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Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Spring Term 2018 Clubs**

At Long Close School, we pride ourselves at delivering a curriculum high on expectations and full of academic rigour – but as you all know, academic development is not the sole focus that children need as they mature into adults. As we work to develop our pupils as the leaders of the future and equip them with the skill set and experiences they will need to be successful, there is a need to focus on developing the all-round child; so that they have passions and drive in many other areas of their lives.

It is important that as a school and body of parents, that we understand that young people need the opportunity to express themselves in a variety of ways. Whether it may be in the form of sporting activities, artistic expression or mindfulness, there are huge opportunities to develop connect with global cultures, different places and open up potential friendships.

As of the Spring Term of the 2017/2018 academic year, Long Close School will be producing a new, more diverse club system to provide a rich selection of clubs that give students of all ages the opportunity to engage in the passions shared by the teaching staff within the school. We actively encourage all pupils to take advantage of the new wide range of clubs on offer led by both our passionate and dedicated staff and specialist external providers.

In addition, we are introducing a new provision of Academic Workshops, led by our team of specialist subject teachers and senior leaders. The aim of these Academic Workshops is to offer Pupils from Year 6 upwards the opportunity to work with specialist teachers to received dedicated and focused support in order to support learning and improve academic performance in a small group setting.

Following feedback from parents and a review of the clubs provision, we will be introducing a Snack option to replace the current provision. Pupils who opt into this will be provided with a healthy snack which will be made available and enjoyed before their club commences. Parents who do not wish the snack option for their child may send their child with a healthy nut free alternative (Fruit, Granola Bar, Yogurt, Dried Fruit etc.).

At the end of the Spring Term 2018, we aim to introduce a Clubs Exhibition in order to showcase the learning that has taken place during our clubs programme and to encourage both parents and pupils to take up new clubs in the Summer Term.

Yours sincerely

*Ms M McBride*

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