



WELCOME TO THE 2026/2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

Welcome to the second edition of our enrichment curriculum newsletter for the 2026/2027 academic year. At Blackpool Aspire Academy, we believe in providing a holistic education extending far beyond the traditional classroom setting. Our robust enrichment programme is designed to foster curiosity, build essential life skills, encourage civic engagement, and raise students' aspirations for future education and careers.

This first term is densely scheduled with workplace encounters, higher education visits, career-focused assemblies, dynamic workshops in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and the Arts, and vital health and well-being sessions. We are dedicated to offering diverse experiences that help every student discover their passions and achieve their full potential.

News & Highlights: October 2026

PAST MONTH SUMMARY



Y9 Animation workshop - University of Lancashire

8th October 2026

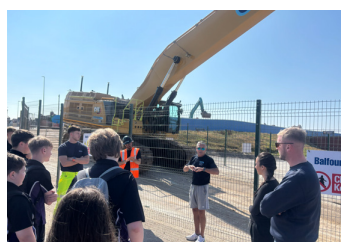
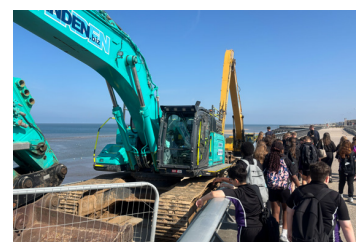
30 Y9 students completed their Creative Workshop with the ULan today. They showed fantastic behaviour, resilience and hard work to create their own animation film. Using the Aardman studios' software, the students had to recreate in excess of 120 frames to achieve their 10/15s video. They also discussed courses in art and animation and future career prospects.



Balfour Beatty workplace encounter

9th October 2026

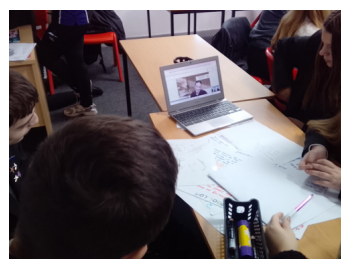
15 Y9 concluded their workplace encounters with Balfour Beatty and Business in the Community on Friday 9th October by taking part in focus groups, discussing the project and how to improve it in readiness for our Y8 cohort taking part once more in the Summer term 2027



CGI DWP Mentoring session

14th October 2026

Our Year 9 CGI DWP Young Dreamers finalists managed to discuss their STEM Community projects well with their mentors and plan the actions to take before the Finals Day on Wednesday 4th November. As well as working on their pitch and oracy skills, each team also has to create their own display stand to showcase to the 30 or so local employers who will be attending on the day.



Brian Rose Boxing sessions to restart

November 2026

The Brian Rose Boxing academy is returning after half term for our KS3 and KS4 students. Start date Thursday 5th November.

KS3 boxing sessions, 3.15-4.15pm, Thursdays

KS4 boxing sessions, 3.15-4.15pm, Fridays



Confucius Institute Chinese sessions to restart

November 2026

The Chinese sessions are also returning after half term for our KS3 and KS4 students. Start date Thursday 12th November.

All levels from beginners to advanced welcome





Year 11 Period 6 Booster Sessions Schedule

AUTUMN TERM 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Science Targeted GCSE Science Booster & Revision	Digital Tech Maths GCSE Art	English French (Wk A Higher / Wk B Foundation) GCSE Geography Business & Dig Tech (Coursework)	Business Digital Tech History GCSE Art	Business Revision Maths (Grade 7–9 Advanced) KS4 Travel and Tourism

The current timetable for Year 11 Period 6 will be valid until the end of term up to the PPE exams.
From the PPE exams to January 2027, only the Period 6 Booster sessions for Digitech, Business, Travel and tourism, Catering and Further Maths will take place.

Extra-Curricular Enrichment Timetable

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Extra-curricular activities at Blackpool Aspire Academy – Autumn term 2 - 2026 Building the 8 Essential skills through enrichment activities				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time club (invite only), B15	Lunch time club (invite only), B15	Lunch time club (invite only), B15	Lunch time club (invite only), B15	Lunch time club (invite only), B15
Football, pitches	Football, pitches	Football, pitches	Football, pitches	Football, pitches
		Lunchtime Zen Den, C1, Mrs Gregory		
KS4 Fitness, SPH, 3-4pm	Pzazz Musical Theatre Company A11, 3-4pm,	Pupil Hive Drop in, D8, 3-4pm, Mrs Binns	Book club, library, 3-4pm, Miss Harley	KS3 Fitness, SPH, 3-4pm
Art Club, 3-4pm, C18, Mrs Turner	Dungeons and Dragons, library, 3-4pm, Miss Harley	Y7 Girls gym, SPH, 3-4pm	Airfix, C9, 3-4pm, Mr Clarke	KS4 Boxing, SPH, 3.15-4.15pm, Brian Rose
Lego club, 3-4pm, dining hall, Mrs Parvis	Football girls and boys, SPH, 3-4pm	Guitar, A6, allocated time, Mr Stone	Chess, C9, 3-4pm, Mr Clarke	
	Drums, A6, allocated time, Mr Simpson	Science Club, 3-4pm, B13, Miss Sefton	Singing club, A6, 3-4pm, Mr Shaw and Mr Moore	
	Y10 Maths LBQ homework support, 3-4pm, B15-B16	Dance Club, A10, 3-4pm, Miss Spencer	Badminton, SPH, 3-4pm	
		Maths LBQ homework support, 3-4pm, B15-B16	Chinese sessions, C7, 3-4pm, Confucius institute teachers	
			Piano, A6, allocated time, Mr Moore	
			KS3 Boxing, SPH, 3.15-4.15pm, Brian Rose	

Forthcoming Enrichment Opportunities

NOVEMBER 26 - JANUARY 27

November Highlights

- Green Careers Week (02–06/11)
- CGI Innovation Finals at Winter Gardens (04/11, 40 Y9)
- ULan Textiles & Fashion Workshop (05/11, 30 Y9)
- College Assemblies: Myerscough & Blackpool Sixth
- Tina Ekongo - Art Council workshops, Y10 Art students

December Highlights

- Alan Birch 5-Day Art Residency: KS3 and KS4 Printmaking
- 'A Christmas Carol' at The Lowry: 50 English students (15/12)
- Senior Moment Care community visits
- Level 6 restaurant, evening meal, KS4 Hospitality and Catering students

January Highlights

- Nathan Parker workshops, English department
- BAE visit and apprenticeship workshop, KS4
- Poetry Live, Manchester Bridgewater Hall, 60 KS4 students (27/01)
- Y9 Town Wide Career fair, Winter Gardens conference centre (27/01)

