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U12 (Yr 7) Rugby Season 2016-17

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to The Bishop's Stortford High School and welcome to Year 7 Rugby. To ensure we have a successful start in September I wanted to take this opportunity to outline training times, kit requirements and expectations. A full fixture card and extra-curricular sports timetable will also be given to your son in September and I strongly recommend they get involved in as much as possible.

I believe the boys will enjoy playing Rugby at the school and apart from developing physically, they will also benefit socially; gaining skills in communication, team work, leadership and self-discipline. All pupils are welcome to rugby training, whether they have played lots before or never even picked up a rugby ball (the vast majority will never have played). Pupils in Year 7 will play Rugby in the first two terms, training several times a week and representing the school or attending additional training on Saturdays. Due to the large number of pupils attending training, selecting the strongest teams can take some time. Therefore it is vital that players continue to attend training even if they are not selected for the team at the beginning of the season. If players do not train, they will not be selected to represent the school, unless there are valid reasons and I am informed in advance (usually via a note from parents).

All parents, friends and family are welcome to come and support on match days and Saturday training sessions. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September is your first opportunity to see the boys train and meet some of the staff, form tutors and other parents at the Coffee Morning at Jobber's Wood (details below). They also have their first Games session Period 5 on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and will therefore need their kit.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer and although I know some of the boys will be very nervous when we approach September, they will feel part of the school in no time at all. I am looking forward to an action packed Rugby season and hope to meet many of you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Brinker

Head of Sixth Form

Assistant Headteacher

COFFEE MORNING AND YEAR 7 TRAINING – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 8.15am – 10.00am at Jobber's

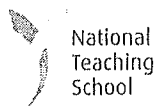
- All boys are expected to attend and train.
- Boys should arrive in full games kit (details outlined below) for 8.15am.
- All parents, friends, family are welcome.

GENERAL TRAINING TIMES – note: first training session is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept before school

TUESDAY BEFORE SCHOOL [HOUSES C, D] (SPORTSHALL 7.30AM-8.30AM) – FULL RUGBY KIT WITH TRAINERS  
WEDNESDAY BEFORE SCHOOL [HOUSES M, R] (SPORTSHALL 7.30AM-8.30AM) – FULL RUGBY KIT WITH TRAINERS  
THURSDAY BEFORE SCHOOL [HOUSES T, W] (SPORTSHALL 7.30AM-8.30AM) – FULL RUGBY KIT WITH TRAINERS  
WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL [All players] (FIELD 3.30PM-5.00PM)  
THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL [All players] (FIELD 3.30PM-5.00PM)  
SATURDAY MORNINGS (TRAINING AND MATCH TIMES VARY)

**KIT:** Boys are required to train and play in full school games kit: Black and Gold Rugby Shirt, Black School Rugby Shorts, Black and Gold School Rugby Socks, Boots (trainers for morning sessions in sportshall) in addition to bringing a gumshield (however, do not worry if you currently do not have one for the first week).

Throughout the season messages will go out via twitter @tbshssport so please sign up and follow us.



Directions to Jobber's Wood for Saturday fixtures and training: Postcode is SG10 6FB

