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Dear Parents/Carers

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE RUGBY FESTIVAL - WATCH THE LIVESTREAM ON 18 & 19 OCTOBER!

The [St Joseph's College Rugby Festival](#), now in its 39th year, stands proudly as the pinnacle of school rugby in the UK. This prestigious event, taking place this weekend, is a highlight in the school sports calendar, known for its high calibre of schools, exceptional standard of play, and unmatched scale.

The Festival began in 1986 to mark St Joseph's College's Golden Jubilee. It invites schools from both state and independent sectors, providing an inclusive platform for showcasing young rugby talent. Over the years, many players have graced the turf, with some advancing to professional levels while others merely cherish the memories of their participation. RGS has witnessed many memorable Festival moments including Nick Duncombe winning St Joseph's Player of the Tournament and Christian Wade securing Try of the Tournament.

Our current senior squad has demonstrated remarkable prowess already this season. Their achievements include two impressive wins in the U18 Continental Tyres Schools Cup and they look forward to facing Reading Blue Coat School in Round 3 in early November. Led by 1st XV Captain, Jude, who played a full season last year and successfully led a tour of South Africa in the summer, the team is well prepared to face tough opposition in this year's Festival draw.

The event is accessible to all, with live-streamed action and professional commentary available on both days. On Day 1 (Sat 18 October) we will be playing all our matches on [Pitch 1](#), and we welcome everyone to join the excitement of the Festival and support the 1st XV online:

09:15 - RGSHW v Berkhamsted

12:05 - RGSHW v Strathallan

14:55 - RGSHW v Kirkham

Links:

[Day 1 \(Sat 18 October\) - Pitch 2](#)

[Day 2 \(Sun 19 October\) - Pitch 1](#)

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[Full Festival Schedule](#)

Kind regards

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