

At Léman International School we take clubs provision seriously. One of our aims is to provide opportunities for our students to try new things. We pride ourselves on having a diverse range of after-school options inspired by our commitment to help children pursue their passions. Our philosophy of providing opportunities for students to choose from a menu of active, creative and service clubs is multi-focused. This allows students to fulfil criteria for their MYP and IB studies, whilst learning new skills or attaining mastery in an area of passion. I'm delighted this year to be able to offer the opportunity for pupils in Reception class to participate in clubs. This is our first time offering clubs to this age group and we expect their language skills, creativity and social skills to blossom with this extra time (it will add up to over 2 extra weeks for Reception over the year) in a school environment. Ms. Ivy Ji and her dedicated Mandarin Department are also pleased to bring a new club for students who have missed out on some Chinese language instruction due to attending English Language Support. The children will be differentiated so there will be 4 intensive Mandarin learning clubs running at the same time.

Our clubs are fully outside of class time so that core teaching time is not lost. We believe pupils should not lose valuable contact time to Extra Curricular Activities. This season we are delighted to announce some exciting new clubs provided by our newly arrived, fully qualified and experienced teachers. Mr. Haniful Islam will be bringing us "Speakonomics" to develop pupils' understanding in the area of economics, while Ms. Jordan Olson will be enhancing the enjoyment of humanities with her new club, "World Explorers". Our new Year 3 teacher, Mr. Ryan McKinnon will be bringing his passion for coding to our upper Primary students with Ms. Gisela Wolff, from Year 5 team, giving pupils the chance to improve their speaking skills through Debate club for the same age range. For the lower primary students, Ms. Emily Islam from Year 2 team, will present her new offering, "Cooperative Games Club". Our new teachers in the performing arts department will be launching exciting new clubs to tempt our students with a passion for creative expression. Ms. Monica Webster will bring us an exciting new offering, "Songwriting Workshop" while we are greatly looking forward to seeing what skills our new Drama teacher, Ms. Sarah Weinstein can coax out of the participants in her Drama club. Our most popular clubs will all return so pupils who love dance, chess, junior engineers, art and craft, Chinese culture clubs, and sports will have the opportunity to rejoin these clubs which prove popular each season. Our Athletic Director, Mr. McCabe, and his PE team will of course be offering a wide range of sporting activities this season including Volleyball, Basketball, Football and Golf.

A new development this year will be the launch of lunchtime sports coaching. Mr. McCabe is planning a program of Inter House activities to take place during lunch breaks to enable pupils to perfect their skills and play competitive sports under the watchful eye of our experienced coaches. As a safety precaution we will not be competing in sporting events off campus so we will fill this void by ensuring the pupils have competitive games and opportunities to be part of teams by a reinvigoration of our house system. There will be lots of exciting new developments in Extra Curricular Activities in the months to come including our inaugural Léman Chess Tournament. Of course, we are fortunate that as part of the Nord Anglia group we have Global Campus competitions continuing throughout the year, where our pupils get to compete in academic and other pursuits against students from our 66 schools around the globe. Last year our pupils achieved great success in the creative writing competition, while our Year 9 student, Sheryl Zha, took 1st place in the music performance category for pupils aged 10-14. A fantastic achievement, and we were very proud that she was able to showcase Chinese traditional culture on a global stage with her mastery of the guzheng.

I'm very excited for our program of events this year and I'm sure the pupils will be enthused by the offerings. The club signup will open on Tuesday, September 22nd and remain open until Tuesday, October 13th. I encourage everyone to sign up early so as to ensure places, as numbers for some clubs will have to be capped due to demand. After which you will be notified of which club your child has secured and clubs will begin on October 20th.