ASPIRE challenges at Monkton Wood Academy 2025-26 Term 2 & 3

The Aspire Challenge Programme is an Award scheme designed to inspire our students to achieve beyond their potential and celebrate their ability throughout their school years. The Aspire Challenge Programme is comprised of several challenges which aim to stretch, challenge, engage and motivate our students in a wide range of skills and subjects. There is no limit to the number of challenges a student can undertake and achieve.
The challenges can be completed in any order and once completed earn a student badges to wear on their school jumper.

Enter or compete	Create	Visit	Listen or watch	Read	Demonstrate
1. Maths: Complete a 6 x 6 Ken Ken. A how to guide can be found here: KenKen Puzzle Official Site - Free Math Puzzles That Make You Smarter!	**2. History**: Imagine you are a Norman architect in the 11th century. Create a detailed drawing, model, or digital design of a motte and bailey castle. Label and describe its key features.	**3. Geography**: Visit a landscape with a physical feature such as waterfall or series of caves. Sketch or take photos of the landform and explain how it has formed.	**4. PE**: Listen or watch a session from an Ashes Cricket game between England and Australia. Write a short report including the score and your player of the session/match.	**5. Computer Science:** Read about one piece of technology that changed how people live or work. Make a PowerPoint slide that shows what you've found out.	**6. Science:** Complete some Marvin and Milo activities from the Institute of Physics website. Take photos of you trying the practical, write a short report about what happened.
7. PE Enter a ParkRun or Junior ParkRun – finish this challenge by showing us or forwarding the email that is sent to you when you register and complete a run.	**8. Art: "Layers of Somerset"** Create a landscape artwork inspired by the Somerset countryside (Quantock Hills, Cheddar Gorge etc). Use a combination of media to create layers.	**9. Maths:** Find and **photograph** an example of the Fibonacci sequence in nature. This could be a flower, shell, or leaf arrangement. Explain how your photo relates to the sequence.	**10. Music**: Listen to an album from the book '*1001 Albums you Must Hear Before you Die*' – write a short review of the album and including a rating out of 5 stars.	**11. English**: Read an autobiography and use it to create a postcard showing the most important events in that person's life.	**12. MFL**: Build up a streak of 30 days on Duolingo and show your teacher.
13. Music: Perform in the MWA Autumn Concert on 6th November 2025.	**14. Maths:** Create your own Ken Ken and choose your level of difficulty here: KenKen Puzzle Official Site - Free Math Puzzles That Make You Smarter!	**15. History:** Visit a local historical site such as Cleve Abbey, Dunster Castle or Bishop's Palace in Wells. Write a 300-word report that contains some interesting historical facts.	**16: English**: Watch a live or recorded performance of the 'The Woman in Black'.	**17. Geography**: Read 'Africa is not a Country by Dipo Faloyin or 'Prisoners of Geography' by Tim Marshall or 'Factfulness' by Hans Rosling. Write a short review detailing what you've learnt.	**18. English/PSHE**: The CLF pupil parliament takes place on December 5th. Write a letter about a school issue you feel passionately about and you'd like the pupil parliament to discuss.
19. Geography: With appropriate help from an adult, complete one of the Bridgwater and Taunton canal walking routes. Take some photos from key points along the route.	**20. MFL**: Learn an appropriate joke in French or Spanish and tell it your MFL teacher. If you can make them laugh, then you've passed this challenge.	**21. PSHE**: Attend Pride Club each week for a term.	**22. Science**: Listen to an episode of 'In our Time, Science' Write a short report detailing your findings, what you found interesting, and if it has inspired you to find out more	**23. Art: "Layers of Somerset"** Carry out some research into a landscape artist such as Kurt Jackson or Peter Doig. Write a 200-word description of their work.	**24. DT**: Bake some Christmas themed biscuits or make a Christmas decoration. Take a photo of your efforts or bring them into school and show us.

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25. Art: Enter the 'Draw a Bristol Bear' portrait competition. Draw, paint or create a digital portrait of one of the following Bears players: Max Lahiff, Max Pepper or Noah Heward. Submission deadline is 17th November.	**26. Geography**: Create a model of a shield or composite volcano out of cake or foam etc. Label the key features and which plate boundary it is found on. Photograph it bring it in show the Geography team.	**27. Art**: Visit an exhibition and produce a critical study in response.	**28. History**: Listen to any 1 episode of the 'BBC - You're Dead to Me' podcast. Write a short reflection to include: • 3 facts you learned. • 1 question the programme made you think about.	**29. MFL**: Read an interesting magazine or news article in a foreign language that you are studying (either online or borrow one from the MFL department), write a postcard sized summary of the article.	**30. PE:** MWA Sports leaders – demonstrate your skills by helping with the SASP event on 13th November 2025. If you'd like to train to become a Sports leader please talk to Mr Cuthbert.
31. PE: Try out an extracurricular sports club at MWA .	**32. Computer Science:** Use Scratch or Python to create a short interactive game — for example, a quiz, maze, or reaction timer. Include a scoring/timing element, start and end screen and one algorithmic feature.	**33. Science**: Go to a green space, your local park or garden and identify five different animal species you have seen there. Photograph or sketch the species you have identified.	**34. MFL**: Watch an age-appropriate film in a foreign language that you are studying. Write a short review of the film in that language.	**35. Science:** Pick one of these journal articles you find interesting. Read itand write a short report detailing the main findings. Science Journal for Kids and Teens	**36. History**: Research and present the story of a Black British woman who helped shape society through courage, creativity, or activism. Create a poster illustrating key moments in her life.

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Once you have completed a task you can have them signed off by a teacher of that subject.

Keep your challenges and show your tutor when you complete enough for a badge.

Number of challenges completed	Badge awarded
5 Challenges	Seed
10 Challenges	Sprout
15 Challenges	Sapling
20 Challenges	Tree
25 Challenges	Orchard
30 Challenges	Wood