

## ASPIRE challenges at Monkton Wood Academy Term 4,5 & 6 2026

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 and points for their house.

Enter or compete	Create	Visit	Listen or watch	Read	Demonstrate
<p><b>1. Maths:</b> Complete a Hard Sudoku puzzle on <a href="#">BBC Bitesize</a>. Send us a screenshot of your completed puzzle using the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a></p>	<p><b>7. DT/Food:</b> Enter the CLF Big Bake on the week beginning 23.03.26. We know if you entered so need to complete the entry form.</p>	<p><b>13. English:</b> Visit <a href="#">Coleridge Cottage</a>, home of romantic poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Send us a photo of you there via the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>19. Computing:</b> Find out more about the <a href="#">Internet</a>. Complete the quiz on the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>25. Science:</b> Read the journal for kids article about <a href="#">peer pressure and safe choices</a>. Complete the quiz on the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>31. PE/SASP:</b> Demonstrate your leadership skills by training to become an MWA sports leader. Dates coming soon!</p>
<p><b>2. PE:</b> Enter a <a href="#">ParkRun or Junior ParkRun</a> – finish this challenge by showing us or forwarding the email that is sent to you when you register and complete a run.</p>	<p><b>8. Maths:</b> Draw a mandala by following <a href="#">these instructions</a>. Send us a photo of your finished work using the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>14. Science:</b> Try out the <a href="#">Somerset Space Walk</a> – take a photo of yourself at The Sun near Maunsel Lock. Share it with us using the ASPIRE entry form.</p>	<p><b>20. Dance:</b> In Term 4 Year 8 will be studying Grease. To get ahead of the game (or revisit it) watch the movie Grease. Write a short review and share it with us using the <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>26. English:</b> Read the Victorian text '<a href="#">The Speckled Band</a>' by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Complete the quiz on the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>32. MFL:</b> Build up a streak of 30 days on Duolingo, send us a screenshot using the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a> to prove you've done it.</p>
<p><b>3. Music:</b> Perform in the MWA Young Musician of the Year concert. No need to tell us as we were there to watch.</p>	<p><b>9. English:</b> Write a song or poem inspired by the sounds of Monkton Wood Academy. Share it with us using the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>15. PSHE:</b> YR8 are looking at prisons in Term 6. Find the Taunton County Gaol building and take a picture of it (not too close as people live there). Upload your work <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p><b>21. Geography:</b> Watch Earth's Great Rivers 2: Danube on <a href="#">BBC iplayer</a>. Let us know you've watched it by completing the quiz on the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>27. History:</b> Read about then produce a postcard sized fact sheet about a British Prime Minister from the period 1819-1828. Share your work with us using the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>33. Drama:</b> Send us a video of you performing a monologue from Shakespear's Macbeth. A list of monologues can be found <a href="#">here</a>. The ASPIRE entry form is <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>4. Drama:</b> Year 9 will be studying a play inspired by the boardgame 'Cluedo'. Familiarise yourself with it by playing a game. Send us a photo of your game in progress using the <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>10. MWA ASPIRE:</b> Design a task for the next set of ASPIRE challenges. Tell us about it using the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>16. Drama/Dance:</b> Visit the Tacchi Morris Arts Centre and watch a <a href="#">SPACEFEST</a> show featuring MWA's sixth form students. Send us a picture of your ticket stub <a href="#">here</a> to complete the challenge.</p>	<p><b>22. PSHE:</b> In Term 5 Year 7 will be thinking about kindness. Watch <a href="#">this video</a> from BBC ideas then complete the quiz on the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>28. RPE:</b> In terms 5 &amp; 6, Year 8 students will be learning more about evil. You read about evil <a href="#">here</a> then complete the quiz linked to the webpage. Upload a screenshot of your quiz score <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p><b>34. Maths:</b> Demonstrate your Maths skills by completing a <a href="#">Nerdle</a> game. Send us a screenshot of your completed game via the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>

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<p><b>5. PSHE.</b> Antbullying week T-shirt contest. Make or take part in the anti-bullying week T shirt contest on wb 30.03.26. No need for forms, we'll see your entries in assembly.</p>	<p><b>11. Maths:</b> Use this <a href="#">origami guide</a> to create an easy origami Fish. Send us a picture of your creation using the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>17. Art:</b> Visit artist <a href="#">Julie Taylor's</a> exhibition at the Tacchi Morris Arts Centre. Send us a photo <a href="#">here</a> of your favourite piece in the exhibition. The exhibition ends on April 27<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p><b>23. History:</b> Watch this interesting documentary about The Reformation on <a href="#">BBC iPlayer</a>. Complete the quiz on the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a> when you are done.</p>	<p><b>29. Library:</b> Borrow a book from the MWA library and enjoy reading! Leave us a review via the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a> so we know you've completed the task.</p>	<p><b>35. PE/SASP:</b> Demonstrate your leadership skills by representing MWA as a Sports Leader for the SASP event on 21.05.26</p>
<p><b>6. PE: Sports day 2026:</b> Take part in any track or field event to help your house win MWA Sports day in Term 6. No need for forms we'll be cheering you on so know when you've completed this challenge.</p>	<p><b>12. Art:</b> Create a postcard sized portrait of a celebrity in the style of Nigerian artist <a href="#">Adekunle Adeleke</a>. Show us a picture of your work using the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>18. History:</b> Complete the <a href="#">Taunton Heritage Trail</a> and send us a photograph of one of the plaques found along the route. Send a photo of the plaque to us <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p><b>24. Music:</b> In Terms 5 &amp; 6, Years 7-9 will be studying popular music. Find out what song topped the chart when you were born and listen to it. Leave us a short review on the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>30. English:</b> Do some research about the author and essayist Fay Weldon then answer the questions on the ASPIRE <a href="#">entry form</a>.</p>	<p><b>36. Geography:</b> Name the 49 countries of Asia (according to <a href="#">Sporacle</a>) in our Geography challenge at lunchtimes in AG2 during the week beginning April 20<sup>th</sup>. Teams of up to four students can enter, a score of 80% means you've completed the challenge.</p>



<p><b>Once you have completed a task you can tell us about it by completing the <a href="#">MWA Aspire entry form</a></b></p> <p><b>Once you've completed a form we'll let your tutor and a member of staff that you choose know – your tutor would love to hear directly from you about it as well!</b></p>	Number of challenges completed	Badge awarded
	5 Challenges	Seed
	10 Challenges	Sprout
	15 Challenges	Sapling
	20 Challenges	Tree
	25 Challenges	Orchard
	30 Challenges	Wood