

Senior Boys

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

TENDO ('to stretch, aim and extend') – the new Friday afternoon activity programme

I hope you are all keeping well after what has been a trying few months. I am delighted to be writing to you with details of our new Friday afternoon activity programme TENDO. Unlike previous enrichment activities that we have run for the Lower and Middle School, our new programme has been designed so that all members of the School can be involved. The activities will take place every two weeks to fit in with our new two week timetable.

To this end, the activities programme will sit at the core of the curriculum within the new timetable structure. It aims to cultivate intellectual curiosity, engagement and strong learning attributes. There will be opportunities for student leadership and for boys of all ages to work together. The programme is designed to complement the academic and co-curricular activities which are available to boys, but also to offer a range of opportunities that may lead them into new fields which may become lifelong passions. The activities will represent a substantial part of the learning experience at Merchants'.

In the Lower School we want to foster curiosity and creativity through a broad programme of activities around which boys will rotate. In Years 7 and 8 the activities will range from courses on debating, information literacy, to badminton and orienteering. Year 9 boys will follow a skills based programme linked to the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, with the opportunity to enrol onto the scheme and work towards the different levels of the award.

In the Middle School the focus is to extend boys to develop in a variety of fields, for example some may lead to gaining qualifications or serving our local community. Whilst in the Sixth Form we aim to enrich the boys further, with added opportunities to take a leading role in the delivery of activities for others. Boys in Year 10 to Sixth Form will be able to follow their own bespoke programme by opting into a wide variety of activities. Boys may choose to do something for one term or engage in an activity which lasts for the whole year.

The **TENDO booklet** can be accessed via the following link: [click here](#). The booklet gives an outline of the programme and then details of the range of activities that are available to the boys. I have also written to the boys and given them to the booklet on firefly. Please take time discuss these options with the boys so that when the option forms come out next week they can make their choices. Some activities may well be oversubscribed so I recommend that choices are made as soon as possible before the deadline.

In the booklet you will see that there may be a cost for some activities. This is usually where the activity leads to gaining a qualification and there is a charge for any fees such as enrolment onto the course or where we have to hire instructors. These costs will be added to the fee bills in the term that the activity is first undertaken.

With all the uncertainty over the last few months it is hoped that by September the activity programme can begin as planned. If circumstances change then I will update you on any changes to the programme that may have had to be made if we have to curtail any activities. I hope that you share my excitement as we start this new programme but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan B. Green". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

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