



To the Parents of Reception to Form VI

Dear Parents,

St. Hilda's Sports Day and Prize Giving 2017

It is my pleasure to invite you to the highlight of our School year - Prize Giving and Sports Day, on Saturday, 24th June 2017. Our Guest of Honour this year is Mrs Liz Richardson, Headmistress of Berkhamsted Girls School.

For your convenience I list below the important details and reminders for the day:-

Starting Time

The proceedings will commence at 2.00pm. Girls are asked to arrive at School by 1.45pm (the gates will be opened at 1.30pm) and to go directly to the tennis court where their teachers will be waiting for them. We ask parents and supporters to mark out their 'pitch' at the side of the track.

The girls will process around the field at 1.55pm so that the afternoon can begin promptly at 2.00pm. This year, the girls will sit on the new wooden seating for the prize giving, so parents, family and friends are asked to come and stand near the seating, once the girls are in place, from where you will have a good view of your daughter, in order to be a part of the speeches and prize giving. We will begin with the speeches and academic prize giving, before running the races and finally presenting the Sports Certificates.

Dress

The girls should come to School wearing clean white shorts or their blue skort, house polo shirts (which will be sent home later in the week), white socks, trainers and blazers. If it is likely to be hot and sunny, they should also bring their white cotton sun hats or caps, and a water bottle. Please ensure that they have sun protection applied before coming to the event. We ask that they take their games clothes home on Thursday, 22nd June so that they can be ready for Saturday.

If they wish, they may wear a rose to denote the colour of their House:-

Lancaster - red, Warwick - yellow, York - white.

House Polo Shirts are to be laundered and returned to school by Tuesday 27th June. It is very important that these are all returned as they will be used for subsequent House Events.

Seating

We are only able to provide a limited number of chairs so it would be helpful if parents could bring their own garden chairs, placing them far enough away from the track, during the races, so as to allow sufficient space for the girls to run. We request that no parasols or gazebos are erected on the area. The girls are part of the School on Sports Day and they are not able to join their parents until after Prize Giving.

Class Displays

After Prize Giving we hope that parents will have time to visit all the classrooms and see their displays. A great deal of effort is put into ensuring all the girls have work on display.

Tea for parents of girls in Form VI

At the conclusion of Prize Giving the parents of Form VI girls are invited to join the staff, the Guest of Honour, the Board of Governors and myself for farewell refreshments in the Dining Room and Orchard.

Supervision

We make a special request that young children are prevented from wandering around the grounds unattended, or walking in front of the area occupied by the Guest of Honour while the Sports are in progress. We also ask that young brothers in particular are supervised during the presentation of the prizes and the speeches. May we politely request that no footballs are brought into the school grounds.

Wet weather plans

In the event of rain, the presentations will be made in the Hall at 2.00pm. In this case it will only be possible for the parents of prize-winners, (these girls will be informed in advance) and of Form VI, to attend the Prize Giving. The athletics events will be run during school time on the first available afternoon and the sports prizes awarded then. If the weather proves unsettled on the day a Groupcall message will be sent during the morning. We hope, of course, for a fine day!

We hope that you all have an enjoyable afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Sayers
Headmaster

