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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Co-Curricular Activities - SOCS Launch**

We are pleased to advise that we are now using SOCS, an online platform designed to help promote, track and monitor our co-curricular programme. This is an exciting step forward in how we support students' wider school experience.

#### **What is SOCS?**

SOCS provides a central hub where students, parents and carers can see all of the opportunities available beyond the classroom. These include clubs, societies, sporting fixtures, rehearsals, performances, trips and enrichment activities. The system also allows us to monitor and celebrate student involvement, helping ensure that every child makes the most of what is on offer.

#### **How does it work for students?**

- All students have already been given access to SOCS and have been shown how to use it.
- Students should have synced their SOCS account to their school Google Calendar so that all co-curricular commitments appear directly in their timetable.
- The platform helps students stay organised, committed and engaged with their chosen activities.
- For individual instrumental music lessons, students will also see their scheduled lessons in their Google Calendar. If a student wishes to change their lesson time for any reason (for example because of a trip, sports fixture, test, etc.) this must be communicated to their teacher via email or in person, at least a week in advance, so the necessary swaps can be arranged; any changes made will appear in real time.

#### **Parent access from Monday 15 September**

From Monday 15 September, parents and carers will also be able to access SOCS. To do this:

- Please visit the SOCS link via the school website, or use the following [direct link](#) here
- You must use the email address registered with the school (linked to your child's record). No other email address will allow access.
- Once logged in, you will be able to view the full programme and check your child's activities and commitments.
- You are also able to sync your child's activities to your own Google Calendar. This will update automatically as and when your child attends a club, or if they are selected to represent the school in sport, music or other events.

#### **Why is this important?**

We believe that co-curricular engagement is a vital part of education. It provides students with the chance to:

- Develop new skills and interests.
- Build confidence, teamwork and leadership.
- Contribute to the wider school community.
- Balance their academic studies with enriching personal experiences.

#### **What do parents/carers need to do?**

- Encourage your child to regularly check their SOCS calendar and attend the activities they have committed to.
- Explore SOCS together at home to see the opportunities available.

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- Ensure you log in from Monday 15 September using your registered email address to keep up to date.
- Consider syncing your child's activities to your own Google Calendar for the most seamless experience.

### **Syncing the Calendar**

Take advantage of our iCal sync feature to integrate your child's clubs, fixtures and one-to-one lessons. By syncing your SOCS calendar with your personal calendar (such as Google or Outlook), you gain access to a live feed of clubs and fixtures. Any modifications made to a club or fixture will automatically update your personal calendar, keeping you up to date. Follow these steps to sync your calendar:

1. Log into SOCS.
2. Click on the "Calendar Sync" button.
3. Access the WebCal link automatically generated by SOCS.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process.

By following these steps, you'll establish a live feed of clubs, fixtures and lessons within your personal calendar.

### **Introducing the SOCS Web App**

If you prefer accessing the system through your mobile device, we offer a convenient option to save it as a Web App on your phone's home screen. Please note that adding the Web App may vary depending on your device and browser. To assist you, we have provided instructions for Android and Apple iOS devices: [Android](#) | [Apple iOS](#)

By following the provided instructions, you can easily add the SOCS Web App to your mobile device for quick and easy access.

### **Co-Curricular Guide 2025–26**

In addition to SOCS, please also find attached this year's [Co-Curricular Guide](#), which provides an overview of the different activities on offer across the academic year. Please note, this guide is intended as an overview only. All up-to-date details regarding timings, locations and club information can be found on SOCS.

We hope you will support your child in making the most of the wonderful opportunities available here at Parmiter's and we look forward to celebrating their involvement in the rich co-curricular life of the school.

If you have any questions or require assistance in accessing the platform, please email [t.clark@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:t.clark@parmiters.herts.sch.uk).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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