ERDINGTON ACADEMY



OUT OF HOURS LEARNING & DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

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How Erdington Academy delivers this vision through OOHL & DofE

Out of Hours Learning plays a vital role in enriching students' education by providing opportunities to develop skills, interests, and confidence beyond the traditional classroom setting. It allows learners to explore subjects in greater depth, build independence, and engage in activities such as clubs, sports, and enrichment programmes that support both academic success and personal growth. Erdington Academy strongly believes in Out of Hours Learning because it helps create well-rounded individuals, encourages a positive attitude toward learning, and strengthens the sense of community within the school. By offering a wide range of experiences outside regular lesson time, the academy supports students in reaching their full potential and prepares them for future education, careers, and life beyond school.



1 Civil Engagement

At Erdington Academy, **civil engagement** is embedded through:

- Student leadership activities.
- Volunteering and social-action projects.
- Community engagement opportunities.
- Duke of Edinburgh volunteering sections, where pupils contribute to local services and charities.

2 Arts and Culture

Erdington Academy explicitly strengthens the status of **Arts and Culture** participation, recognising their role in confidence, creativity, wellbeing and employability.

Erdington Academy's Out of Hours Learning programme supports this through:

- Art, Photography, Drama and Music clubs.
- Performance-based Enrichment.
- Cultural expression and creative skill development.
- DofE skill pathways linked to Music, Arts or creative pursuits.

This ensures all students, regardless of background, have consistent access to cultural capital, fulfilling the White Paper enrichment entitlements.

3 Nature, outdoor and adventure

At Erdington Academy, this is delivered through:

- Outdoor enrichment clubs.
- Environmental and gardening activities.
- Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, which develop. navigation, teamwork, endurance and self-reliance.

DofE is cited nationally as a model of outdoor civic education, aligning directly with the White Paper vision of adventure-based learning as a core entitlement rather than a privilege.

4 Physical activities and sport

Erdington Academy delivers this expectation through:

- A wide range of after-school sport and fitness clubs.
- Competitive and recreational physical activities.
- DofE physical sections that require sustained commitment and self-discipline.

These opportunities ensure physical activity is inclusive, structured and progressive, not dependent on family income or external access.



5 Wider development & Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh Award, delivered through OOHL at Erdington Academy, exemplifies this by requiring students to:

- Commit long-term to skills development.
- Volunteer regularly.
- Participate in physical activity.
- Complete outdoor expeditions.
- Reflect on personal growth.

National guidance recognises DofE as a powerful framework for delivering civic responsibility and personal development, aligning precisely with the White Paper enrichment benchmarks.

6 Strategic importance for Erdington Academy

Through Out of Hours Learning and DofE, Erdington Academy:

- Fully meets the 2026 enrichment entitlement.
- Provides a coherent response to the civic-engagement agenda.
- Reduces inequality of access to enrichment.
- Supports Ofsted's new focus on enrichment benchmarks.

Embeds the White Paper ambition of developing rounded, resilient, engaged young citizens.

CONCLUSION

Out of hours learning and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Erdington Academy are not additional extras; they are central mechanisms for delivering the Broader Mechanism for students. They ensure that students experience education as broad, inclusive, active and civic-minded, fully aligned with national expectations for enrichment, engagement and lifelong development.

SPORTS LEADERSHIP TRAINING
PE Sports Hall
Miss Millward

SPARKS ACTIVITY SPORTS CLUB
SEND Room 59
Mr Samra

STEM MECHANICS
DT Workshop
Mr Francis

HOMEWORK CLUB
Library
Mr Murphy



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS MONDAY

CLAY SCULPTURE
Art Room ST1
Mr Daniel

Y9-Y11 BODY PUMP
PE Gym
Miss Millward

LETS EXPLORE
Maths Room 18
Mr Gapara

CRICKET COACHING
PE Outdoor
Outside Agent

READING CLUB
English Room 78
Miss Shezadi

CODING
Computing Room 32
Mrs Dixon-Bookal

Y7 FOOTBALL
PE Astro
Mr Richardson

BOOK REVIEW
Library
Miss Green

STUDENT LEADERSHIP
Room DT1
Miss Duncanson

BATTERY LIGHT DESIGN
Science Room 90
Miss Bibi

SOFT TOY MAKING
Room DT2
Mrs Wright

BAND PRACTICE
Music Room 67
Mr Haughton

HOMEWORK CLUB
Library
Mr Murphy

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TUESDAY

LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS
French Room A5
Miss Charlery

FITNESS
PE

SOLAR ENERGY MODEL
Science Room 27
Miss Mclean

HISTORIAN FILM CLUB
History Room 37
Miss Morrison

DRAMA WRITING
Room DR1
Mrs Love

MURDER MYSTERY
English Room 78
Miss Shezadi

GYMNASTICS
PE Gym
Miss Cope

DEBATE MATE
Library
Outside Agent

SPARX MATHS
Room 34
Mr Samra

DRUMBA
PE Dance ST4
Mr Haughton

MAKE A SPEAKER
Science Room 90
Miss Bibi

BAND PRACTICE
Music Room 67
Mr Wheatley

HOMEWORK CLUB
Library
Mr Murphy

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WEDNESDAY

LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS
French Room A5
Miss Charlery

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY
Room ST2
Mr Daniel
Miss Duncanson

CAKE DECORATING
Food Room 65
Miss Folkes

NETBALL
Sports Hall
Miss Millward

GREEN FINGERS
Greenhouse
Mr Halstead

LETS EXPLORE NUMBERS
Maths Room 18
Mr Hassan

FOOTBALL
PE Astro
Mr Monaghan

EXPLORING FICTION
English Room 80
Miss Latif

HOMEWORK CLUB
Library
Mr Murphy

BASKETBALL
PE Gym
Mr Bartlett

LIVE PERFORMANCE
Drama Main Hall
Mrs Love

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THURSDAY

ATHLETICS
PE Field
Outside Agent
Birchfield Harriers

TAKING PART
Drama Main Hall
Miss Love

BAND PRACTICE
Music Room 67
Mr Haughton

TABLE TENNIS
PE Atrium
Mr Richardson

CREATIVE DANCING
Dance ST4
Miss Cope

GUITAR & DRUM PRACTICE
Music Room ST2
Mr Wheatley

BADMINTON
PE Atrium
Mr Richardson

ANCIENT HISTORY
History Room 37
Miss Morrison

HOMEWORK CLUB
Library
Mr Murphy





AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FRIDAY

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