

The Gilbert School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Co-curricular at The Gilbert School Academic Year 2026/2027

We are delighted to share the Co-curricular opportunities at The Gilbert School. Engaging with a wide range of experiences beyond the academic curriculum is essential to develop character and confidence. Taking full advantage of this requires students to participate beyond the school day.

We have an excellent suite of clubs and societies that cater for interests ranging from the creative arts, competitive sports, STEAM and debating.

Co-curricular Delivery Map

Co-curricular clubs and societies will commence from Monday 21st September.

To find out what is on offer, please refer to the [The Gilbert School Co-curricular Delivery Map](#). The latest version of this Delivery Map is always available on the Personal Development page of The Gilbert School website.

Please note that clubs and societies may change on a termly basis. Parents/carers will be notified of these changes and the Co-curricular Delivery Map will be updated.

Year 7 and 8 Fresher's Fayre – Thursday 17th September

A Fresher's Fayre will be held on Thursday 17th September 2026, for all Year 7 and Year 8 students. This event is an opportunity for students to explore the wide range of Co-curricular clubs and activities available at The Gilbert School. The Fayre will give students the chance to speak with club leaders, ask questions, and discover what interests them outside the classroom. We encourage all students to attend and take full advantage of the event. This Fayre will take place during the school day and will be during period 3 for Year 7 and period 4 for Year 8. Students will receive more information from their tutors in due course.

Timing and Rotation

All after-school clubs and societies will start at 3.20pm and finish at 4.20pm. Please note that there may be some exceptions due to sports fixtures and show rehearsals. Subject Departments will inform parents/carers should timings differ.

Please note that some clubs and societies are on a Week A / Week B rotation for different year groups. This information is included in the Co-curricular Delivery Map.

Joining a club or society

A selection of clubs and societies will require a sign-up system due to their popularity. A sign-up sheet will be available to students in the location that the club or society takes place, at breaktime the day before the session. Other clubs and societies will operate an open-door system, meaning no signing up is required. Students can arrive to the club or society on the day of the session.

The two systems described above are clearly marked in the Co-curricular Delivery Map.

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Attendance



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Please remind your child to ensure that they register with their teacher at the beginning of each club or society that they attend. Your child's attendance will be reflected on Go4Schools.

Club or Society Cancellation

On occasion, clubs or societies may need to be cancelled. We will endeavour to ensure that parents/carers are notified 24 hours prior via email.

In exceptional circumstances, clubs may be cancelled last minute due to staff illness or weather conditions. In these cases, staff will instruct students to contact home to make parents/carers aware.

If students are unable to contact parents/carers or are unable to get home at the earlier time of 3.20pm, a member of staff from the Subject Department will ensure students are supervised until 4.20pm.

We look forward to seeing many of our students attending Co-curricular clubs in the coming weeks.

Please do not hesitate to contact admin@gilberd.com with any queries.

Yours faithfully

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