9 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

## WINTER CRICKET NET TRIALS - YEAR 7-9

There will be an external winter cricket programme running throughout this term and next, however, spaces are limited due to the size of the Sports Hall. Due to the popularity of cricket we will be holding trial net sessions for Year 7-9 in the Sports Hall as below.  Sign up is available via SOCS. Each session is capped at 30 attendees and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. **Please only sign your child up for 1 session for their year group.**

**Friday 19th September - Year 8**
Session 1 - 3:40-4:40
Session 2 - 4:50-5:50

**Friday 3rd October - Year 7**
Session 1 - 3:40-4:40
Session 2 - 4:50-5:50

**Friday 26th September - Year 9**
Session 1 - 3:40-4:40
Session 2 - 4:50-5:50

**Friday 10th October - Year 7**
Session 3 - 3:40-4:40
Session 4 - 4:50-5:50

Following the trials a group of approximately 20 students per year group will be invited to attend the weekly Development Squad Cricket Training sessions.  These are not compulsory sessions but would be hugely helpful in being able to improve individual player's key technical skills during the off season in preparation for the 2026 season. They will be an excellent opportunity to train with two Level 3 coaches throughout the term to develop their technical skills, tactical knowledge and overall execution. Those selected will receive a letter containing further information, including the ParentPay link to pay for the sessions (£180 for the 10 sessions during the Autumn Term and £198 for the 11 sessions during the Spring Term).

**Year 8** - Tuesday (evening) 19:00-20:30
**Year 9** - Wednesday (evening) 19:00-20:30
**Year 7** - Friday (after school) - 15:30-17:00

For those who unfortunately do not get selected, I will run a lunchtime cricket club in the Spring term so they have an opportunity to attend cricket sessions also.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me direct.

Best wishes
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