

Returning to Sport



ABINGDON



A guide to our Summer Term offering

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Sport & PE at Abingdon



After a difficult Lent Term it has been superb to see all the students being active within their Core Sport lessons as well as the Saturday opportunities we had over the last three weeks.

We now turn our attention to the Summer Term and what is both viable and appropriate to offer, as although we are moving towards a more 'normal' world, COVID-19 is still with us.

We have taken the decision to offer a full and normal Summer Term offering which is also further supported by some Lent Term sports running additional Other Half sessions to make up for the lost time this year.

I am very pleased to be able to say that with the latest Government guidance allowing the return of grassroots sports from the 29th March we have also taken the decision to resume our scheduled inter-school competitive fixtures upon our return to school after Easter. This positive decision is underpinned by us maintaining our own excellent COVID protocols and working within various sporting National Governing Body guidelines.

Our programme within Core Sport, the Other Half and Saturdays are outlined in the next few pages and if any parents have a sporting enquiry I would encourage you to contact either the member of staff directly responsible for that sport or myself; my e-mail is pete.bignell@abingdon.org.uk and my office number is 01235 849087.

Peter Bignell

Director of Sport & PE



Core Sport

Our Core Sport Curriculum will remain the same with the students original Summer Term choices being maintained.

1 st Years	2 nd Years	3 rd Years	4 th Years	5 th Years	6 th Form
Cricket	Cricket	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics
	Tennis	Cricket	Cricket	Cricket	Cricket
		Rowing	Rowing	Rowing	HRE
		Tennis	Tennis	Tennis	Rowing
			Water Polo	Water Polo	Tennis
					Volleyball
					Water Polo

Other Half

The Wednesday afternoon offering will follow its normal pattern for a Summer Term whilst lunchtime and Period 8 sessions on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday is where we have been able to add a wider offering with some Lent Term sports now being available. We very much hope this allows all students to keep a broad sporting offering going across the whole academic year.

Wednesday Afternoon Programme

1 st Years	2 nd Years	3 rd Years	4 th Years	5 th Years	6 th Form
Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics
Cricket	Cricket	Cricket	Cricket	Cricket	Cricket
Croquet	Croquet	Croquet	Croquet	Croquet	Croquet
Swimming	Swimming	Kayaking	Fencing	Fencing	Fencing
		Rowing	Golf	Golf	Golf
		Sailing	Kayaking	Kayaking	Kayaking
		Shooting	Rowing	Rowing	Rowing
		Swimming	Sailing	Sailing	Sailing
		Tennis	Shooting	Shooting	Shooting
			Strength & Conditioning	Strength & Conditioning	Strength & Conditioning
			Squash	Squash	Squash
			Swimming	Swimming	Swimming
			Tennis	Tennis	Tennis
			Kayaking	Kayaking	Kayaking

Saturday Sport Programme

It is fantastic to be in a position for the first time this academic year to offer competitive fixtures against other schools in outdoor sports. We are working closely with all of our opposition schools to ensure both a positive and safe sporting experience is achieved.

Whilst we have had to make a few minor adjustments regarding start and finish times or year group mixing these are very few in nature and I am confident that the Saturday sporting experience will be a positive one for all involved; we are hopeful indoor sports will also return before the academic year is out.



Pre-Season Opportunities

We will be offering a year group bubble based pre-season in Cricket, Rowing & Tennis as outlined below. We are hopefully that this will enable the competitive seasons to start seamlessly from the first weekend. Full logistics will be sent out to those who have chosen these sports.

Year Group	Sport	Location	Date	Time
1 st & 2 nd Yrs	Cricket Tennis	War Memorial MUSA & Hardcourts	Wed 14 th April	10.00 – 14.00
3 rd Year	Cricket Tennis	War Memorial MUSA & Hardcourts	Thurs 15 th April	10.00 – 14.00
4 th Year	Cricket Rowing Tennis	War Memorial Boathouse MUSA & Hardcourts	Thurs 15 th April 10 th , 12 th , 14 th & 16 th April Thurs 15 th April	10.00 – 14.00 9.00 – 12.00 10.00 – 14.00
5 th Year	Cricket Rowing Tennis	War Memorial Boathouse MUSA & Hardcourts	Fri 16 th April 6 th to 11 th April Fri 16 th April	10.00 – 14.00 9.00 – 12.00 10.00 – 14.00
6 th Form	Cricket Rowing Tennis	War Memorial Boathouse / Goring MUSA & Hardcourts	Fri 16 th April 6 th to 10 th / 12 th to 16 th April Fri 16 th April	10.00 – 14.00 9.00 – 13.00 10.00 – 14.00

Logistics

All of our fixture details are now not only displayed on the School website, either under the Calendar or Sports pages, but also through the 'School Sports' website which can be easily access through this link <https://www.abingdonsport.org.uk>

This SOCS platform is where we will be directing parents to check teamsheets and fixture logistics and further details on this will be sent out at the start of next term; however before then I would strongly encourage you to use the link above to review the Saturday opportunities.

Spectators

At present the Government guidance on grassroots sports does not allows any spectators so unfortunately until this changes we feel we are not able to open up our fields for you to watch. We will therefore continue to operate a drop off and pick up process before and after fixtures and when travelling away students will be required to wear a face mask on the coaches as per the wider school guidance.

We will of course be consistently reviewing the government and relevant sporting national governing body guidance as well as our own working practices and as soon as we can welcome parents back on the fields to spectate, we will be doing so.

Any significant changes to our own sporting offering will be communicated at the earliest opportunity.

