative writing. Our first day will be a beach visit with the second day being a visit to a forest and/or woodland setting. You will have the opportunity to look at the different landscapes and sketch, write and take inspiration from these locations. On the third day we will be based in school producing art work and creative writing using materials and inspiration from the beach and woodland visit.

Day 1: Local beach visit

Day 2: Local forest/woodland visit

Day 3: School based to work creatively.

Any prior skills/ knowledge needed?

Just a love of the outdoors and a willingness to be creative.

Pathway open to: Years 8, 9 & 10

Number of places available: 49

Approximate Cost: £20



7.Multisports

Description of Activities:

We have planned an action-packed day of sporting activities. We will be using the facilities at East Norfolk College to participate in a variety of sporting activities. This will help to develop current skills that students have. Second day will consist of Bowls and Tennis at the local clubs in Acle. This will include skills to be gained and developed at the start of the session then put into a competition at the end. Day 3 will involve a variety of different sports that are not currently on the curriculum and some that students may never have tried/ heard of before e.g. lacrosse, ultimate frisbee.

Day 1- Visit East Norfolk and try a range of sports using their facilities.

Day 2- Acle bowls club and picnic followed by Acle tennis club.

Day 3- Gladiators type activities/ team competitions in non-traditional sports.

Any prior skills/ knowledge needed?

A passion for sports, getting stuck in and involved whilst learning new skills and developing current knowledge of games.

Pathway open to: Years 8, 9 & 10

Number of places available: 30

Approximate Cost: Up to £15 to help cover transport costs.



8. Shadows of Justice: a journey through crime and punishment

Description of Activities:

Get ready for an electrifying three-day school trip that takes you deep into the heart of history! Day one kicks off at **Norwich Castle**, a majestic fortress brimming with historical mysteries. Uncover the secrets of the castle dungeons, marvel at its rich and varied past, and delve into the lives of those once imprisoned within its walls. Who knows what legends we'll discover?

On day two, we'll venture to the iconic **Tower of London**, where you'll walk in the footsteps of kings and queens. Explore the awe-inspiring Crown Jewels, hear spine-tingling tales of daring escapes, and feel the chill of its haunted past.

Finally, on our third day, we'll return to school for a thrilling day focused on **crime, torture, and punishment** throughout history! Engage in interactive workshops, debate notorious figures, and immerse yourself in the dark yet fascinating world of justice.

Join us for an unforgettable journey filled with intrigue, exploration, and just a touch of torture! Get ready to unlock the past!

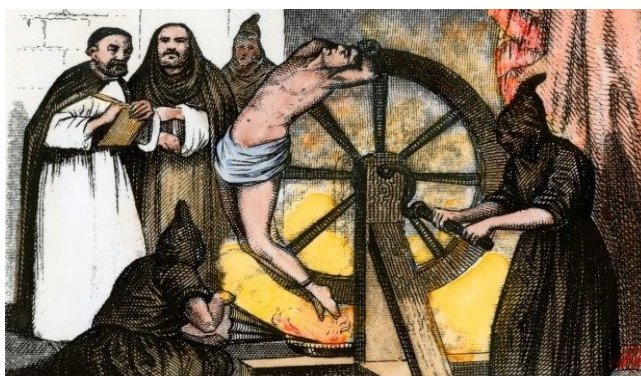
Any prior skills/ knowledge needed?

A passion for History and a curious mind!

Pathway open to: Years 8, 9 & 10

Number of places available: 50

Approximate Cost: £40



9. The Independent Project

Description of Activities:

Do you like thinking about tricky philosophical questions? If so, this pathway is for you. Over three days you will be introduced to key questions and have the opportunity to research, plan and produce a project.

You will have free reign to create an independent project using all the key skills of our PRIDE framework. You can present your project in whatever format you choose (art, music, poetry, sculpture, photography, dance, drama etc.) to reflect your thoughts/feelings on the topic.

The projects will be shared with outside visitors from the UEA who will help support the development of your project.

Pathway open to: All years

Number of places available: 30

Approximate Cost: Free



University of East Anglia

10.Wet and Wild

Description of Activities:

If you love the water this is the trip for you! Enjoy three days of action packed fun surfing, paddle boards, kayaking raft building, and then finish it off with a visit to an inflatable water park with cliff jumps, blast bags, giant slides, monkey bars, and balance beams. An adrenaline junkie's dream!

Day 1 Glide Surf School: Surfing at Cromer and beach games (possibly crabbing too!)

Day 2 Whitlingham outdoor adventure:

Day 3 Rutland Aqua Park: Inflatable water park

Any prior skills/ knowledge needed?

Students opting for this trip must be competent swimmers. On day 1 and day 3 we will be departing school early so students will need to arrange their own transport to school. On Day 3 there is also a chance that our return time will mean pupils will need to have their own transport arrangements in place.

Pathway open to: Years 8, 9 & 10

Number of places available: 48

Approximate Cost: £130



11.Creative Design

Description of Activities:

All: Design Museum (AM) £10 a student (1Hour 30-minute bespoke workshop)

Split Group: Chelsea Stadium Tour (PM) £20 a student

Split Group: V&A Museum (PM) £20 a student

Day 1

We will travel to London and arrive at the Design Museum. When at the Design Museum you will enrol onto a workshop (ranging from lighting to seating) and walk around the current exhibitions

Day 2

Using inspiration from **Day 1** students make products inspired from what they have seen and learnt. Students will carousel around the following subjects; Art, Food, Product Design and Textiles.

Day 3

Students will be taken to a Post-16 provider and enrol onto a course that is of interest to them after Acle Academy. This will hopefully be in partnership with Norwich City College.

Most Suited Students:

This trip would really benefit student who are on a KS4 course within the Creative Industries Faculty; Art, Computer Science, Hospitality & Catering, Product Design and/or Textiles.

Pathway open to: Years 8, 9 & 10

Number of places available: 70

Approximate Cost: £90



12. The British Creative Challenge

Description of Activities:

Do you enjoy practical design and making activities? If so, this pathway is for you. Based around popular TV shows such as the Great British Bake Off, Britain's Best Woodworker, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throwdown, you will get the chance to make a variety of products and take part in the Creative challenge.

- There will also be the opportunity to visit local colleges and experience the facilities on offer in creative design.

Pathway open to: All Years

Number of places available: 30

Approximate Cost: Free



13. Space Explorers

Description of Activities:

If you are a Science and space fan, the Space Explorers option is for you. On day 1, you will take a trip to Greenwich observatory, where you get a chance to get up close and personal with the stars. Amazing visualisations and real-life space photography combine to provide a truly unique view of our night sky. On Day 2, you will get involved with a range of events in school on the theme of space including making rockets and parachutes. And finally, on day 3, you will journey to the National Space Centre in Leicester where you will explore the history and future of space exploration!

Day 1 – Greenwich Observatory Trip

Day 2 – Space themed activities (School-based)

Day 3 – National Space Centre Trip (Leicester)

Any prior skills/ knowledge needed? NA

Pathway open to: Years 8, 9 & 10

Number of places available: 50

Approximate Cost: £88.00



14. Snowboarding

Description of Activities:

Do you love adventure and fancy trying a new skill? Then snowboarding may be the pathway for you. It's never too late to learn a new skill and snowboarding is no exception!

Over the three days you will learn the skills and techniques of snowboarding from qualified instructors who will take you on a journey of progression from the nursery to the main slope and possibly free-style! No prior experience is needed.

Snowboarding is a great new skill to learn, it improves your balance, strengthens your muscles and is a fun and exhilarating experience!

Pathway open to: Years 8, 9 & 10

Number of places available: 15

Approximate Cost: £160

