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Dear Parents,

We are writing this letter to inform you about the new 'compulsory' activity afternoons which form part of our overhaul of the way we timetable. These activities will be starting next week. Your child should know what they are doing and they should know who their coach/teacher in charge is. To help you with this we have attached all the club information below.

The main aim of this change is to facilitate greater involvement in an aerobic activity. In addition we are also able to create a number of other benefits without losing any teaching time. They are as follows:

- To reduce the number of academic lessons missed due to sports matches by ensuring, as best we can, that matches take place during or partly during these times.
- To use these time slots for House events (eg. The school swimming gala) and, again, not interfere with academic lessons.
- By including the Sixth Form in activities we are able to manage a whole school approach to sport/activities and ensure that staff are available and not divided by having to teach during major school events.
- By creating these slots we are able to, again, use them for the preparation of events such as a school play, music production, debating preparation etc and not impact on the academic school day.
- To raise the profile of our sports.

Students in years 7-9 will meet on a Tuesday and students in years 10-13 will meet on a Thursday. Both days will run from 2:05 to 3:30 at which time they will need to be collected or excused to catch the bus.

Most of our activities run from the school campus, but the activities that do not may need a mini bus to shuttle them to their location. The shuttle will cost \$2.50 and this money needs to be given to the teacher in charge and will be communicated to the students in advance.

Some coaches/teachers may opt to catch the ferry or public bus and the new passes students received today will allow them to do so freely.

STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP OR GO HOME FROM ACTIVITY SITE at or soon after 3:30pm.

Please be reminded that some of the activities have a charge as mentioned in the summer and this money needs to be paid up front.

The activities which have a cost are:

1. Wall Climbing at a cost of \$200. This will actually give them a 7 day membership for the climbing wall at the Olympic Club up until our Christmas Break. Cheques should be made out to 'The Olympic Club'.
2. Rowing. The high school students involved will have to pay \$10 each time.
3. Tennis. The cost works out to be \$8 per session at the Elbow Beach.

The activities off site other than the above are: Field hockey at the National Stadium, golf at Belmont Hills and squash (middle school students only at this time) at the Devonshire Racquet Ball Courts.

We thank all these organisations for helping us improve our students health and these afternoons will certainly help your child miss far less when representing our school whether in an inter school event or internal event like sports days or drama or concert practice.

Please ensure your child is prepared for their allotted time. All students should have PE kit with exceptions to golf and tennis and they should of course have the appropriate footwear. Football players should have boots and shin

pads; golfers will need clubs, sneakers or golf shoes and a polo shirt, squash players will need non marking sneakers (soles) etc.

Should they wear the incorrect kit they will be placed in “off activities” (Tuesdays in room G15 and Thursdays in room U7) and be expected to work, under staff supervision, for the duration of the afternoon. In addition if your son/daughter is ill or carrying an injury; please send in a note with them on the day and they will also report to the “off activities” room (Tuesdays G15 and Thursdays U7). It is absolutely vital that these procedures are followed to ensure safety and for an accurate record to be kept.

The middle school’s squash players are ready to begin on Tuesday, the 9th of September, but please note all other middle school students will first need to meet their teachers and coaches in the PPMH on Tuesday afternoon at 2:05pm. They can also bring their kit and will hopefully get some time outside after the meeting; but their official start will not be till the 16th of September. The high school students will make their official start on the 11th of September.

At the end of this term your son/ daughter will get another opportunity to choose an activity from a slightly modified list and they will then do so again before our Easter break to expose them to a variety of activities over the full academic year.

IMPORTANT POINTS you should know:

- Staff will carry a valuables bag into which ALL valuables should be placed. This will be secured and the items returned to them at the end of the session.
- Personal bags must be taken to the location of the activity to better facilitate movement around the school site.
- First aid kits will be carried by staff to locations where there is not one present.
- Changing facilities at school have been arranged and will be communicated to students.

Finally, please sign below and return to the teacher in charge on Tuesday, the 9th of September, so that we know you have received all the facts.

We are excited about this development and we do hope it will receive your support. If you do have questions relating to the details of a specific activity please address them to the teacher in charge. Questions of a more general nature can be addressed to Mr Mark Thorne or Mr Dave Horan. I have included a list of activities and the respective teachers in charge below.

Bonnett	Sarah	Netball	Tuesday
Bough	Glynn	Cross country	Thursday
Bough	Jamie	Volleyball	Tuesday
Bowdler	Jessica	Cross Country	Thursday
Burgess	Luke	Golf	Thursday
Butterfield-Wallbank	Valery	Volleyball	Thursday
Crabtree	Richard	Table tennis	Tuesday
Cunningham	Richard	Swimming	Thursday
Dunn	Mary	Wall climbing	Tuesday
Fields	Andrew	Off activities (G15)	Tuesday
Goonewardene	Raj	Tennis	Thursday
Grace	Shelly	Swimming	Tuesday
Green	Dianne	Swimming	Tuesday
Griffiths	Adam	Field Hockey	Thursday
Hassen	Brian	Walking/fitness	Thursday
Hayward	Kent	Table tennis	Thursday
Horan	David	Golf	Tuesday
Jackson	Sara	Netball	Thursday
Lewis	Stanton	Football	Both
Lowery	Charles	Wall climbing	Thursday
Marcos	Mikel	Weight training	Tuesday
McGowan	Matthew	Football	Tuesday
Okanta-Ofori	Abena	Volleyball	Tuesday
Pike	Rachael	Tennis	Tuesday
Rothwell	Jeff	Football	Thursday
Scott	Helen	Netball	Tuesday
Shaw	Kerry	Swimming	Thursday
Smith	Benjamin	Volleyball	Thursday
Smith	Alistair	Football	Thursday
Sully	Rachael	Off activity (U7)	Thursday
Swan	Brian	Weight training	Tuesday
Thompson	Kevin	Squash	Tuesday
Thorne	Mark	Football	Both
Trussell	Helen	Netball/Field hockey	Both
Turley	Alexandra	Netball	Tuesday
White	Tim	Swimming	Tuesday
Yassien	Nadia	Volleyball	Tuesday
Young	Jessica	Rowing	Thursday
McCorkell	Maggie	Weight Training	Thursday

Kind regards,
Mr Dave Horan
Deputy Principal: Curriculum

Mr Mark Thorne
Head of PE and Activities

Reply slip below.

Please return to the Teacher in charge of the respective activity on Tuesday, the 9th of September for Y7-9 and on Thursday, the 11th of September for Y10-13.

To whom it concern,

We have read all the information above and understand fully what it entails. We will collect our child at the conclusion of their club (3:30pm) and/or arrange for alternate transportation home.

Date: _____

Student name(s): _____ Form/Tutor Class: _____

Parents' name: _____ Parents' signature: _____