

PONTELAND COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Extra-Curricular Clubs, Activities & Trips

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Dedication · Resilience · Involvement
Respect · Compassion



Welcome to Our Enrichment Programme

Getting involved in enrichment is one of the most valuable things a student can do during their time at school. Whether it is sport, music, art, student leadership or volunteering, these opportunities shape your experience of school and build the character strengths we value. As adults, we recognise that many of our most treasured school memories connect to activities beyond the classroom.

Enrichment gives you the chance to step outside your comfort zone, work with others and commit to something over time. Turning up regularly, sticking at challenges and supporting others all matter. What you put in is what you get out.

We encourage every student to make the most of the opportunities available to them this year.. Try something new, keep going with something challenging, or return to something you have enjoyed before.

Mr J Greenshields

Deputy Headteacher

WHAT ENRICHMENT BUILDS



Dedication

Giving your time and effort



Resilience

Trying again after setbacks



Involvement

Working as part of a team



Respect

For others and shared spaces



Compassion

Encouraging and supporting others

Frequently Asked Questions

Everything parents and students need to know before getting involved



Do I need to sign up, or pay?

Most activities are open to everyone — just come along. The only exception is after-school trampolining, which must be booked and has a small cost for the external coach.



Can I try a club before committing?

Yes. There is no pressure to stick with something that is not a good fit, though we encourage students to give things a fair go first.



Can I attend more than one club?

Yes, as many as you like, as long as they do not clash. Trying a mix is a great way to build confidence and meet new people.



What about other commitments?

We know students may have family, religious, work or external club commitments, which is why we spread activities across lunchtimes and after school.



What if a club is cancelled?

We will let students and families know as early as possible. Students waiting for pick-up can use the library, our safe supervised space.



I'd like to see a new club — what next?

Speak to your tutor, Head of Year or a senior teacher. Student voice plays a real part in shaping what we offer.

Five Ways to Grow

Our programme is built around the DfE's five national enrichment categories — and the character strengths they build in every student



Civic Engagement

Civic engagement asks students to look outward: to notice the needs of others and take responsibility for the communities they belong to. It builds the compassion and respect we want every student to carry — supporting others, contributing to something bigger than yourself, and treating shared spaces and people with care.



Arts & Culture

Arts and culture ask students to create something and share it, which takes real dedication to rehearse and resilience to perform in front of others. It also builds involvement — the sense of contributing your part to something bigger than yourself, whether that is a shared sound, a shared story or a shared stage.



Nature, Outdoors & Adventure

Stepping outside your comfort zone, away from routine, is where resilience is built rather than simply discussed. Planning for and completing a real challenge teaches students to keep going when things are hard and to trust their own judgement — a lesson that outlasts any single expedition or trip.



Sport & Physical Activity

Sport teaches dedication in its simplest form: turning up, session after session, whatever the result that day. It also teaches involvement, through being part of a team, and respect — for teammates, opponents, and the rules that make a game fair for everyone taking part.



Life Skills

Life skills prepare students for the practical realities ahead: independent thought, careful work, and the discipline to return to something difficult until it makes sense. They ask for the same dedication and resilience we want to see everywhere else, now applied to study and future work.

Music Department

Lunchtime and after-school rehearsals for our bands, choirs and orchestra

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Day	Ensemble	Where	Year Groups
Monday	Brass Band	Drama Studio	All
Wednesday	Jazz Band	Drama Studio	All
Thursday	Orchestra	Drama Studio	All

AFTER SCHOOL

Day	Ensemble	Where	Year Groups
Tuesday	Junior Choir	MP3	Years 7/8
Tuesday	Senior Choir	Drama Studio	Years 9–13





THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL SHOW

Grease is the word!

Rehearsals Tuesday & Wednesday, 3.30–5.00pm, in M4, running until the Easter production



No experience necessary. From Year 7 to Year 13, every student is welcome to get involved — on stage or behind the scenes. Speak to Ms. Burrige, Mr. Rosier, Mr. Murphy or Ms. Brewis for more information!



On Stage

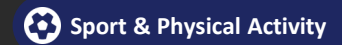
- Principal and ensemble roles for every level of experience
- Singing, dancing and acting
- Open to all year groups — complete beginners welcome



Behind the Scenes

- Set design and construction
- Costume, hair and make-up
- Lighting, sound and stage management
- Front of house and programme design

PE, Physical Activity & School Sport



Every enrichment club on this page is free to attend

MORNING CLUBS • 8:00–8:45am

Kickstart your day with energetic morning sessions before form time.

Tuesday: Running Club

Open to all year groups • meet in PE Dept

Thursday: Futsal

Year 7 & 8 only

Friday: Basketball Skills & Game Play

Sports Hall

DAILY LUNCHTIME SPORT • 1:30–2:10pm

Available every single day — drop in, stay active, and have fun.

Football: Outdoor pitches & 4G area

Trampolining: Assembly Hall

Table Tennis: Assembly Hall

Badminton: Sports Hall Courts



100% Free Participation

Every enrichment club on this timetable is completely free. We will try to inform you if a club is cancelled due to fixtures.

School Gateway Booking Required

You must reserve your place in advance for Trampolining (Tue & Wed) and Darts Club (Wed).

PE Kit Policy

Full PE kit is required for all sessions, with correct footwear for indoor hall and outdoor grass / 4G pitches.

PE After School Clubs

 Sport & Physical Activity

3:30–4:30pm · students must wear PE kit and bring appropriate footwear

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Boys Rugby Y9 only	Trampolining Y8–10 only · Gateway	Trampolining Y7 only · Gateway	Netball All years	Boys Rugby Y8 boys only
	Girls Football All years	Darts Club All years · Gateway	Boys Football All years	
	Badminton All years	Basketball Y7–9 only	Table Tennis All years	
	Gymnastics All years	Girls Rugby All years		
	Boys Rugby Y7, Y9 & Y10			

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The Programme

PE After School Clubs

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 Sport & Physical Activity

Tuesday

Trampolining

Y8–10 only · Gateway

Girls Football

All years

Badminton

All years

Gymnastics

All years

Boys Rugby

Y7, Y9 & Y10

Wednesday

Trampolining

Y7 only · Gateway

Darts Club

All years · Gateway

Basketball

Y7–9 only

Girls Rugby

All years

Thursday

Netball

All years

Boys Football

All years

Table Tennis

All years



Friday

Boys Rugby

Y8 boys only



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The Programme

Ponteland Community High School

Clubs & Societies

Additional lunchtime and after-school clubs run across the week · see the School Show page for Grease rehearsals

Tuesday

Christian Union

All years

FDI & ABN · Lunch · F22

Make £5 Grow

Y7, 8 & 9

SCA & BAU · Lunch · S8

Science Club

Y7, 8 & 9

BSM · After school · G3



Wednesday

Art Club

All years

CYO · Lunch · G8 / G14

Space Club

KS3 (All) · 1st of month

JFI · Lunch · G5

Eco Club

Y7 / Y8 · week 2 only

Sixth Form led · Lunch · G14

Book Club

All Years

Sixth Form led · Lunch · F20

Thursday

Chess Club

All years

AMB · Lunch · F21

Poetry Club

All years · Spring term only

KBO · Lunch · F25

Art Club

All years

CYO · After school · G8 / G14



Friday

Warhammer Club

All years

JCL · After school · G7



Study Support & Special Events



KS4 English Lecture Series

Every Wednesday afternoon at 3.30pm in the Lecture Theatre, exploring a key concept from English. An excellent opportunity to deepen knowledge or revise content for the exam.

Wednesday · 3.30–4.30 · Lecture Theatre · Y10–11



Maths Exam Paper Society

Reduce the fear around exams by working with friends in a relaxed environment, with support (including biscuits) from maths teachers. One exam paper at a time.

Wednesday · 3.30–4.30 · S15 / S16



Y7 Harry Potter Night

Coming later this year — students are sorted into houses, create potions and play Quidditch. A special whole-year-group event to look forward to.

Date to be confirmed · Year 7

The Duke of Edinburgh Award

 Nature, Outdoors & Adventure

 Life Skills

Bronze

Year 9

Four sections: volunteering, physical, skills and expedition

Silver

Year 10

Four sections, with a longer expedition and more time on each section

Gold

6th Form / Open Gold

Five sections — adds a residential activity working with a team

We encourage every student to take part in DofE — regardless of ability, gender, background or location. Achieving an award is not a competition; it is about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries.

Through DofE, young people have fun, make friends and build confidence, gaining resilience, problem-solving, team-working and communication skills that strengthen CVs, university and job applications.



Use of the Library and The Base



The Library

A key hub of optional activities during break and lunchtime. Many students use it for quiet reading, while others enjoy one of the many board games available. There is an IT area close by for homework, and it is the home of our Chess Club, attended by many. Each year group also has an allocated space to relax and enjoy the company of friends during social time.



The Base

For students who need a quiet area to withdraw to, or the support of specialist staff during a break or lunchtime, the Base is available to meet their needs.



Trips & Visits

 Nature, Outdoors & Adventure

 Arts & Culture

Places are allocated on a trip-by-trip basis, so a range of students benefit from each opportunity

 **Berlin**

 **Normandy**

 **High Borrans**

 **New York**

 **Paris**

 **Ski**

 **Iceland**

 **York**

 **Madrid**



Photo: past trip highlights



Civic



Arts



Nature



Sport



Skills

Get Involved

What you put in is what you get out.

- No need to book — just come along to most sessions
- Speak to your tutor or Head of Year about trying something new
- Interested in running or requesting a club? We would love to hear from you