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Dear Parents/Carers

As another school year gets underway, I wish to ensure that you remain fully informed about the wider curriculum that we provide for your children. We are fully committed to developing each individual in becoming 'the person that God calls us to be' and, as such, offer a wide variety of opportunities outside the classroom for character building, the development of versatile skills, teambuilding, making new friends and, importantly, fun!

Extra-curricular Clubs and Activities

The extra-curricular programme has commenced this week, and it has been wonderful to see how many students have been getting involved, although we definitely have space for more. Thus far, the clubs available are Homework Club, Craft Club, Badminton, Choir, Chaplaincy Group, Football, Netball, Chess Club, Basketball, Rugby, Performing Arts Club, Card and Boardgame Club, Languages Club, Cross Country Running, Dance Club, Debating, Girls into Computing and Cricket. More opportunities will be added as the year progresses and seasons change; please encourage your child/ren to get involved in as much as possible.

Day	Time	Activity	Location	Staff
Monday	Lunchtime	Homework Club	A22	AHoYs
Monday	Lunchtime	Craft Club	B43	KRL/KRY
Monday	Lunchtime	GCSE & Sport Badminton	Sports Hall	JGE/JWE
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Homework Club	A22	AHoYs
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Choir	A51	Miss Dawson
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Faith in Action/Chaplaincy Group	A13	RDS/JHT
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Badminton (Y7/8/9)	Sports Hall	JWE
Tuesday (Yellow)	Lunchtime	Badminton (Y10/11)	Sports Hall	SBE
Tuesday (after h/t)	After School	Duke of Edinburgh (Y9)	B28/B29	LBS/LJS/OBN
Tuesday	After School	Football (all)	Fields	TEY/LFN/SBE/KGY/JME
Tuesday	After School	Netball (Y9/10/11)	Sports Hall/MUGA	KSA/ATS
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Homework Club	A22	AHoYs
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Chess Club	B29	PCN
Wednesday (Yellow)	Lunchtime	Basketball (Y7/8/9)	Sports Hall	KSA
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Rugby (all)	Rounders Pitch	JWE/DWA
Wednesday	After School	Performing Arts Club	Main Hall	RPN
Thursday	Lunchtime	Homework Club	A22	AHoYs
Thursday	Lunchtime	Card and Board Game Club	A37	EMY
Thursday	Lunchtime	Languages Club	A35	JFS
Thursday (Blue)	Lunchtime	Basketball (Y10/11)	Sports Hall	SBE
Thursday	After School	Cross Country Running	Fields	LJS
Thursday	After School	Y11 Further Maths	A34	AMN
Thursday	After School	Dance Club (Y7, 8 & 9)	Main Hall	ALA
Thursday	After School	Debating Club (Y9-11)	Library	LBS/AWO
Thursday	After School	Netball (Y7/8)	Sports Hall/MUGA	JGE/JWE
Friday	Lunchtime	Homework Club	A22	AHoYs
Friday (yellow)	Lunchtime	Girls into Computing (Y7&8 Girls)	CLB	EHL
Friday	Lunchtime	Cricket	Sports Hall	TEY



Other Opportunities

Alongside the weekly activities outlined above, we also offer students opportunities to get involved in different ways. This week, all year groups have had an assembly about the Common Good Leaders Programme that we run, inspired by the Together for the Common Good charity. This is an organisation whose principles are rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, which aims to bring communities closer together and carry out projects which benefit local people. Last academic year, our students did an incredible job of working with Penny Field Schol, Brandon House and local ecology projects. We hope to involve even more students this time around and would like to extend our reach even further.

At the end of September, Year 9 students will have an assembly about the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, in which they will work on volunteering, physical activity and take part in an expedition in June, and Year 10 students will be given the opportunity to apply to be Reading Leaders, where they will work with Year 7 students to build confidence when reading.

Super-curricular Activities

We also offer students the opportunity to complete activities that are linked to their subjects but outside their normal curricula in order to prepare for college and beyond. From year 7 onwards, students can work towards their Faith in Action Award in the RE field. In years 10 and 11 students can work towards an additional GCSE in Further Maths and take part in the Preparing for Excellence Scheme which looks at how to get the most out of your subjects in order to apply to prestigious universities.

Residential Trips

Each of our trips is organised by a specialist trip leader who will correspond with you throughout the organisation process and will run a pre-trip briefing where you can ask any specific questions that you have.

This year, year 10s will have the opportunity to join in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. We take a large number of students each year and they always find the experience incredibly profound. Mr Tunnecliff will be launching the pilgrimage in October. Year 9/10s are able to go on the Geography Iceland trip which was launched last year. This trip looks at the incredible geographical features in Iceland. Year 9s can go on the History Battlefields trip to France and Belgium. This is a very emotional trip, on which students visit the battlefields, WW1 museums, war graves and lay a school wreath at the Menin Gate evening ceremony. Year 8s will have the opportunity to go on the Computing London trip which includes a visit to the Harry Potter Studios and the year 7 residential will soon be launched, which involves outward bound and teambuilding activities.

If you would like to discuss any area of our wider curriculum with me, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With kind regards



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