Enrichment here at GSA has once again started off SPECTACULARLY! The year started with our fantastic, student led, Enrichment Fair which promoted and advertised all of the Enrichment and Leadership opportunities that GSA has to offer in 2019/2020.

So far this academic year, our amazing students have attended 50+ clubs on offer, over 6000 times! These clubs have ranged from running Breakfast Club starting at 8am to Gardening Club, with Mr. Saxon, from 3pm till 4pm.

It has been fantastic to see the outcomes of a range of these clubs. The Dance Department producing a Winter Dance show that saw over 100 of our students perform to a capacity crowd.

Not only have our students been amazing with their extra-curricular club participation, their behavior and attitude on the range of trips that they have been on has been exemplary. These trips have ranged from: educational visits to the University of Birmingham and Newman University, giving students the opportunity to experience lectures and campus lifestyle; football trips to the Etihad Stadium to watch a Champions League game, taking over 50 students; theatre visits, including a Peter Pan pantomime and many, many more!!
Leadership

The Student Leadership team have been absolutely brilliant: helping with the Academy open evening; making up the Prefect Team, School Council, Post 16 Student Union and numerous other leaders who have made an impact in various lessons or assemblies.

The Prefect Team have had a fantastic start to the year. They have made a real effort to get to know other students within the school, particularly those who started in year 7 and have been a great help at open evenings and events held at the Academy. The team are a real asset to the Academy and the head team meet regularly with Mr. Price to discuss ideas they would like to work on throughout the remainder of the year. There are some exciting projects that the prefects will be developing after the holidays!

The School Council this year, as well as conducting regular student voice with their year groups, are also each doing a project. This term, The School Council from year 9 completed their RLSS Life Support First Aid qualification and have been using this to teach year 6 sessions at Harvills Hawthorn Primary School. The students have completed 3 sessions so far, covering the recovery position, choking and bleeds. The standard of teaching has been brilliant and the students have developed their confidence throughout the weeks, helping the primary school children with various scenarios and questions. The year 11 prefect team are due to complete this qualification after Christmas, which they will be delivering to other year groups within the Academy. Years 7, 8 and 10 have been planning their projects this term and will start them after Christmas!

This year George Salter also introduced the Student Union into Post 16. This consists of two Presidents who oversee the team, 4 Vice Presidents who are responsible for a leadership strand, each with a different focus: Welfare, Community/Charity, Education/ Careers and Activities, and then sub-teams of year 12 students who work with each aspect. The SU have done brilliantly so far this year in establishing themselves as a team and are all working on different projects in their groups for the coming terms!

Other aspects of student leadership to be highlighted from this term are the introduction to Sports Leaders Level 1 Courses, which are allowing students to develop lifelong skills and gain a recognised qualification they can then use for coaching/teaching. The safeguarding ambassadors, young interpreters and bully busters have all worked extremely hard this term in their respective areas.

The student leaders at GSA will be continuing their hard work after Christmas and have a range of opportunities to engage with over the next term.