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Dear Parent/Carer

Start of the Year message from PE

Recreational and competitive sport is extremely important to us at HGS. We believe sport is for everyone, whatever their starting point, and has huge benefits for the development of young people. This letter provides you with some information about the sporting extra-curricular activities, school fixtures and explains the PE voluntary contribution.

2025/2026 Review

Last year saw a huge number of students attending the extra-curricular sports clubs and representing the school in over 400 competitive school fixtures. Across the year, students represented HGS in 12 different sporting activities: Rugby, Netball, Hockey, Football, Basketball, Tennis, Cross Country, Cricket, Athletics, Golf, Rounders and Equestrian. This provided a great opportunity for many of our students to showcase their sporting talents in a competitive environment against other schools. Our teams and individuals that took part in these fixtures showed true HGS spirit, demonstrating the school REACH values at every opportunity.

2026/2027 Extra-Curricular Timetable

Once again, in addition to the normal PE timetable, there will be an extensive range of sports clubs, teams and competitive sporting fixtures on offer to your child throughout the whole academic year. This timetable of activities will change at the end of every term. Timetable changes will be published in the student bulletin.

All extra-curricular clubs and activities will be available via the Arbor Parent app within the [Clubs section](#). This allows you to book a place for your child.

The extra-curricular sports timetable for the Autumn Term can be found [here](#).

Voluntary contribution

We want to give students the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sports. However, there is a financial cost associated with this. We politely ask parents for a **one-off voluntary contribution of £30 (or more if you feel able) per child**. This covers the whole academic year and will help fund:

- transport costs
- referees and officials
- tournament entry fees
- the purchase of new sporting equipment and kit
- external coaches which complement the activities and teams already run by HGS staff

Without the help of parents, we would not be able to provide the extensive sporting opportunities for your child. This contribution can be paid for via the School Shop in the Arbor Parent portal or app ([using the School Shop](#)).

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Fixture Selection

Selection will be based on the strengths and merits of our players as well as the opposition. Attendance to training, academic progress and behaviour will also be considered when selecting students to represent the school. Therefore, selection may not always contain the strongest players.

Teams will be selected in advance of the fixtures to allow as much notice as possible and confirmation of selection will be emailed to students. Parents will not be notified directly if their child has been selected for a particular fixture, as we want our students to take responsibility to ensure that they are available to play and to arrange alternative transport home if the fixture goes beyond the normal school day. Fixtures will be listed in the Student Bulletin and on the website each week.

Attending Fixtures

We welcome parent supporters at our school fixtures. However, please note that during the school day or when fixtures are held inside the school, we may not be able to accommodate supporters due to teaching commitments.

Please refer to our fixture list which can be found on the school website home page. This details all our fixtures, timings and locations for the forthcoming week. This will also detail which fixtures parents/carers are invited to come along to support their child.

In order to safeguard our students, it is important that the following guidelines are adhered to:

Home Fixtures

- Please check the fixtures list on the school website to confirm spectators are invited to come along to support.
- We recommend arriving 5 to 10 minutes before the fixture is due to start. Please sign in at our main reception. A member of the PE team will meet you in main reception and escort you to the fixture.
- All visitors will be issued with a yellow lanyard which must be worn and clearly visible at all times.
- After the fixture, we ask that all supporters sign out at main reception and hand back the yellow visitor lanyard.
- We politely ask that spectators do not go anywhere other than the playing venue. There should be no requirement for any visitor to go into any other part of the school building. Unfortunately, visitors will not be able to use school toilets.
- Unfortunately, for some fixtures that take place inside the school building or at certain times of the day we are unable to accommodate spectators due to teaching commitments.
- We ask that all parents follow the [supporter code of conduct](#). Parents who do not adhere to this will be asked to leave the school premises.

Away Fixtures

We ask that parents check with the hosting school/venue that spectators can be accommodated before travelling to the host school. Please follow their signing in and out procedures.

Parent Volunteers

We are also aware that, in our parent community, there may be some individuals who have had experience with sports coaching, refereeing or umpiring. If this is the case, your help would be very welcome. If you

would like to get involved and help in assisting the sports programme then please email rydert@hgs.rklt.co.uk.

We thank you in advance for your support in helping PE and Sport continue to expand, flourish and be successful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Ryder', written in a cursive style.

Mr T Ryder
Director of Sport