

24 February 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Carers.

I'm incredibly excited by my appointment as the Head of Cricket at RGS and am honoured to become part of your son's cricketing journey as I get to know them as individuals, students, and players.

Regardless of ability, I'm committed to ensuring players enjoy their experiences of cricket, achieve their potential, and appreciate that learning is a process that requires hard work and dedication. I aim to create challenging yet supportive environments in which players take pride in, and ownership of, their development, and are willing and able to confidently put the needs of the team above their own whilst playing aggressive, positive cricket. We welcome all parents, carers, guardians, and friends to support, guide, and share the boy's cricketing journey. Fixtures will usually take place during the week, whilst we also have several 'fixture blocks' on Saturday mornings which will see us running as many as 13 teams to ensure we can try and give every pupil the chance to experience the pride of representing RGS on a match day alongside their friends and team-mates.

Growing up in a household of teachers and being exposed to a range of opportunities developed a desire for continual improvement, a passion for helping others, and the opportunity to engage in numerous sports - including junior recognition with Leicestershire Cricket. I've since completed a Sport and Exercise Science degree at the University of Wales Institute Cardiff, a PGCE in Secondary Physical Education at Loughborough University, and a Sports Coaching Masters at the University of Central Lancashire. I worked at Myerscough College & University Centre (Preston) as a Lecturer in Sport, and the Sport Coaching and Performance Course Leader. Alongside my teaching responsibilities, I starting as the Cricket Programme's Assistant Coach & Match Analyst before becoming its Head Coach. Away from teaching, I'm an ECB Coach Educator and have managed the delivery of coaching at junior and senior club level, as well as coached upon the County Pathway (Lancashire Women) and England Development Programme (North of England U15s).

RGS provides your son with a level of coaching, facilities, and fixtures to rival many independent schools, resulting in being listed in *The Cricketer Magazine's* Top 100 Senior Schools – an outstanding achievement for a state school. We rely heavily upon the exceptional efforts of the parent-run [Friends of Cricket \(FoC\)](#) who contribute significantly towards costs including external coaches at games and training, transport to and from fixtures, teas, umpires, match balls, and capital expenditure when required. If you would like to find out more about the FoC, or enquire about adding your skills and knowledge to the committee, please contact them on RGSFOC@gmail.com.

Here's to working together towards an exciting, memorable, and successful season of cricket at RGS.

Andrew Fletcher
Head of Cricket

Events for 2020 - Save the Date!

Thursday 27 February 2020 - Friends of Cricket Meeting
Saturday 21 March 2020 - RGS Cricket Season launch BBQ & Force Day
Wednesday 24 June 1XI v The MCC
Tuesday 7 July - Cricket Awards
Thursday 9 July 2020 - Staff v Boys Cricket Match