

10th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Richard Hale Rugby – September Update

Following the latest RFU guidance, rugby activity can continue, including training and, where appropriate, friendly matches. However, any activity is subject to local ground conditions, player readiness and safety. Pitches must be assessed before every session, and RFU guidance regarding contact activity on hard grounds must be followed.

All rugby activity, remains subject to continual review. We will continue to monitor the situation and follow any further guidance issued by the RFU.

Upcoming Fixtures

Our planned fixture against St George's this weekend will not be able to go ahead. Their pitches are currently not considered safe for play, and, unfortunately, we do not have an alternative pitch available at Hertford RFC. The main pitch at Hertford is already being used for friendly fixtures that weekend and therefore cannot be made available to us.

For the weekend of 19th September, we are hopeful that the expected rainfall will mean that two pitches at Hertford RFC will be playable. However, we are also conscious that our opponents that weekend are following the RFU guidance regarding player readiness and contact activity. We are, therefore, currently trying to arrange a modified block of rugby for the weekend of 19th September. This is proving challenging, but we will provide an update as soon as arrangements are confirmed.

We anticipate that normal competitive rugby arrangements will resume on Friday 25th September (Year 7) and Saturday 26th September (Year 8-13), when we are due to play Brentwood School.

Richard Hale Rugby Morning – Saturday 12th September

This Saturday, 12th September, we intend to run a Richard Hale Rugby Morning at Hertford Rugby Club for players for all year groups.

- **Start:** 9:30am
- **Finish:** approximately 11:00am
- **Location:** Hertford Rugby Club
- **Kit required:** Full games kit, boots and gumshield

The session will be planned with player readiness and pitch safety in mind, and all activities will be adapted where necessary to ensure they are appropriate for the current conditions and RFU guidance.

We appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility but our priority is to ensure that the boys have opportunities to train and develop while keeping player safety at the forefront of all decisions.

Richard Hale Rugby SOCS

Please note that all fixtures and results will be updated on the link below. Please refer to this page for the latest fixture information and match results.

[Richard Hale Rugby Fixtures and Results](#)

PTA – Second Hand Uniform

The PTA Department is always looking for good used school uniform. They would particularly welcome:

- Trainers and suitable sports footwear
- Football boots
- PE shirts / Games shirts
- PE shorts / Games shorts

They would also be happy to accept blazers, trousers and shirts. If you do have any to donate, please pass to the Reception.

Sporting fixtures on-site - spectators

Please note that spectators are **not** allowed onto the school site until after 3.20pm to watch any sporting fixtures.

Ski Trip Updates

A reminder that the deadline for final payments for the 2027 ski trips is 2nd October.

Details for the 2028 junior and senior ski trips are being finalised and we hope to be able to launch these in the next few weeks.

Ian Hawkins

Headteacher

September 2026 Calendar

Thursday 10 th	Year 7 Welcome Evening 7.00pm
Monday 14 th	Year 7 & 8 Reading Age Tests throughout week
Tuesday 22 nd	Year 12 Parents Information Evening 6.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Whole School Photograph
Monday 28 th	School finishes at 12.30 Open Evening 6pm – 8.30pm
Tuesday 29 th	Inset – School closed to students Open Evening 4pm – 6.30pm

October 2026 Calendar

Monday 5 th	Year 12 Initial Tests throughout week
Thursday 8 th	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Meetings

Tuesday 13 th	Year 11 Revisions Workshops in school day and Parent Revision Presentation 6.30pm
Monday 19 th	Bold Voices Presentation Years 7/9/11/13 Year 9 Exams to Friday 23 rd October

Weeks

Monday 14 th September	Week 1
Monday 21 st September	Week 2
Monday 28 th September	Week 1
Monday 5 th October	Week 2
Monday 12 th October	Week 1
Monday 19 th October	Week 2
Monday 26 th October	HALF TERM WEEK