

FIXTURES GUIDE

Dear Parents

I thought it might be helpful to confirm a few points regarding Sport and fixtures at Godolphin. We hope that our students enjoy playing in matches, and we warmly welcome support from parents and from other friends of the School. I hope you find the following information helpful, and please let me know if there are other points which you would like to see included.

Please be aware that students selected for teams are expected to play in all scheduled fixtures, including those played at weekends. If they are not available for some reason, then they should let the PE Department know at least half a term in advance. Please plan ahead!

All information is posted on the board outside the P.E. Office (Baxter Pool, at the end of pitch 1) and schoolssports.com. This is password protected.

A. KIT

All girls are required to wear either their school navy PE kit (winter) white shirt (summer) or team kit if issued. It is compulsory to wear a mouth guard for hockey and lacrosse and goggles are to be worn for lacrosse. Shin pads should be worn for hockey. Water bottles are an essential item and should be taken to every lesson, club and fixture. Hair should be tied back and all jewellery should be removed. Girls are required, by the rules of governing bodies, to remove their earrings. Please plan ahead when considering piercing your daughter's ears. Taping up pierced ears is no longer acceptable. Girls should have tracksuit bottoms and wear them to and from fixtures. They also need to wear these if they are going to academic lessons in PE kit.

B. HOME MATCHES

WHERE IS THE MATCH BEING PLAYED?

There is a map at the front of the School which will direct you to the various pitches and courts and these are also highlighted on schoolssports.com. You may also find these written instructions useful:

Pitches 1, 2 and 3 are on the main School site. Pitch 1 is just past the Performing Arts Centre; for Pitches 2 and 3, go to Pitch 1 and follow the path in front of the swimming pool and go down the steps, or follow the path behind the PAC: you will find the pitches on the next level down.

The Sports Hall is on Milford Field, just outside the main School grounds. Walk out of the entrance towards School House, cross Milford Hill, and walk down Bellamy Lane (which is slightly to your left), The Sports Hall and courts are at the end of the Lane.

The Baxter Pool is at the end of Pitch 1 (above).

Tennis and netball courts are named:

Sportshall by the Sports Hall, on Milford Field (above)

Coaching Courts are by the Baxter Pool (at the end of Pitch 1, above)

Cooper Courts by Cooper House (at the end of Pitch 2 above)





WHAT TIME DO PLAYERS NEED TO ARRIVE?

Players need to warm up, so must arrive at School half an hour before the match is due to start. NB Times given in the diary are start times, not arrival times!

WHAT TIME WILL THE MATCH FINISH?

Finish times are inevitably approximate, but estimated times are clearly posted on the PE notice board (outside the P.E. office at the near end of the Baxter pool). They are also on schoolssports.com.

WHERE ARE MATCH TEAS?

During the autumn and spring terms, the School always provides match teas, to which parents and other supporters are warmly invited. Match teas are in the South Dining Room or PAC. Please use the door on the patio between Cooper and Sayers.

WHEN ARE PLAYERS FREE TO GO HOME?

Players are hosting their opponents from other schools, so must look after their guests during tea, and also see them off onto the coach. Then they may leave. If for some exceptional reason they need to go earlier, then they must seek prior permission from Mrs Pokai.

C. AWAY MATCHES

WHEN DOES THE BUS LEAVE?

Players need to arrive in School in time to board the bus, and these times are posted on the PE board and schoolssports.com. (NB Times given in the Diary are when the match starts, not when the journey begins!). Players who wish to go directly to a fixture must tell the PE department beforehand. Buses are very costly and if we can take a minibus instead this helps everyone's budget!

WHEN WILL PLAYERS RETURN TO GODOLPHIN?

It is impossible to give a precise time, but approximate times are clearly posted on the PE notice board and schoolssports.com and we do our very best to be within these. If players wish to make alternative arrangements, they must tell the PE department beforehand. NB Just as in home matches, players may not leave until after match teas are over:

CATERING

We provide packed lunches for away fixtures for both Sarums and Boarders. However, we only provide Saturday packed lunches for full time boarders. If your daughter is boarding on a Friday night as a weekly boarder or decides to stay over for the Friday night, then they must let Mrs Edwards know so that she can cater accordingly. Sarums must provide their own packed lunches at the weekends.

HOW DO SUPPORTERS FIND THE SCHOOLS INVOLVED?

Directions can be obtained from the P.E. Office or from schoolssports.com.

D. HOME & AWAY!

HOW DOES A PLAYER KNOW IF A MATCH HAS BEEN CANCELLED?

If a match is cancelled, it will be posted on the schoolssports.com at the designated cancellation time. As it is simple to link the sports diary to your smartphone, we recommend this is done in order that you can check the sports pages frequently and easily.

Boarding House staff will also check the sports pages to ascertain whether a match has been cancelled or not.



WHAT HAPPENS IF A PLAYER IS ILL?

If a player is ill, then the PE department obviously needs to know as soon as possible. If the illness is at short notice (e.g. on a Saturday morning before a Saturday afternoon match), then the player should phone their captain and reserve. Non-travelling reserves must ensure that they are available for fixtures in case they are required at short notice.

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