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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope that you are having a wonderfully active and restful holiday. As we look forward to the coming year, the P.E. Department wanted to give both parents and pupils a few reminders about P.E. and outline our plans for the forthcoming year.

P.E. Kit

Pupils are expected to wear appropriate P.E. kit and footwear for all P.E. and Games activities. Pupils in Years 7-11 can find the current kit requirements at www.sibfordschool.net under the uniform section (Uniform for Years 7-11). Sixth Form students are expected to wear sports clothing appropriate for the activity being undertaken. This might include:

- Black or dark blue plain tracksuit
- Black or dark blue plain shorts/lycras
- Black or dark blue plain polo/rugby shirts
- Dark blue or white sports socks and appropriate footwear
- Black or dark blue plain swimming trunks or one-piece swimsuits

Off Games

If your child is unable to do P.E. or Games they must bring in a note, which should be dated and signed by you as parent/guardian to explain why. However, pupils will still be required to change into their kit as they may be able to take part in some of the lesson or act as a referee/umpire or coach, and this will ensure that their school uniform remains clean. Therefore pupils may wish to bring tracksuit bottoms or extra layers, but they should still bring their proper P.E. kit as well. If for whatever reason pupils do not have their own kit they will be given a spare set of P.E. kit to change into for the lesson.

Clubs

Next year the P.E. Department will be running a number of extra-curricular clubs and activities, including an increased provision for pupils after school. Please find attached a list of those being offered for the Autumn Term. If you wish your child to attend any of these clubs please return the slip, also indicating whether you would like tea to be ordered for them (a charge does apply for pupils staying for tea).

Fixtures

A full list of both the boys and girls fixtures can be found at www.sibfordschool.net. Team sheets are displayed on the P.E. notice board, at the back of the new changing rooms, by the Friday before each fixture. Please encourage your son or daughter to check this regularly, and give staff as much notice as possible if they cannot play.

Pre-season Rugby

Pre-season Rugby will be taking place on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September for pupils who will be in Years 9 to 13 for the academic year 2011/2012. A limited number of free boarding spaces are still available for the Thursday night if pupils wish to stay over. If your son is interested in attending and hasn't already replied please e-mail Richard Ferley at rferley@sibfordschool.co.uk.

Sports Tours

After two successful tours this year, the P.E. Department plans to run an annual weekend sports tour for younger pupils. Also, every two years we will run an overseas tour for pupils in the older years. Next year netballers in Years 8-10 will be going on a PGL weekend at Liddington, Wiltshire. They will leave school on Friday 9th March and return on Sunday 11th March 2012. If you have not already booked your daughter a place on this and would like her to go, please contact Ali Phillips at alphillips@sibfordschool.co.uk

We have made a provisional booking for next years' rugby tour to Bath for Years 8 to 11, departing school on Friday 22nd October and returning on Sunday 24th October. If you have not already booked your son a place on this, and would like him to go, then please contact me. In September we will be launching plans for our overseas tour for October 2012 for rugby and netball aimed at pupils who will be in Years 10 and above during that academic year.

We thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me at school if you have any questions regarding the planned tours or P.E. at Sibford.

Yours sincerely

Richard Ferley
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