



Dear Parents,

Sports Day, Friday 26th May 2023

Years 4 to 10 inclusive

It gives me great pleasure to invite you – parents and grandparents – to our annual Sports Day, taking place on Friday 26th May on the school field. The boys have been preparing well in lessons and I look forward to you being able to come and celebrate their sporting achievements. I have laid out below the general running order of the day so please read it carefully. There will be a more detailed programme available on the day for each year group. This year, boys will be taking part in five events each (a jump, a throw, two races and a relay), with the emphasis on fun competition.

Drop off and early refreshments

Please arrange for your son to arrive at school at the normal time so that he can register in class at **8.30am**. If you are driving your son to school and staying to watch you are welcome to park up after drop off. Events will start at **9.15am** and refreshments including coffee, tea, bacon rolls and pastries will be available for parents to purchase from 8.30am outside the School of Engineering building, on the edge of the field.

Running order and signing out

Each year group will follow a carousel of field and track events over the morning and the early afternoon. Each year group will have a short break in the morning and at lunchtime. During these times students are welcome to find their parents, but are otherwise expected to be at the events, either competing or watching their year group, supervised by staff. Please find below the approximate finishing times for each year group. The headmaster is happy for you to leave with your son once his year group has finished their events and participated in the awards ceremony but

You must sign him out from the small gazebo on the field side of the discovery building. This is for safeguarding and security reasons.

Approximate presentation and finishing times:

Year 4/5/6 – 2.30pm

Year 7-10 – 3.00pm

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Boarding

The boarding house will open from 3.00pm for boarders to collect their belongings for the half-term holidays.

Dogs

The headmaster is happy for well behaved canine guests to attend sports day, but please ensure **they are always on a lead and under close adult supervision**. Dogs are not permitted on site if they have ever previously displayed aggressive behaviour. All dog waste must be bagged and placed in the specified dog-waste bin, situated outside of the wooden-fence compound for the main refuse skips, which is just to the right beyond black electric gates at the lower entrance-way. Please do not dispose of dog-waste in any other bin; if you are in any doubt, please take it home with you.

Parking

Parking will be available on the playground and on the lower fields accessed by Hamlash Lane. Please follow the signage and marshals on the day.

Boys' clothing

All boys should arrive to school wearing their P.E. kit, house-top, shorts, white socks, and trainers. They should also bring a More House tracksuit top, cap and water bottle. If the day is hot, please ensure that your son is wearing an all-day sunscreen for protection.

Spectators

As our young athletes go about learning the skills of track and field, it is crucial that we all model the use of positive language and encouragement from the side-lines. Mistakes will happen but this is all part of the learning process, so please be understanding, sympathetic and encouraging to all our impressionable students. Spectators are encouraged to wear or wave the colour of their son's or sons' school house: [Cobbett – Green](#); [Hawthorn – Yellow](#); [Knight – Blue](#); [Sturt – Red](#).

Friends of More House

Thank you to the 'Friends of More House' who will again be providing refreshments throughout the day and a barbecue at lunchtime, in conjunction with the superb More House catering team. There may also be an ice-cream van in attendance, if we're lucky!

I will send out a programme in the week leading up to Sports Day and ask that you either have it as a digital copy on your 'phone, or print a copy at home for the day. It will not feature individual names, just the running order for each year group along with the current school records.

I really look forward to welcoming you and your extended families on the day, where I hope we will be blessed with, not only some sunshine but also many wonderful performances.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Procter
Director of Sport