



Chadsgrove Enrichment Curriculum

School Clubs

Lunchtime clubs take place daily from 1:00–1:30pm, offering a wide range of engaging activities such as Signalong, Basketball, New Age Kurling, ICT, Music Club, Choir and Dance. All pupils are actively encouraged to participate in at least one sports club each week to support their physical development and social interaction. These clubs also provide valuable opportunities for pupils to build relationships with peers across the school's different learning pathways.

Educational Visits and Community Engagement

Pupils benefit from a broad and enriching programme of educational visits, designed to bring learning to life and support the development of essential life skills. Destinations have included the Black Country Living Museum, West Midland Safari Park and Cadbury World, alongside outdoor and adventurous activities embedded within the P.E. curriculum. Pupils also engage in community-based activities within the local area. All visits are highly personalised, with individual targets set to maximise learning opportunities.

Visitors to School

To further enrich the curriculum, a variety of visitors are invited into school throughout the year. These visitors provide pupils with meaningful experiences and insights into different cultures, professions and ways of life. Recent visitors have included a Buddhist nun, members of an Indian dance troupe, paramedics and police officers, a historical expert, and a local Baptist pastor who delivers regular assemblies.

'Options' Enrichment Curriculum

Pupils are offered a selection of curriculum enrichment activities each Friday afternoon as part of their personalised learning programme. These sessions allow pupils to explore new interests, develop new skills and collaborate with peers in mixed-age groups. The 'Options' curriculum promotes independence, creativity and teamwork.

Sporting competitions:

The P.E. department provides a wide range of inclusive competitive sporting opportunities. Pupils regularly participate in events such as Table Top Cricket, Boccia and New Age Kurling. More recently, the department has developed new football fixtures, allowing pupils to compete against other local special schools.

Musical Enrichment

Music is an integral part of life at Chadsgrove. Pupils across all ages and abilities are encouraged to engage in diverse musical experiences. Notable opportunities include participation in the 'Open Orchestra' using accessible Clarion instruments, collaborations with musicians from the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, and attendance at CBSO performances. Pupils also perform in large-scale events such as 'Young Voices', Severn Arts festivals, and community concerts.



Art Enrichment

As a proud holder of the Artsmark Gold Award, Chadsgrove offers a rich and varied art curriculum encompassing music, visual art and dance. Pupils take part in a broad range of creative activities, including drawing, painting, printing, sculpture, model-making, textiles and photography. They study renowned artists such as Frida Kahlo, Vincent van Gogh and Picasso. Artistic enrichment is supported through workshops with local artists and visits to galleries including the Barber Institute and Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. Pupils' work is proudly displayed throughout the school and has been exhibited at Worcester Cathedral as part of the annual 'Voices and Visions' event.

Residential Experiences

Chadsgrove offers a variety of residential experiences to promote independence, teamwork and personal growth. These have included a visit to the Isle of Man, where pupils showcased their musical talents through busking, as well as outdoor activity breaks at the Boundless Outdoors Activity Centre Bell Heath and camping trips focused on survival skills such as pitching tents and outdoor cooking.

Work Experience and work place encounters

A carefully tailored work experience programme is in place to ensure that pupils of all abilities access meaningful workplace encounters. Wherever appropriate, elements of the Gatsby Benchmarks are incorporated into pupils' experiences. One highlight is the Chadsgrove Cosy Café, run by pupils at local venues including Catshill Village Hall and the Catshill Social Club, where they gain valuable skills in catering, customer service and community engagement.

Curriculum Enrichment Days

Each academic year, the school hosts a series of Curriculum Enrichment Days, offering pupils the chance to explore themes and subjects that extend beyond the day-to-day curriculum. These days promote collaboration between different age groups and pathways, often focusing on whole-school priorities or wellbeing themes. Some pupils are encouraged to take on leadership roles in planning and facilitating activities for their peers, supporting their personal development and confidence.

