

Student Guide to Enrichment

What is enrichment?

There are many activities that you might be doing that demonstrate your skills, knowledge and qualities as a person. This makes them relevant to universities and employers. By keeping a record of your activities you will be able to demonstrate that you have what it takes to succeed in your future choices.

What counts as an enrichment activity?

Enrichment activities:

- are hands on
- are structured
- Help you develop skills and personal qualities
eg performing in a band might show talent, hard work and leadership, going to see a band does not.

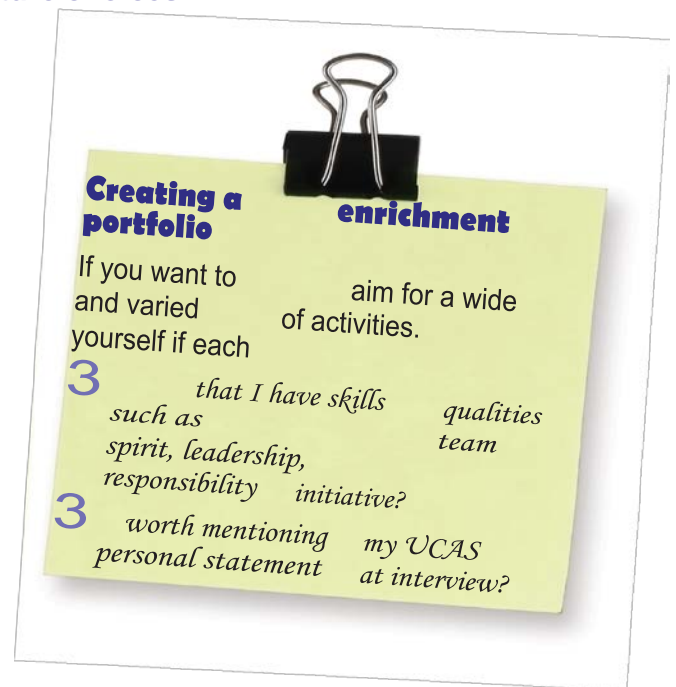
Enrichment activities are divided into three core areas:

- **Work-related learning:** hands on activities such as work experience
- **Community participation:** volunteering for the benefit of the community – at school/college, local, national or international level
- **Personal development:** non-academic activities that help you grow as a person, such as theatre, clubs and sports.

What doesn't count as an enrichment activity?

We want to give you credit for non-academic activities that you choose to do therefore you may **not** record hours against activities in the following four categories:

- Academic activities such as field trips and supplementary lectures.
- Additional qualifications such as Open University courses or additional AS levels
- PSHE such as health, safe driving and study skills.
- Applying to university including attending university open days.



Your enrichment record

Enrichment activities are more than just a list of things you have done. They represent experiences that have some kind of meaning. It is up to you articulate that meaning when you record your activities.

We have provided the AQA Bacc Enrichment Diary that lets you record your enrichment participation in as many creative ways as you can think of:

- Blog about your activities as you do them
- Keep a video diary
- Take photographs of your activities
- Record your band performing or your charity event

Unsure whether an activity is eligible? Ask your Enrichment Supervisor