

Dear Parent / Carer

## Sports Faculty – new procedures

We have enjoyed a really positive start to the term in Sports and I would like to thank you for your support in my new additional responsibility as Director of Sport. As a Sports Faculty, and a School, we are always looking to improve systems of communication with parents.

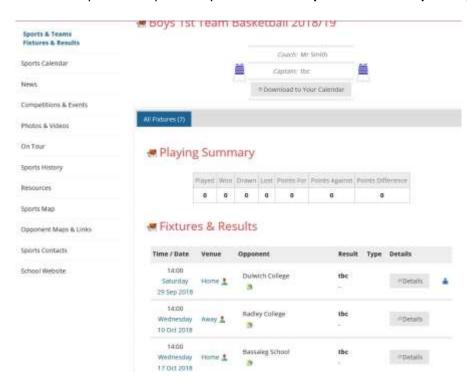
Students and visitors to our School will see the updated Sports notice boards; detailing fixtures and team selections for forthcoming matches by age group.

We have also now upgraded our software, which we will test during the rest of this term, providing a link to all sports information on School sporting events— timings and locations of fixtures, team selection, contact details, kit and other information — in one area <a href="www.strssport.org.uk">www.strssport.org.uk</a>. This covers all our competitive sports and includes — Badminton, Basketball, Chess, Cricket, Cross Country, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby, Swimming, Table Tennis and Tennis. You might want to save the address in your Favourites (and send it to your family and friends), so everyone interested can see at a glance, what's on, where and when. There are a number of ways to use this software:

1. Visit our **Sports Calendar** via the main menu, and then select the day you are interested in. This shows the venue and if we're playing away will have a link to the location map of our opponent's school. For the first time, you can now also see the **team selected** for the fixture wherever you see this blue image

From the Sports Calendar you can also click directly through to a **team's fixtures & results** listing by clicking the Team's Name. e.g. click on the **"Rugby-U16A"**.

2. If you are following a particular team, or teams, you can also select **Sports & Teams Fixtures & Results** from the main menu. Then select a particular sport and your team to see **past results and upcoming fixtures**.



From any teams Fixture list you can "**Spy" on the opponents** recent results by clicking on the spyglass button  $^{\bigcirc}$ , or see the **playing record** by clicking on this button  $^{\bigcirc}$ , or find their **location** by clicking on the map point button  $^{\triangle}$ .

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Fixture Details			
Date:	Wed 21 Nov 2018		
Time:	16:00		
Venue:	Home   Main School 🧘		
Type:	League		

3. From any team's 'Fixtures & Results listings' you can also **download** the entire fixture list to your **personal** calendar on your PC or mobile device (such as an iPhone or iPad). Any changes we make to our fixtures will be **synchronised** with your personal calendar whenever you connect your PC or mobile device to the Internet.

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4. If you are visiting our sports website on your mobile 'phone you will notice it loads up as a Mobile Web App. Full instructions for how to get the most out of the Web App can be found online - <a href="http://help.socscms.com/Page.asp?ID=175">http://help.socscms.com/Page.asp?ID=175</a>. The mobile web app will allow you to access fixture and team sheet information on the go!

We are always delighted to **receive feedback** and welcome your thoughts on this new system. We are hoping to develop our Sports page on the website <a href="https://strschool.co.uk/activities/sports">https://strschool.co.uk/activities/sports</a>, so please look out for changes planned for this term.

You kindly agreed in the single consent form to your child's participation in sporting activity, representing the school when selected. Normally we announce team selections 48 hours before the game. As stated in our school Off-site Visit Policy <a href="https://strschool.co.uk/about/policies/Off-site%20Visits%20Policy.pdf">https://strschool.co.uk/about/policies/Off-site%20Visits%20Policy.pdf</a> - it remains the student's responsibility to check participation, liaise with the member of staff responsible for that team on the student's availability and their chosen transport (school or personal) to and from the game (if it is an away fixture).

We are proud of our sporting achievements at Sir Thomas Rich's and also warmly welcome support from students' families and friends at games and are grateful to parents and carers for their time and commitment in supporting their child's participation. If you have any queries, please contact **sports@strs.org.uk** 

Many teams can be followed via their Twitter handles @TommiesRugby, @STRS\_Basketball, @STRSHockey, @STRSNetball and @STRSCricket but may we remind you of our photography and social media policies, all of which can be found on our website - https://strschool.co.uk/about/policies.

We look forward to welcoming you to fixtures over the coming year and beyond.

Wishing you a pleasant half-term holiday.

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Yours faithfully

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