

## **Co-Curriculum Philosophy**

We place significant emphasis on the importance of co-curricular activities. At BMS this is reflected in our very extensive co-curricular programme available to all students.

We believe that a full range of co-curricular activities is of immense importance for the all-round development and happiness of our students. The skills required in Sport, CCF, Duke of Edinburgh, Drama, Music and many other activities provide an opportunity to develop teamwork, leadership and initiative. The benefit to each individual derived from extending and developing their physical, practical and thinking skills is an equally desirable life skill.

The social opportunities associated with all these activities develops a central theme of our education and provides significant lifelong social opportunities. Students are more self-reliant, responsible and their self-confidence and self-esteem are enhanced by the co-curricular programme. Our House system is a significant part of BMS co-curricular life and helps to engender a sense of community created through the competitive programme offered.

Well-qualified and enthusiastic staff provide and support the extensive range of activities, not only during the school week, but also at weekends and in holidays. Both staff and students enjoy the opportunity to have new experiences, and this is reflected in the very large number of both involved in the co-curricular programme over the course of the school year.

Using opportunities such as Awards evenings and our Colours system we acknowledge, promote and celebrate all aspects of co-curricular involvement, ensuring commitment and high standards are expected and achieved.

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