



MERCHANT TAYLORS'

School

Dear Parent/Guardian,

PE and Games Curriculum 2026/2027

As we prepare for the new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some changes to the PE & Games curriculum for 2026/27, and to recap on some practical information about Sport at Taylors'.

Physical Education

Boys in the Thirds (Year 7) will have two dedicated Physical Education lessons each week from September, in addition to a Games afternoon. Upper Thirds (Year 8) will have one Physical Education lesson each week, with two Games sessions. The PE lessons focus on developing athletic ability, movement skills, health and fitness, and swimming proficiency.

Games

Games sessions are scheduled on different days for different year groups, allowing us to further tailor the programme and make the best use of our facilities. Games sessions for each year group will be as follows:

- Thirds (Year 7): Friday period 5 (2.40-3.40pm)
- Upper Thirds (Year 8) and Fourths (Year 9): Tuesday and Thursday period 5 (2.40-3.40pm)
- Divisions (Year 10), Fifths (Year 11), and Sixth Form: Monday and Wednesday period 5 (2.40-3.40pm)

Games Options

Our core sports - Rugby, Hockey and Cricket - remain at the heart of our sporting programme, with the majority of boys representing the school in competitive fixtures across the year.

Alongside these, we continue to place a strong emphasis on Health & Wellbeing, offering a variety of alternative sporting activities. At key points in the year, boys take part in trials for the relevant core sport, after which they will either continue in the core sport or join a rotation of other activities (options vary across the year).

We are grateful for your continued support in helping us foster a positive and respectful sporting culture across the school. Your encouragement and reinforcement of these values at home makes a real difference to the boys' experience and to the wider School community.

We look forward to another exciting year of sport at Taylors', and I wish your son every success both on and off the field. I also look forward to seeing many of you on the touchline throughout the seasons ahead.

Gareth Roots
Director of Sport