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Dear Parent,

The beginning of term will see us restart our games programme. This will look a little different to begin with but, as restrictions are lifted, we hope to return to as a normal routine as soon as possible.

Games sessions will be organised in year group bubbles and we will be offering a wider choice for Year 9 upwards and a guided choice for Years 3-8. Safety will be our highest priority and we will ensure we follow the latest government guidelines.

Unfortunately, all fixtures up to half term have been either cancelled or postponed. The only ones that remain are golf but these are still to be confirmed. We will endeavour to rearrange what we can and potentially look to merge some fixtures into next term. We will however be offering club sessions on three Saturdays this half term from 9.30am - 11.00am on the 19th September, 3rd October and the 17th October. These will be dependent on the take up of numbers and a note to gauge interest will be sent out soon.

With great challenges come great opportunities. Because we are not chasing raising teams for fixtures we can take a slightly different approach to our sport with the emphasis on fun, physical conditioning, leadership, wellbeing, re-engagement, learning life lessons and collaboration. I know these are at the heart of our sport anyway but perhaps now, more than ever, we can really focus in on these principles.

Unlike club sport, we are governed by the Department of Education, so have slightly different restrictions placed upon us. I know that independent schools are lobbying the DfE to become more aligned with the Department of Media, Culture and Sport so we can have a unified picture across all sport both within and outside school. Until that point we will strive to put in place the very best sports experience we can to help re-engage each individual student.

I am very excited to welcome the students back and get started on expanding and developing our games offering.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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