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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the school year comes to an end our attentions will soon turn to September and the start of a new rugby season. This has proved to yet again be a difficult year for arranging fixtures with of many of our traditional opponents such as Bourne Grammar, Wisbech Grammar and Carres Grammar opting out of playing Saturday fixtures. With many of the larger private schools asking for Saturday fixtures at A, B and C team level, our conundrum is plain to see.

I am pleased to report once again that our PE staff remain as committed as ever to Saturday fixtures and we will continue to play the majority of fixtures on Saturdays. We welcome Silcoates and Bromsgrove School to our fixture list for the coming season at 1st, 2nd XV U15, U14 and U13 levels. Where Saturday fixtures have disappeared, we have worked hard to find replacement fixtures during the week and the result is that all teams will play as much if not more rugby than in previous years.

This year sees a large amount of away fixtures and with Saturday morning coaches costing up to £400.00, our transport costs will be as high as ever. If I could take this opportunity to remind parents that we ask for a £25 voluntary contribution from all team rugby players towards the running of these costs. This can be paid via parentpay.

2015 will see King's battling it out in the usual competitions. Our very promising 1st XV will travel to Nottingham to play Trent college in the second round of their National Natwest Cup campaign, with our under 15's also away in Uppingham to play Uppingham School. This year also sees the first year that we will be entering our U13s into the National cup and they will play Spalding Grammar in the first round. We will also be entering our U14 and U16 squads into the Lincolnshire county cup as well as the inaugural NLD cup for U16 teams. As ever, we will take an active part in the sevens calendar with our teams looking to retain their county and invitational titles that they won last season.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Joshua Hubbard (Yr 12) has been appointed as 1st XV captain for next season. Joshua has been involved in the 1st XV squad for the past two seasons and has been a standout performer for the U18 NLD and Midlands squad this season. He will be ably supported by Vice Captain and NLD representative player Connor Slack.

Our annual house rugby competition will take place on Saturday 5 December, our annual dinner will be held at the end of the school rugby season. Further information on this event will be available at the house rugby event on 5 December.

Finally, can I remind both parents and players of the first rugby training sessions of the new school year. The year 8, 9 and 10 teams will train at the school fields on Tuesday 1 September from 4pm till 5pm. In addition, years 11/12/13 will train on Wednesday 2 September from 2.00pm until 3.30pm.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Rugby