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13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### **National Rugby Final**

The Year 10 rugby team have reached the National Final of the English Schools RFU Under 15 Vase. This is the fourth time the school has reached a National Final in rugby since 2013. Each of the previous events was a special occasion and this year will prove to be no different. The event is being staged at Twickenham Stadium, the home of England Rugby. 11:00am kick off on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Our opponents on the day will be St John's School, Leatherhead.

This is a great achievement for the school and, in order to celebrate this occasion, we would like to take some student support to the match. The school rugby players from various non-examination year groups have been offered a place on the trip. So too students in Year 10, who may not necessarily be rugby players, but who want to show their peer group support at the event. Your son falls into one of the categories above and as such, I am pleased to be able to offer him a place on the trip. The details for which are as follows:

- The students will meet at the Sports Hall Car Park at 8:00am.
- Staff will be on hand to direct students to the appropriate coach.
- It is our intention to arrive at the stadium in good time for the match and there will be opportunity upon arrival for the students to eat. As parents you have the option to send your son with a packed lunch or some money in order to buy food from one of the concession stands.
- Entry to the stadium is free and the school will cover the cost of transport for all students.
- The game kicks off at 11:00am. We will aim to depart the stadium after the match and associated post-game presentations. Leaving at around 2:00pm
- Return to school will be approximately 3:30pm. Boys will be dropped at the bus bay on Billing Road.
- The students are ambassadors for the school at this event and as such they will wear their full school uniform throughout the day.
- All are instructed to bring a warm / waterproof coat, as they will be sitting in the open air for 3 hours.

This match will serve as a celebration of what the NSB team have achieved this season and it will be impressed upon the travelling students that their behaviour during all parts of the day will be in keeping with all that the school stands for. I will want the boys to be vocal and enthusiastic in their support, but in no way derogatory to either the opposing players or the officials. This will be reinforced to all present on the day.

There is a possibility of course that this event may be affected by current public health measures. As I write, the event remains scheduled to occur on the 19<sup>th</sup> and we are preparing accordingly. However, should central Government, Public Health England or the RFU change their current stance, we should be prepared for this event to potentially be cancelled or played behind closed doors. Under either circumstance, students would be expected to attend school as normal.

If you would like your son to join the travelling support, could I request that you please complete the reply slip below. He will need to return this to Mr Hewitt at the Sports Hall Lounge on Tuesday lunchtime. At that point he will be given a ticket to travel which must be presented at departure on Thursday.

Mr J Wilcock  
Director of Sport

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**Reply Slip**

Please return to Mr Hewitt at the Sports Hall Lounge, at lunchtime on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

I hereby confirm that I would like my son to join the travelling support to the National Rugby Final on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Student Name:..... Form: .....

Parental Signature: .....