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Dear Parents and Carers

SOCS Co-curricular Programme - Autumn 2026

As a new member of the Parmiter's Family, we are delighted to introduce you to SOCS, our online platform for managing and accessing the school's co-curricular programme.

SOCS provides a central hub where students and parents/carers can view the wide range of opportunities available beyond the classroom. These include clubs, societies, sporting fixtures, instrumental music lessons, rehearsals, performances and other enrichment activities.

We believe that co-curricular activities are an important part of the Parmiter's experience, providing students with opportunities to develop new skills and interests, build confidence, teamwork and leadership, and contribute to the wider school community.

What is SOCS?

SOCS allows students to see the activities and opportunities available to them and helps them keep track of their commitments throughout the school year.

Students should have been shown how to access SOCS and how to use the platform. We strongly encourage them to explore the opportunities available and get involved in activities that interest them.

Students should also have completed a sync of their SOCS account with their school Google Calendar, allowing their co-curricular commitments to appear alongside their normal timetable. More information on how to do this can be found [here](#).

For individual instrumental music lessons, students will also see their scheduled lessons in their Google Calendar. If a student needs to change a lesson time, for example because of a trip, sporting fixture or assessment, they should communicate this to their music teacher at least one week in advance, either by email or in person, so that the necessary arrangements can be made. Any agreed changes will then appear in SOCS and the calendar in real time.

Parent/Carer Access

Parents and carers are also able to access SOCS.

To access the platform:

1. Visit the SOCS link via the school website, or use the direct link [here](#).
2. Log in using the **email address registered with the school and linked to your child's record**. No other email address will provide access.
3. Once logged in, you will be able to view the co-curricular programme and check your child's activities and commitments.

To log in, please follow the instructions on [this help page](#).

You can also sync your child's activities to your own Google Calendar. This provides a convenient way of keeping up-to-date with clubs, fixtures, music lessons and other commitments throughout the year.

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Why is co-curricular participation important?

We want every student at Parmiter's to make the most of the opportunities available to them beyond the classroom. Taking part in co-curricular activities can help students to:

- Develop new skills and interests.
- Build confidence and resilience.
- Develop teamwork, leadership and communication skills.
- Make new friends and become part of the wider school community.
- Discover and develop talents beyond the academic curriculum.
- Balance their academic studies with enriching personal experiences.

We encourage all new students to try something new and to take advantage of the wide range of opportunities available.

What do parents/carers need to do?

We ask parents and carers to:

- Encourage your child to explore the opportunities available through SOCS.
- Encourage your child to regularly check their SOCS calendar and attend activities they have committed to.
- Log in to SOCS using your registered email address
- Consider syncing your child's SOCS calendar with your own Google Calendar.
- Use SOCS as the most up-to-date source of information about clubs, fixtures, timings and locations.

Syncing the Calendar

SOCS includes an iCal calendar sync feature which allows your child's clubs, fixtures and one-to-one music lessons to be integrated with your personal calendar, such as Google Calendar or Outlook.

Once synced, this provides a live feed of your child's co-curricular commitments. Any changes made to clubs, music lessons or sports fixtures will automatically update your personal calendar.

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.

This will provide you with an up-to-date view of your child's co-curricular commitments throughout the year. More information can be found [here](#).

Introducing the SOCS Web App

SOCS can also be accessed easily from a mobile device by saving it as a Web App on your phone's home screen.

The process for adding the Web App varies depending on your device and browser. Instructions are available for both Android and Apple iOS devices.

Co-Curricular Guide

Alongside SOCS, we have provided this year's Co-Curricular Guide [here](#), which gives an overview of the range of activities available to students across the academic year.

Please note that the guide is intended as an overview only. SOCS should always be used as the most up-to-date source of information, including activity timings, locations and any changes to the programme.

We hope that your child will embrace the many opportunities available at Parmiter's and make co-curricular participation an important part of their school experience.

We look forward to seeing our new students getting involved, trying new activities and becoming part of the rich co-curricular life of the school.

If you have any questions or require assistance with accessing SOCS, please email t.clark@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Clark', written over a horizontal line.

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