

# Sporting Parent Forum 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025



The purpose of the Sporting Parent Forum is to work with a group of parents to seek feedback on areas that have recently been developed, are in development or that have been identified as needing review. The group meets 3 times a year, along with the Director of Sport, Assistant Director of Sport and Deputy Head Co-Curricular.

## **Executive Summary Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025**

### **Match Day Experience at Wellington for pupils, parents/guardians and visitors**

Catering offering – felt to be excellent. However, with increased usage at Selassie (with the new courts) and Derby, there needs to be a more complete offering at the Selassie Hut. This offering will be reviewed along with work to provide changing space in the building and increased toilet capacity.

There is a need for clarity over locations – large scale location maps are in the production process to be placed at key sites around College, including the entrance and all major sporting venues.

Ensure that opposing teams are well hosted and escorted to match teas, especially in winter sports. Noted that many pupils/parents wish to depart due to travel plans, but this should not take away from ensuring visiting teams are well hosted.

Where possible with scheduling, ensure that a show piece fixture finish is possible to allow pupils/parents to support the most senior home team in priority sports. i.e. staggered start times.

### **Touring (overseas) Schedule and Objective/Purpose**

The College has noted a perception with overseas touring of financial pressures, pupil overlap in sports and therefore invites to multiple tours, a desire for inclusivity to touring experiences, planning pressures and exam year group scheduling concerns.

The following was discussed as the objective/purpose of overseas tours:

- Sporting experience is the key, with any cultural/leisure experiences as secondary
- Provide a high level experience to those pupils with significant aspirations in their sport, meaning that overseas tours will be highly selective in nature

The following was discussed as the schedule/operational side of overseas tours:

- Aimed at 6<sup>th</sup> form pupils mainly
- Tours every two years in priority sports to ensure pupils have the opportunity
- Consider less long haul options to mitigate cost but still maintain high quality sporting experiences
- Publish an intended 5 year touring schedule to allow planning

### **Other items discussed or planned for future sessions**

- Balance of provision between girls and boys
- Communication of events – need for accuracy – Overview of likely annual events [HERE](#)
- Participation and following up on those absent from sport
- Creative approach and balance of volume of fixtures, especially in exam season
- Marketing clarity over what we do