

Sporting Parent Forum 28th February 2026



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 28th February 2026

Match Day Catering Experience Update

Catering offering has been enhanced at the Clays Hut – this was unanimously noticed and noted to be a marked improvement.

The aim for the Summer term and beyond is to continue to ensure enhanced catering offerings are available in high footfall/usage areas, so as to make it as efficient as possible to access provision.

Touring (overseas) Schedule and Objective/Purpose

The College is working to the below, with regards overseas tours. It currently looks likely that Rugby, Netball and Cricket will continue with long haul options, in order to meet the below, however, it is likely that European destinations may be suitable for Hockey and Football. Rackets and Golf continue to focus on the US, due to locations where the sports are played or because of targeting University links within the US system.

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

Schedule/operational side of overseas tours:

- Aimed at 6th 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

New Sports Awards Structure

The College has reviewed and restructured the previous Sports Scholarship structure, now Sports Awards structure, having consulted with external sporting pathways and available talent identification and development literature and experts. The new structure can now be found here <https://www.wellingtoncollege.org.uk/co-curricular/sport/sport-awards/>, with the key developments being a tiered approach, allowing for progression and increased support, as pupils progress on their sporting journey.

Trends and patterns in pupil participation

Data on pupil participation was presented and discussed, focusing on Tier 1 Priority sports for each term, as well as Strength and Conditioning and Gym attendance. The College will continue to track data, both internal and external, in order to ensure the provision of sport and physical activity meets the desires of the pupils, whilst also ensuring clear educational benefit and promoting life long engagement in sport and physical activity. The use of the data has also led to restrictions in some areas where the quality of the offering had been diluted, focus groups and education sessions being run with pupils/staff to ensure provision meets pupil needs, facility development and planning and communication and action with the likes of Playerlayer to ensure the kit meets the needs of sports and the pupils.

Other items discussed

- Ensuring communication methods remain clear to the parent body on what is happening in sports