

Summer Term – Y5-8 Games and PE Information

Philosophy

Through Sport at Bedford School, it is our aim to promote physical activity, provide opportunity and encourage participation and competition both in the individual and team context. We are not results driven; we realise winning is enjoyable but feel that just as much is learned in defeat. We want our boys to win and lose with grace. We will ensure boys are aware of the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, and that they develop personal and social skills, which will support their sporting development and assist their success in other areas of education and beyond. Having been given access to a wide range of physical activities, the boys will be equipped and motivated to continue their sporting participation on leaving school.

PE

In Years 5-8, boys have one period of PE a week. They are divided into two groups (A & B Group) depending on their individual swimming ability. Group A will swim for the first half of term and Group B will do PE. After that the groups swap to ensure all boys cover the same curriculum.

Games

Y5-8 boys have Games on two afternoons. Wednesday afternoon is a full sporting afternoon for all boys; Y7&8 also have a double period on Monday afternoon and Y5&6 have a double period on Friday afternoon.

Boys who are selected to play cricket for a team form part of the Cricket Squad and will play cricket for the whole term on both afternoons.

Boys not selected for the Cricket Squads:

Y7&8

Boys in Y7&8 who are not selected for the Squad are able to choose to do cricket, tennis, softball or athletics in their Games lesson on a Monday.

On Wednesdays they will have the opportunity to experience different sports of their choice from the games options list:

Rowing, Swimming, Fitness, Cricket, Tennis, Athletics, Golf (£9/session)

Y6

Boys in Y6 who are not selected for the Squad play cricket in the Academy in their Games lesson on a Friday. The Academy allows boys to be coached with others of a similar ability, giving them a safe and comfortable environment to learn new skills and develop confidence. If a boy performs well in the Academy, he is able to move into the Squad. Coaches liaise frequently with each other to ensure that those who have progressed are given opportunities to join a more able group.

On Wednesdays they will have the opportunity to experience different sports of their choice from the games options list:

Swimming, Fitness, Cricket, Tennis, Athletics, Golf (£9/session)

Y5

Boys in Y5 who are not selected for the Squad play cricket in the Academy in their Games lesson on a Friday. The Academy allows boys to be coached with others of a similar ability, giving them a safe and comfortable environment to learn new skills and develop confidence. If a boy performs well in the Academy, he is able to move into the Squad. Coaches liaise frequently with each other to ensure that those who have progressed are given opportunities to join a more able group.

On Wednesdays they will have a session of cricket and a session of athletics.

Sports Clubs

There are a range of sports clubs available to all boys before school, during lunch times and after school to complement and support the boys' Games and PE programme, and to enable them to further develop their skills. Due to staff and space restrictions, attendance at some clubs will be by selection and this is indicated on the Activities programme timetable.

The sports clubs timetable can be found on the VLE (Firefly).

Fixtures

Team Selection

The member of staff who is responsible for each team will select the team on merit according to performance, attitude and ability demonstrated in training sessions at school as well as previous matches. We realise that this can seem a subjective process, but our coaches take the role seriously and aim to be as fair as possible. Coaches will liaise with each other to ensure movement between groups as appropriate. All boys will have the opportunity to work with other teams above and below to encourage them to progress as much as they can, this includes Squad and Academy. As a result, boys will move up and down, and whilst we are aware that this can be sensitive, we aim to do this as thoughtfully as possible, and will give boys reasons and areas to work on. If there is a problem, we

encourage you to raise the concern with the coach of your son's team, or the Head of Games, Mr Phillips. Mr Mallalieu, as Assistant Head with responsibility for our Extra-Curricular programme, would be happy to listen to thoughts on how to improve our provision.

Team and fixture information

All team and fixture information will be available from the school sports website which can be accessed via the Prep School Home page - <http://www.bedfordprepsport.org.uk/>

Team Expectations

If selected to play for a school team, we expect our boys to be available and give their best effort. We aim to give as many boys as possible an opportunity to play for a school team. We anticipate any player who represents the school at any sport will feel a sense of pride. All players should be aware of their responsibilities to the school. They should therefore:

- check calendar for likely teams' matches
- dress smartly in appropriate school sports kit for matches and practices
- behave sensibly in transit to and from away matches and with due decorum at all times during the visit
- adhere to deadlines for practices and matches
- respect the opposition and officials
- show due consideration for others - both as spectators and as participants
- behave responsibly on the field of play
- support and encourage teammates
- always present a positive image
- be available for all fixtures including on Saturday afternoons.

Travel Information

For all away fixtures this will be available on the team sheet on the school sports website. Regular updates, where possible, in the event of delays will be available via [twitter@TravelBps](https://twitter.com/TravelBps) <https://twitter.com/TravelBps> to keep you informed of arrival times. Boys in teams returning after 17.45 must be collected from the main gates on Burnaby Road.

Results

All results can be seen on the School Sports Website with regular postings on [twitter@SportBPS](https://twitter.com/sportbps) - <https://twitter.com/sportbps>

PE and Games Kit

PE

House t-shirt, white shorts, white (plain) sports socks, non-marking trainers, PE bag

Swimming

Navy swim shorts or jammers, school swim bag, towel, goggles (optional)

Cricket essentials

Cricket whites (for training school tracksuit bottoms may be worn); school cricket shirt and jumper; **cricket spikes for regular team players** ; trainers; abdominal protector (box)
school sports bag

Cricket optional:

Pads, gloves, helmet, bat (would be provided by the School for the session/match if a boy does not have.)

Arm/thigh/chest protectors, school cricket cap, base layer (must be white) - (not provided by the school)

All personal kit to be clearly named please.

Wednesday Games Options

Rowing – Games/PE kit, trainers and school tracksuit

Athletics– PE kit, trainers and school tracksuit/hoodie

Swimming – School swimming kit

Fitness – PE kit and trainers

Tennis - PE kit and trainers (school tracksuit), own racket

Golf - Games/PE kit, school tracksuit, or school uniform, trainers or golf shoes

Cricket - see above