



From Teacher i/c Football: Tom Donnelly

18 November 2016

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Re: Lower School Pre-Season Football & Trip To Watch Oxford United

The football season is fast approaching and I am hopeful your son is interested in representing Abingdon School next term. Throughout the course of this term it has been pleasing to see so many boys participating in the Lower School Football Champions League, and in order to help us continue the preparations for the season ahead, we hope that your son would be available to attend the pre-season day on Saturday 7 January.

I am delighted to inform you that again this year Abingdon School Football Club's Lower School sides will be tackling the challenges of Oratory, Reading Grammar, Hampton and Dragon School over the course of the Lent term, in what is a highly competitive and challenging fixture card for the boys to contest. An itinerary of the day is listed below, which consists of a morning training session with guest coaches from Oxford United, followed by an afternoon squad trip to watch Oxford Utd vs Bolton FC at the Kassam Stadium in Oxford.

The pre-season day will run as follows:

9.15 – Meet at Abingdon School Sport Centre
9.30 – 12.15 – Squad training
12.15 – 13.00 – Lunch and change
13.15 – Depart for the Kassam Stadium
15.00 – 16.45 – Watch Oxford Utd vs Bolton FC
17.45 – Return to Abingdon School Coach Park

Players will require their Abingdon School rugby shirt, black shorts, black socks, indoor trainers, football boots and shin pads for the morning. Warm layers and a water bottle are also recommended. In addition to this, a change of clothing will be required for the boys to change into ahead of departing to The Kassam Stadium, for which the boys will also require additional warm layers, and their **Abingdon School tracksuit top is compulsory**. Finally, boys will be required to provide their own packed lunch for the day.

If your son is interested in playing football next term, and would like to attend this event, **please complete the parental consent form attached, and return it to Mr Donnelly by Wednesday 7 December.** There is also a small charge of £7.50 per person for the day, to cover the cost of transport and entry to the fixture, which will be charged on the school bill.

Finally, if you have any questions, or require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me on tom.donnelly@abingdon.org.uk - and I will be forwarding your son a copy of this letter to his school e-mail address.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Donnelly', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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