



Dear families

As you know, we have been reviewing our after-school provision for students.

This term we have started our co-curricular programme for students in Years 7 & 8 on Tuesdays after school, which includes jewellery making workshops, boardgame clubs, debating clubs and even Spanish film club!! If your child hasn't signed up yet then download the Schoolcomms app and get booking. Set up instructions are included on the following page.

On Wednesdays we are still running all of our sporting clubs which have been more popular than ever and we are looking forward to having our first sports day in three years later in July.

This leaves Thursday as the final day where we have a new offer for all students in Years 7-10. On Thursdays any student in Years 7, 8 & 9 will be able to spend additional time in English, maths or science. These are the core subjects in which student progress has been most adversely affected during covid. This offer is for all students in Years 7, 8 & 9 and teachers will be on hand to help them with specific subject concerns or to lend a hand with home learning.

In addition, some students in Years 7-10 will be allocated to specific groups and staff will be there to support their progress and learning. This is because these students have been identified as those who would most benefit from additional support in a range of key subjects. If your child has been chosen, you will have already been informed by the school.

Should you wish to speak with someone about these initiatives, then please contact your child's Phase Leader. Please note that all our after-school provision is being run through our new parent app Schoolcomms. If you are having problems accessing the app, then contact the school office where someone will help you to sign up.

Yours,

Matt Perry
Headteacher



Setting up Schoolcomms

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Search for “School Gateway” in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android)
2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to “Allow Push Notifications”
3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select ‘New User’ and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school
4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.

As soon as you’ve got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you’ll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

If you would like to find out more click on the following links: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/#>

<https://schoolgateway.co.uk/get-started/>

If you’ve recently changed your email address or mobile telephone number, please let us know so we can update our records.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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