



Tuesday, 25th April 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome the students back after the Easter break. With the sun making a brief appearance, the grounds are looking fantastic and we are looking forward to Sports Day at the end of this half term. I have detailed below some key information which will help your son prepare for sport this summer.

Topics in Sports

Years 4/5/6 – Students will take part in cricket, athletics, and swimming. So they should have their swimming and athletics clothes for all PE lessons.

Years 7-10 – Students will do 1 hour of athletics each week in the first half of the Trinity term and 1 hour of a sport of their choice. (Hard ball cricket, soft ball cricket, soft ball or tennis). After the May half term, the boys will have the opportunity to change activities and make use of the swimming pool.

Year 11/12/13 – Students will have four weekly options from which they can choose their 2-hour lesson. (Cricket, softball, swimming, tennis, baseball, athletics, water polo, ultimate frisbee, Danish longball, badminton, table tennis, strength and conditioning).

Within each of the sporting activities, students will work on fitness, skill development, game play, collaboration and teamwork.

Sports Day – Friday 26th May 2023

On the final Friday before half term, we will have our annual Sports Day for Years 4-10.

All pupils will be required to be in school all day as normal, but should come in wearing their school PE kit. Parents are warmly invited to come and support the day, and further communication will be sent out over the next few weeks with exact timings and requirements.

Cricket and Athletics teams

Attached a list of the cricket and athletics fixtures for this term. We are continually looking at ways we can improve the experience of fixtures for the boys, with more boys representing the school and ensuring that as many matches as possible are played during their PE lessons rather than on days where they miss academic lessons. We have prioritised the key exam year groups this term and next year we will continue to address this when writing the timetable.

Teams are selected on ability and commitment in lessons. Cricket matches in Year 7 and above will be hard ball games and therefore boys will be selected from the relevant cricket group.

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Extra-Curricular activities: Before /After school and lunchtime

The sports provision extends to both ends of the normal school day, with strength and conditioning sessions twice a week from 7.30am and a multitude of after school activities each day. Details can be found on the extra-curricular email previously sent to parents.

Table Tennis Tuesdays – I am pleased to say that, every Tuesday from 12 -2pm, table tennis club will be available in the sports hall where students can improve their skills and challenge each other to a game, operating a ladder league system. This can be booked via the portal or your son can turn up on the day to take part.

Lost property and Sports kit.

Please ensure that your son has the correct school PE kit for his lessons, swimming kit if required, and ensure that it is all named. If your son is selected for the cricket team, we will play in coloured clothing like the county leagues so kindly send your son in with his tracksuit trousers and we will provide a coloured top to wear. Boys may bring their own equipment from home although the school will supply a team bag, containing all the required kit for each game. Boys in the hard ball cricket group will benefit from having batting undershorts so that they can wear a cricket box in matches or training.

Student participation and off games.

It is expected that **all** students will take part in sports lessons. If your son is unable to participate due to injury or illness, we ask that you inform his Form teacher on the morning of his lessons. We will then expect him to return to sport the following week. If your son is to be excused for a longer period, please contact the sports department directly so we can put a plan in place to utilise his time effectively during this off-sport period.

I am really looking forward to the term ahead and hope to see many of you at the side of a cricket pitch or at Sports Day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely,

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