

Durham County



Durham County Schools Update
December 2020
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**Message from Secretary
John Pearson**



After a great deal of deliberation I have decided that the time is appropriate for me to stand down and therefore I will not be standing for the role of Secretary at the next Annual General Meeting. I originally stated that I would undertake the role for 2 to 3 years to re-establish an infrastructure and working Committee and we are now approaching 5 years. It is acknowledged that we now have a hard working Committee with a comprehensive working infrastructure, an Action Plan to guide our work and excellent communications which are assisted by the County Administrator. Working relationships with the County and its various elements are excellent and we have to date received outstanding support from them.

We are therefore looking for a person to undertake the role which I will be vacating.

If you are interested could you please contact me at your earliest convenience so that transition can be seamless unlike it appears the Presidential handover in the USA.

ERSFU Representative



The Schools Union representative to the ERSFU has to be elected annually and the ERSFU informed of the outcome. The present incumbent is Martin Pepper, the Second Master at Barnard Castle School, who is being nominated by the Schools Union Officers to continue in this role.

Should you wish to stand for this position and teach at an affiliated school/academy/college can you please find a nominator and seconder from two other affiliated schools and let me have the

nomination by Friday December 18th. Returns should be made to p.e.c@hotmail.co.uk Should you wish to discuss this role and the implications of undertaking it please contact me at your earliest convenience by email or phone. If there is more than one nomination an election will take place in January.

7's Schools Competitions

Work continues despite the effects which Covid is having and there is every intention that our Cup competitions and 7's will take place, if at all feasible, and further information will be forthcoming as soon as known with regard to format, venue and start time.

Can you please complete the Google Form below; before the end of this term so that preliminary work can be undertaken?

Google Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cWqMclngfO9LyItxAWQ_BAd77qS7ErssUrzCtm1_6J8/edit?usp=sharing

Boys

<u>Year 7</u>	Thursday	25 th March	Barnard Castle School
<u>Year 8</u>	Thursday	18 th March	Durham School
<u>Year 9</u>	Tuesday	23 rd March	Barnard Castle School
<u>Year 10</u>	Tuesday	16 th March	Durham School
<u>Year 11</u>	Wednesday	3 rd March	Barnard Castle School
<u>Year 12/13</u>	Wednesday	10 th March	Durham School

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Girls

<u>U13's</u>	Wednesday	24 th March	TBC
<u>U15's</u>	Wednesday	24 th March	TBC
<u>U18's</u>	Wednesday	24 th March	TBC

Start time for these 7's competitions is 1.30 prompt.

Return to Play

Please find attached Return to Play and off-field activity guidance that will be shared this evening. This includes FAQs, which will continue to be updated, and signposting to our Coronavirus Hub

<https://www.englandrugby.com/participation/running-your-club/coronavirus>

The guidance for Clubs also applies to guidance for Schools and Colleges.

Attachment here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Av7UTeXfPB0jihopRAnn6hPOG8urFdze/view?usp=sharing>

Cup Competitions

As the Government has now stated that there can be a return to contact rugby I want to look at the possibility of running our Cup/Festivals after Christmas.

The organisation of these such as dates, start time, venues format etc will be dependent upon the number of schools expressing an interest in entering. Can you please complete the following and return before **Friday 18th December**.

Google form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cy5nDjvjuFzV9IHVbFmuyml7xgriSSavSIW1VuT27N0/edit?usp=sharing>



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