

## IN-CURRICULUM vs. AFTER-SCHOOL

When approaching a school, it is important to consider whether you wish to embark upon an in-curriculum or an after-school programme. Of course, the decision is likely to be influenced by your and the school's existing timetables: what mutual availability do you have, and how flexible are you able to be? However, it is also important to consider the advantages and challenges of both:

### **In-Curriculum**

#### Advantages

Likely to have the same group and number attending every week

Better way of generating initial interest and enthusiasm (capture the interest of students through in-curriculum sessions; they will then be keener to stay on for after-school sessions)

#### Challenges

Programme must clearly meet relevant Key Stage criteria

Pupils likely to attend out of obligation rather than desire

### **After-School**

#### Advantages

Pupils will attend out of desire rather than obligation

Programme need not conform to Key Stage criteria

Widens interests of children; improves behaviour, social awareness, communication skills and self-esteem; positive influence on mental development, etc.

More potential for parental involvement

#### Challenges

Consistent number and membership of group not guaranteed

Harder to initially attract students

