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Dear Students and Parents

## **RGS CO-CURRICULAR – CLUBS & SOCIETIES**

I wanted to update you on the School's approach to Co-Curricular clubs and societies as we move into the UK's second national lockdown.

As you are aware the UK Government has prioritised the education of students across the country and we continue to ensure we deliver the RGS ethos: to develop worldly-wise, self-assured high achievers through an exceptional all-round education.

My personal belief is that memorable experiences lead to memorable learning and that education in its broadest sense is not just about delivering a curriculum. It is about giving students at RGS the chance to extend their life skills; it is about the enjoyment and excitement of venturing out into the real world, with all its capacity for uncertainty, surprise, stimulation and delight. We strongly believe that education takes place as much beyond the classroom as in it. This type of experiential learning is one of the most empowering forms possible.

Our co-curricular programmes give students a unique opportunity to engage in their own areas of interest and passions and has a profound effect on their physical and emotional health and wellbeing.

In line with Government guidance we will continue to run all Clubs and Societies either at lunch time or at the end of the school day. Due to new guidance, for the period of the lockdown we will be unable to run any weekend based co-curricular activities or sports.

We are all learning to be resilient in new ways and if there is one positive to take from the current changes to life it is that community and people are at the very heart of who we are as human beings.

Yours sincerely,

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