



Northampton School for Boys

An independent Academy for the Town and County

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24 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to invite your child to represent Northampton School *for Boys* at the Merchiston Castle Festival in Edinburgh, one of the most prestigious school rugby festivals in the UK. Participation is by invitation only and recognises a player's commitment, attitude and performance. Unfortunately, due to the limited number of places available, we are unable to offer places to all eligible players.

Event Overview

- Event: Merchiston Castle School, 294 Colinton Rd, Edinburgh EH13 0PU
- Dates: Friday 9 October 2026 – Sunday 11 October 2026
- Format: Two-day national competition (Saturday and Sunday)

Costings

The cost of the trip is **£150**, which includes travel, tournament entry, a tournament T-shirt, accommodation and breakfast.

Players will need to bring a packed lunch for the first day. Additional snacks, drinks, match day nutrition and lunches may be purchased during the trip at their own expense.

Evening meals will be provided throughout the visit.

The deadline for Payment is **Friday 2 October 2026**.

Students will travel in a convoy of minibuses accompanied by NSB staff.

Travel & Schedule

Day 1 – Friday 9 October 2026

- Departure: 09:00

Day 2 – Saturday 10 October 2026

- (3 Games)

Day 3 - Sunday 11 October 2026

- (3 Games) Return to School circa 23:00

Accommodation

- Argyle Backpackers, 14 Argyle Pl, Edinburgh EH9 1JL
- Accommodation is in a mixture of dormitory style rooms, exclusive to NSB Players

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Attendance & Selection

As this is an invitational trip with limited spaces, we understand that not all invited players may be able to attend due to personal or financial commitments. If your child is not able or does not wish to attend, please notify us as soon as possible so that the place can be offered to another player.

If your child becomes injured, we will aim to offer another student a place and provide a refund for your child's place.

Kind regards

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Director of Rugby

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