

10/03/2021

Dear Parents

### **Pre-Season Plan for Cricket**

Following the announcement that we will fully return on Monday 15 March, we are able to share information on cricket kit/clothing, our plan for the next 3 weeks, and the start of the Summer Term.

#### **Clothing** – All Years

Please carefully read the attached 'Clothing Information 2021' document to understand the clothing expectations for the Cricket Programme, and order by **Sunday 14 March** to guarantee delivery before our opening training sessions/fixtures.

#### **Banding Sessions** - Years 7, 8, 9 & 10

From Monday 15 March, we will be running a vastly condensed version of the banding sessions that were originally planned to run throughout January and February. The groupings below were made using the previously completed banding session application forms, with the sessions used to appropriately group boys (as best as possible) for our opening internal fixtures (from 19 April). These banding sessions will be delivered from 3.50 – 5.00pm in the Sports Hall so boys will need to change quickly and arrive early to help set up. Years 7 and 8 will only need their bat and gloves as they will be using incrediballs. Years 9 and 10 will be using hard balls so will need to bring their own playing/batting kit as we are unable to provide these items due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Initial groupings and team selections are not final; we have had very little exposure to the skills and abilities of the boys, so will provide plenty of opportunities for them to demonstrate these during training and matches. Boys will be moved accordingly as we identify their strengths and weaknesses as a person, player, and teammate.

- Monday 15/03           7CJ, 7CW & 7OH
- Tuesday 016/03       7AB, 7AR, 7TM & 7LR
- Friday 19/03           8AP, 8CG & 8GF
- Monday 22/03         8SK, 8DC & 8JG
- Tuesday 23/03         9SA, 9LW & 9SN
- Friday 26/03           9VC, 9CR & 9RG
- Monday 29/03         10BG, 10AF & 10NM
- Tuesday 30/03         10SC, 10DW & 10LH

#### **Pre-Season Development Training** - Years 10, 11, 12 & 13

For those who attended the Fielding and Fitness training programme, our 'Pre-Season Development' sessions will be delivered in the Sports Hall from 7.00 - 8.30am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from Tuesday 16 March.

#### **Junior & Senior Development Programmes** - Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13

Our Junior and Senior Development Programmes are not able to return due to School and Government guidance. We aim to restart these sessions as soon as the guidance allows.

## The Summer Term

At an expected cost of at least £5500, I am incredibly grateful to the Friends of Cricket Committee for agreeing to fund *two* external coaches to support the ENTIRE Summer Term Games and Co-Curricular Coaching Programme. This significant investment is further evidence of our commitment to allowing as many boys as possible to experience and benefit from high-quality coaching regardless of ability or experience.

Age-group training sessions will be a mix of internal games, game-based scenarios on our grass wickets, fielding activities, team development practises, fitness development activities, and net-based practice. Individual and group needs will be central to any decisions taken, whilst the space, facilities, and coaches available will also be considered when organising the practices.

As we are awaiting guidance in relation to being allowed to play external fixtures, we have two plans in place for the Summer Term; the first two weeks of which are provided below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>No External Fixtures</u>	<u>External Fixtures Permitted</u>
Monday 19 April	Senior Internal Fixtures	U13 Internal Fixtures
Tuesday 20 April	U15 Internal Fixtures U15 Training	U15 Internal Fixture/s
Wednesday 21 April	U13 Internal Fixtures U13 Training	Senior 1XI v DCGS Senior 2XI v DCGS
Thursday 22 April	U14 Internal Fixtures U14 Training	U14 Internal Fixtures
Friday 23 April	U12 Internal Fixtures U12 Training	U12 Internal Fixtures
Saturday 24 April	No Fixtures	U15 v DCGS ( <i>League Cup</i> ) U14 v DCGS U13 v DCGS U12 v DCGS
Sunday 25 April		
Monday 26 April	U16 House Fixtures U16 & Senior Training	U16 v Chesham Grammar U16 & Senior Training
Tuesday 27 April	U15 House Fixtures U15 Training	U15 v SWBGS Senior 2XI v SWBGS U15 Training
Wednesday 28 April	U13 House Fixtures U13 Training	U13 v DCGS U13 v DCGS U13 Training
Thursday 29 April	U14 House Fixtures U14 Training	U14 v DCGS U14 Training
Friday 30 April	U12 House Fixtures U12 Training	U12 v Burnham GS ( <i>County Cup</i> ) U12 v Burnham GS U12 Training
Saturday 01 May	No Fixtures – Bank Holiday Weekend	
Sunday 02 May		

If you have any queries about RGS Cricket, please do not hesitate to contact me ([ahf@rgshw.com](mailto:ahf@rgshw.com)). Thank you in advance for all your support.

Kind regards  
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