

Durham County



RFU Schools Union



Durham County Schools Update
January 2022

Celebrating 125 years of Rugby 1896 – 2021`

Facilitators Message



As we move into the new year we will be looking for new Committee members to assist with the work which is being undertaken. As you may be aware there is a process of self-nomination in place – you wish to undertake a role and a place will be found for you on Committee. Two additional members have been co-opted to the Committee one to assist Stu Hardy with the Competition process – Lee Richardson of Carmel College will join the team to work with Stu and Kev Rudd. It would be extremely useful if we had a volunteer from the mid/north of the County to assist with competitions in the north of the county . Dan Finney of Hartlepool 6th Form College has been co-opted to provide a link to the 6th Form/F.E. College sector and the English Colleges RFU.

The most significant role which still needs filling is that of Secretary – I continue in a somewhat reduced role with the title of Facilitator. Initially I said that I would undertake the role for two to three years (and that was 6 years ago) to re-establish the infrastructure and links to the various DCRFU sub committees. The infrastructure is now firmly in place and we are well assisted by Erin Knotts the County Administrator. If you are interested in this role please email me on p.e.c@hotmail.co.uk or phone me on 07802 572476.

Our thanks to Steve Smith formerly of St Johns who has moved on to a post at Trinity Academy in Middlesbrough, for the work which he has undertaken on the Committee.

Finally I would like to thank **Vic Young (South Shields) Ltd.**, for their support of the Cup Competitions and more especially their significant input to the outstanding Young Match Officials programme. We are now looking for a

new sponsor if anyone has any thoughts with regard to this.

Congratulations



Our congratulations to Jake Metcalf of Barnard Castle School played for England U.18 versus Italy.

Also to Guy Pepper formerly of Barnard Castle School and now of Durham University and The Falcons who has been selected for the England U.20 Squad. Let’s hope that he is luckier this time as he was deprived of an England U.18 cap versus Scotland by the first Covid lockdown 48 hours before the game was due to take place.



ERFSU Representative

The Committee nomination for the ERFSU Representative was Martin T Pepper, Second Master at Barnard Castle School. As no other nominations were received Martin is duly elected to continue in this role and the ERFSU will be duly informed.

Newsletter / Update

The ERFSU newsletter contains interesting resources for young people to undertake the England Rugby Young Leaders Award. This is a highly worthwhile course and you are encouraged to utilise it in school, The course lasts 6 hours and there is no cost.



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Details for County Cup

Vic Young County Cup Competitions – [2022](#)

COUNTY CUP DATES

Boys U13's Festival - Tuesday 5th April	TBC
Boys U12's Festival - Thursday 7th April	TBC
Boys Year 11 7's - Wednesday 2nd March	BCS
Boys Year 12/13 7's - Wednesday 9th March	DS
Boys Year 10 7's - Tuesday 15th March	BCS
Boys Year 9 7's - Thursday 17th March	DS
Boys Year 8 7's - Tuesday 22nd March	BSC
Boys Year 7 7's - Thursday 24th March	DS
Girls 7's U13, U15, U18 - Tuesday 29th or Thursday 31st March	Durham City RFC
Girls U13's Festival - Date to be Confirmed	TBC

Vic Young, Young Match Officials Programme

Two successful courses have been held so far this year, one at Durham Johnston School and the other at Barnard Castle School. The former under the old course structure and the latter under the new course structure.

Participants now need to undertake the Headcase module on line before being able to register on GMS. If you wish to be involved in the programme it would be beneficial to get potential participants to undertake the Headcase module and get their parents/guardians to register them on GMS.

If you are interested in your school being involved in the next round of courses please contact me as soon as possible to express interest.

Cleveland District Cup Results

Our thanks to Kev Rudd for undertaking the organisation of the following events.

Year 7 Winners Egglecliffe Runners up Ian Ramsey total school 7

Year 8 Winners Egglecliffe Runners up High Tunstall totals schools 5

Year 9 Winners Carmel Runners up Polam Hall total schools 6

Year 10 Winners Egglecliffe Runners up Conyers total schools 4

Year 11 Winners Carmel Runners up Egglecliffe total schools 3

Estimated pupils involved;

- yr 7** 90 **yr 8** 70
- yr 9** 60 **yr 10** 50
- yr 11** 40

Important Information



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DID YOU KNOW?

The attachment indicates what the consequences of Abuse of Match Officials could be if reported to the County Disciplinary Committee.

It is imperative that colleagues who are involved in running teams and your players are fully aware of the consequences and adhere to the Games Core Values.



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