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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 many of our traditional opponents such as Denstone College, Silcoates and Carres Grammar opting out of playing us on a Saturday. With many of the larger private schools asking for Saturday fixtures at A, B, C and D team level, our conundrum is plain to see.

I am pleased to report once again that our PE staff remains as committed as ever to Saturday fixtures and we will continue to play the majority of fixtures on Saturdays. We welcome Oakham school, Mount St Mary and Worksop College (for junior teams) to our fixture list for the coming season at 1st, 2nd XV U15, U14, U13 and U12 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 rugby as they have done in previous years.

This year sees a large amount of away fixtures and with Saturday morning coaches costing up to £400.00 per match, our transport costs will be higher. 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 from the **5 September**. 2016 will see King's battling it out in the usual competitions. Our very promising 1st XV will be at home to Queen Elizabeth High school Gainsborough in the first round of their National Natwest Cup campaign, with our under 15's away to Spalding Grammar School. This year also sees the second 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 U13, U14, and U16 squads into the Lincolnshire county cup in which we are the holders of each county title as well as the annual NLD 12 a side cup for the U16 squad. 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 Matthew Law (Year 12) has been appointed as 1st XV captain for next season. Matthew has been involved in the 1st XV squad for the past two seasons and has been a standout performer for the U17 NLD squad this season. He will be ably supported by Vice Captain and NLD representative player Edward Poulson. Our annual house rugby competition will take place on Saturday 3 December. The 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 3 December. Our biannual rugby tour will be going to the east coast of Canada in July 2017 and we have a record number of players from the current year 9 and 10 rugby squads going on the tour. The tour captain will be Jonny Law who is currently in year 10.

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 **Thursday the 1 September** from 4.00pm till 5.00pm. In addition, years 11/12/13 will train on **Friday the 2 September** from 4.00pm until 5.00pm.

Yours sincerely,

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