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Dear Parent/Carer

We at the Academy want to provide the widest and best opportunities for our pupils to enjoy and achieve. Whilst we obviously recognise the importance of academia and achieving the best exam results that they possibly can, we can also see that there is the need to extend the experience pupils have to cover areas that are not currently on the curriculum that can also contribute to their overall education and their love of learning and school.

With this in mind, we have devised "The Co-Curriculum". These are exciting clubs that function alongside our curriculum. They will be hour long sessions on a Monday (between 3.10 and 4.10pm) that pupils can sign up for. These clubs run for a five week block. When that five weeks has been completed a new set of clubs will be set up and the process will be repeated. This will run for the first four half terms of this academic year:

Co-Curriculum 1: Monday 17th September – Monday 15th October

Co-Curriculum 2: Monday 12th November – Monday 12th December

Co-Curriculum 3: Monday 14th January – Monday 11th February

Co-Curriculum 4: Monday 25th February - Monday 25th March

The pupils will have seen what is on offer in a "marketplace" activity that has been completed in team time. What I would like you to do now is discuss this with your child and number their top six choices in order of preference. If a club is oversubscribed, names will be drawn out of a hat. If your child is unlucky not to get their first choice they will be entered into the hat for their second choice pick and so on.

To facilitate sundries and start-up costs, I am going to ask for a small donation of £1 for the five week block (NOT per session). This can be paid via Parent-Pay please and not in cash.

Can I ask that the sheet attached is completed with your six choices in order of preference (number 1 being the club your child wants to do the most).

This is a truly exciting opportunity and we would ideally love all students to take part. We will be expanding this and opening it up further in the coming months and years. We will be involving Student Council (to make sure the pupils are really getting what they want) and also having some of our leaders taking sessions themselves.

When this block of five weeks is complete, I will be in touch again with the clubs that will be running in half-term 2.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER – Unfortunately I won't be able to accept any forms after this date as I have to populate registers for all of the clubs.

Many thanks for your continued support in what will be another exciting venture.

Yours sincerely

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CO-CURRICULUM 1: CLUBS AVAILABLE

| CLUB | CHOICE (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) |
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| GAMING CLUB – Different computer games played each week – tournaments, E-Gaming (with Mr McClelland) | |
| FILM REVIEW CLUB – Watch, discuss, podcast, review, make posters for everything that is film (with Mr Armstrong) | |
| MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB – Want to be part of the next production? On stage or back stage this is for you (with Miss Cuthbert) | |
| COUCH to 5k (Running for those who aren't runners – gentle running for those who want to get a bit fitter – based on the popular app) (with Mr Little and Mrs Evans) | |
| MARIO CLUB – Pit your wits against Mrs Cruickshank on Mario Kart | |
| DARTS CLUB – Practice and play in tournaments etc (with Mr Ashton) | |
| FISHING CLUB – Learn about the techniques of fishing before you go out for real (with Mr Winstanley) | |
| MAKING CERAMIC ANIMALS – If you are creative and enjoy craft you will love creating your own ceramic creatures (with Mrs Bewley) | |
| DEBATE SOCIETY – Discuss a number of exciting global topics every week (with Mrs Rigg) | |
| MUSIC CLUB - Band / orchestra / Rock /Samba – It's all covered with Mrs Wilkinson | |
| CASTLE BUILDING / VOLCANO BUILDING – Love History? Love Craft? Join this club with Mrs Sewell | |
| FILM MAKING CLUB – Learn to make award winning films, special effects, editing and acting with Mr Harding | |
| PANDEMIC BOARDGAME CLUB - Work as a team to stop the spread of infection across the globe, battle against outbreaks and irradiate the four diseases to save humanity! (with Mr Williams) | |
| OUTDOOR SKILLS CLUB - We will learn how to tie knots, use knives, wield axes & light fires! (with Mr Richardson) | |
| DANCE CLUB – Love to dance? So do we – come and join dance club with Lewis Hackett – all standards welcome. | |
| WARHAMMER CLUB - Build and paint models, open, narrative and matched play, participate in the School League National Championships (with Mrs Simons, Library) | |

PUPIL'S NAME: _____ YEAR: _____

I give my permission for my child to attend a co-curriculum club on a Monday (3.10 – 4.10pm)

I have contributed £1 via Parent Pay for the five week block.