

NSB Sports Day 2016

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Dear Parent / Guardian

NSB Sports Day 2016 takes place on Wednesday 13th July. This is the only day on the school calendar when lessons are suspended for all years and the whole school comes together as one. There will be over 800 boys, in Years 7–10, simultaneously engaged in a variety of House activities throughout the day, all based on the playing fields at the school.

I am writing to outline some organisational points that parents should be aware of prior to the event.

- Students must come to school in their uniform and register as normal at 8.45am.
- Immediately following registration, students will change into sports kit and make their way to the playing fields where they will be directed to the start of their respective events.
- Events will run in two 2 hour blocks, 9.30 – 11.30am and 12.45 – 2.45pm.
- There will be no break time. Lunchtime will occur earlier than normal, between 11.30am – 12.30pm. Full lunch service will exist as on any other school day.
- For the majority of the day, the boys will be engaged in competitions within their own year group, in distinct parts of the school fields. However the day will close with all students and staff on the lower level for relays and presentations.
- After events have finished the students will be required to change back into their uniform before leaving the school site as normal at 3.35pm.

It is important that parents and boys are aware that Wednesday 13th July will be unlike any other school day. The students will spend the majority of the day outside in the elements and as such their kit requirements for the day need to be considered carefully. On Tuesday 12th July there will be year group assemblies at which I will reinforce a number of points relating to the organisation of the day. Some of the issues I will discuss are outlined for your information below:

- Students are required to bring their school books as for any normal Wednesday. If the weather prevents Sports Day from occurring, students will need to be prepared for a normal day of lessons.
- All students must bring their school PE kit, which they will wear throughout the day. House t-shirts can be worn, if you son owns one.

- All students are advised to bring a small bag, in which they should carry sun cream, a hat, water, a long sleeve top and if they are particularly susceptible to sunburn a pair of tracksuit bottoms. It is absolutely vital that students take **appropriate independent care** to avoid over-exposure to the sun on the day. They will be reminded to apply sun cream throughout the day, to drink water at regular intervals and to cover up if they feel themselves starting to burn.
- First aid will be provided at a number of locations on the day for any students who are injured. If any student feels they are suffering from the heat they will be encouraged to report to first aid, sooner rather than later.
- Given normal summer weather patterns, students are also advised to bring a light waterproof in case of showers. The school tracksuit top would be ideal in this respect. Students are reminded 'hoodies' are not permitted.
- All valuables will be locked in the form rooms at 8.55am. Students will not be able to access their form rooms again until afternoon registration. Therefore students must make sure they have everything they need for the day, before they make their way out to the playing fields in the morning. I strongly advise students not to bring valuable items such as ipods to school on Sports Day.

It is my intention to make Sports Day as inclusive as possible for all the students in the school. Every boy in Years 7-10 has been entered for activities on the day. All students in Year 12 will be engaged as officiators or in other supporting roles. The theme is 'participation for all' and every student's contribution will be valued. If any students are unable to participate on the day, through illness or injury, they will be asked to report to me at the start of events and I will allocate them supporting roles to keep them engaged and help them feel involved.

Please be aware that due to safeguarding guidelines, parents are unfortunately not permitted to attend / spectate on the day.

Students will be briefed in greater depth on the 12th, however, if as a parent you have any concerns relating to the information contained herein please contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr J. Wilcock
Director of Sport