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Dear Parent / Guardian

I write with a number of news items and reminders as we reach the end of term:

Expansion of Extra-Curricular

We have had a great term with our clubs, teams and boosters, with over 500 attendances every week. When we return in the Spring term there will be another full program of clubs. In the spring term we will also be launching some new and exciting clubs. These clubs will be run by outside experts and the school will cover all costs:

Fencing

Start date – Friday 12th January Length of program – Spring term Time – This club will run every Friday from 3:20 – 4:20 Number of pupil places available – 12 pupils Location – Main Hall All equipment is provided

Squash

Start date – Thursday 11th January Length of program – Spring term

Time – This club will run every Thursday. Pupils will need to leave school at $3:00 \, \text{pm}$ (Mrs Vizor will take the group in a school mini-bus) and will return to school at $4:50 \, \text{pm}$

Number of pupil places available - 16 pupils

Location – Edgbaston Priory club - https://www.edgbastonpriory.com/

All equipment is provided, students will need to bring clean indoor trainers

Boxing

Start date – Tuesday 16th January Length of program – 12 weeks Time – This club will run every Tuesday from 3:20 – 4:20 Number of pupils places available – 24 pupils Location – Sports hall All equipment is provided





Mandarin lessons

Start date – Friday 12th January Length of program – ongoing Time – This club will run every Friday from 3:20 – 4:20 Number of pupil places available – 20 pupils Location – Room 19

If your child would be interested in attending these clubs, please log into Arbor and these opportunities can be found via the shop page, where you will be able to select which of these new clubs your daughter is interested in. The deadline to sign up for these clubs **by 9:00 am on Monday 8th January**. As these clubs have limited places once pupils have expressed an interest, places will then be allocated **via a random draw**. Students will be informed if they have been allocated a place when they return to school on Tuesday 9th January. Due to the limited places and expense to the school we request that you only express an interest in these clubs if your child would be committed to attending every week.

Christmas Show

We enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Show last week, showcasing the brilliant work done in both Dance and Music. The young people showed huge talent and great commitment. I just wanted to pass on my thanks to the parents of all children who participated for facilitating their participation and nurturing your child's talents.

Christmas Dinners

I apologise for the confused messages over the Christmas Meals this year – a message was sent by the office on Friday, but unfortunately the software let us down and the message was not distributed until this morning. We made sure that any children who were expecting a Christmas meal today were able to access food.

Reminder of End of Term Arrangements

Just a reminder – pupils will leave at 12.40 on Friday 22nd December.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your family a restful Christmas, and I look forward to continuing to work with you in the new year.

Yours faithfully

Mr Neil Jones Headteacher