

29 June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 7 FENCING TASTER SESSION

All Year 7 students are invited to attend a Fencing Taster Session with Coach Jenny Douglas on Wednesday 1st July to see if they are interested in joining the RGS Fencing Club in September 2025. No previous experience of Fencing is required.

The taster session will take place in the Sports Hall from 3.15pm to approx 4.30 (note the early school closure due to Open Evening). Students should use Changing Room 8 to change into PE kit and trainers, with long socks for safety reasons.

The Yr 8 RGS Fencing Club will take place after school on Wednesdays, starting in the Autumn term. Annual membership costs £100 and students are required to purchase a glove, a foil/sabre bodywire and a plastron; all other items of fencing clothing and equipment are supplied by the school and we run a scheme which allows year 8 boys to hire a plastron.

We would not like any student to be prevented from participating purely financial reasons: Pupil Premium (PP) Support is available. If a student qualifies for Pupil Premium and requires support, please contact Mr Sheehan, Assistant Head (gds@rgshw.com). General Financial Hardship: If the cost is otherwise prohibitive, please contact Mr Sheehan in strictest confidence to explore available funding. Sixth Form Bursary: Support for Sixth Form students not on Pupil Premium may be available via a bursary scheme.

If your son is interested in attending the taster session, I would be grateful if you would fill in the "no obligation" form via the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWxAbOpr1j-mGGmm2N59KgXMV22mwFRtUoub2ExhDQkQ9J3A/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

Any questions, please do not hesitate to email me.

Yours faithfully,

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