



ABINGDON

From Teacher i/c Football: Tom Donnelly

24 November 2017

Dear Parents/Players

*Re: U14 Pre-Season Football
Friday 5 & Saturday 6 January 2018*

With the Football season fast approaching, if your son is interested in representing a school Football team next term, I am writing to invite him to attend two U14 Football training days on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 January 2018. Throughout the course of this term it has been pleasing to see a number of boys participating in the 3rd Year Futsal Champions League, and these pre-season days will provide us with an additional opportunity to observe players in training ahead of the final selection of the Football squads at the start of next term.

This year the U14's will be tackling the challenges of Haileybury, St John's Leatherhead, Berkhamsted and Hampton to name only a few, in what is a highly competitive and challenging fixture card for the boys to contest. It is therefore important that we prepare as well as possible and so boys are invited to two training days that will take place during the Christmas break on the dates below:

**Friday 5 January 2pm – 5pm at Tilsley Park
Saturday 6 January 9am– 12pm at Tilsley Park**

Following the Friday afternoon session all players and parents are invited to stay for some light refreshments, and an introduction to the Football season by the Teacher i/c Football, Mr Tom Donnelly and the Director of Sport, Mr Pete Bignell. Furthermore, at 5pm the 1st XI will be kicking off their season against an Old Abingdonian XI selected by last year's 1st XI captain; we would be delighted if you are able to stay and offer some support.

Can I please remind players that they are expected to train in shin pads and Abingdon School branded clothing, and a water bottle is also recommended. Moulded or metal tip studs are required for training on the 3G playing surface.

I would be very grateful if you could confirm your son's availability for these two days by completing the Google Form attached to this email by no later than Friday 1 December 2017.

Finally I hope you have an enjoyable Christmas break, and if you have any questions, or require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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