

9<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Exciting Opportunities for Enrichment Activities: This Academic Year and Beyond**

At Patchway Community School we are committed to providing a broad, balanced, and enriching education that supports the development of the whole child. With this in mind, we are delighted to share our plans for enrichment activities for the rest of this academic year and the next.

Our goal is to offer exciting opportunities that inspire, challenge, and extend your child's learning beyond the classroom, while making strong connections to the curriculum. Below is an outline of our planned activities:

#### **→ Drop-Down Days**

Last year we introduced "Drop-Down Days" across the academic calendar, designed to provide students with deep dives into specific areas of the curriculum. These focused days allow students to immerse themselves in practical and creative activities that bring classroom learning to life.

It was a huge success and is our plan to carry on providing Drop-Down Days for all students each academic year. These will be affordable, exciting, and closely linked to our curriculum, helping to support and enhance students' learning in meaningful ways.

Our first Dropdown Day of this academic year will be held on **Tuesday 14th October**. More details on this will follow in a letter later this week, but please see below the activities we have planned for each year group.

- **Year 7:** Noah's Ark Zoo Farm
- **Year 8:** We The Curious
- **Year 9:** Royal Victoria and Albert Museum
- **Year 10:** School Based Activities and Workshops
- **Year 11:** School Based Activities and Workshops

#### **→ Enrichment Week – Inspiring Growth and Curiosity**

Every July, we dedicate a full week to Enrichment Activities, providing students in Years 7–10 with opportunities to explore interests beyond the traditional curriculum. Enrichment Week is a carefully planned programme aimed at fostering personal growth and sparking curiosity in every student, offering unique experiences they may not encounter outside of school.

This yearly event will feature a diverse range of activities tailored to suit all students, whether they prefer high-adventure challenges or quieter, creative pursuits.

Highlights include:

- A trip to a Theme Park
- Visits to Museums
- Outdoor Adventure Activities
- Scenic Walks and Guided Tours
- Baking and Creative Workshops

Prices will range from free to a maximum of £50 per activity. Each student will have the opportunity to participate in up to three trips during the week. Keep an eye out for the announcement of this year's activities, which will be shared towards the end of Term 1.

### ➔ Residential Opportunities

Each year, every student will have the chance to participate in one of our residential trips, which may take place in the UK, Europe, or even further afield. These trips are carefully chosen to provide students with unique opportunities to explore new places and gain enriching experiences. We believe that residential trips play an invaluable role in developing independence, resilience, and lifelong memories. Each year group will have the opportunity to participate in a residential experience tailored to their age and curriculum.

Our plan for **Enrichment Week 2026** (and then offered each year thereafter) is as follows:

- Year 7 Bushcraft Adventure
- Year 8 and 9 – Water Sports Adventure trip to Europe (France, Italy, Spain or Germany)
- Year 9 and 10 – Cultural European Trip to Paris, Barcelona or Rome.

Other residential in the future:

- All Year Groups - Ski Trip - February 2026
- Year 10 and 11– New York – February 2027 (due to be launched shortly)

The Ski and New York Trips will be offered on a **biannual basis** in alternate years.

### ➔ Calendar at a Glance – What's on offer for the coming 2 years – Prices are approximates.

We understand that planning ahead is important for families both when considering time plans and expenses.

The table below outlines, in brief the schools plan for each year group with **estimated costs**:

<b>Approx Date</b>	<b>Event in Brief</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
<b>14th October 2025</b>	<b>Drop Down Day 1</b>	<b>All Year Groups</b>	<b>£7 - £25</b>
<b>Half Term - February 2026</b>	<b>Residential Ski Trip - La Molina, Spain</b>	<b>All Year Groups</b>	<b>£1425 - Full</b>
<b>4th March 2026</b>	<b>Drop Down Day 2</b>	<b>All Year Groups</b>	<b>£7 - £25</b>
<b>W/C 13th July 2026 (During Enrichment Week)</b>	<b>Residential Bushcraft Adventure in the UK</b>	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>£380</b>
<b>W/C 13th July 2026 (During Enrichment Week)</b>	<b>Residential Water Sports Trip in Europe</b>	<b>Year 8 and 9</b>	<b>£900</b>
<b>W/C 13th July 2026 (During Enrichment Week)</b>	<b>Residential Cultural Adventure Trip in Europe</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>£1,100</b>
<b>13th - 17th July 2026</b>	<b>Enrichment Week 3 Activities</b>	<b>Years 7 - 10</b>	<b>Free - £50 per Activity</b>
<b>October 2027</b>	<b>Drop Down Day 1</b>	<b>All Year Groups</b>	<b>£7 - £25</b>
<b>Half Term - February 2027</b>	<b>Residential Trip to New York</b>	<b>Year 10 and 11</b>	<b>£2,000</b>
<b>March 2027</b>	<b>Drop Down Day 2</b>	<b>All Year Groups</b>	<b>£7 - £25</b>
<b>July 2027</b>	<b>Residential Bushcraft Adventure in the UK</b>	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>£380</b>
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As you can see, we have lots of exciting opportunities for your child to enjoy during their time at Patchway Community School and I would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

Together, we can provide every child with the tools, opportunities, and experiences to thrive both academically and personally.

We look forward to a wonderful future of learning and enrichment.

Yours sincerely,

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