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Dear Parent/Carer,

CASTLEFORD ACADEMY SPORTS – EXTRA CURRICULAR RESPECT CAMPAIGN

At Castleford Academy, many extra-curricular sports activities are on offer to students. These activities usually take place after school and involve recreational clubs, sports team training and sports team fixtures. It is a good opportunity for them to extend their sporting skills, interact socially with friends and gain an opportunity to experience competition. We encourage all students to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Recreational clubs and team training take place at Castleford Academy and run from 2.50pm - 4.00pm on school days. Due to the large and diverse number of clubs/fixtures that staff run, these days are selected by the availability of staff and facilities. An extra-curricular timetable will be made available to students at the start of each half-term and can also be viewed at school and on the school website.

School team fixtures take place regularly and involve competition against other schools in Wakefield, Yorkshire and Nationally. These can take place at Castleford Academy or at the opposition school. Your son/daughter will normally be given at least 24 hours notice of a fixture. Fixtures are displayed on the school notice board or on the PE twitter page. For away fixtures, students will be given an estimated time of return. Please be aware that this is subject to change, due to opposition schools or traffic. We expect all students to inform parents of the venue and the estimated time of return.

Please be aware that fixtures and clubs are occasionally postponed/cancelled due to extenuating circumstances. Students will be informed as soon as possible and will have the opportunity to contact home.

Communication



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Effective Communication between school, students and parents/guardians is essential. All fixtures and clubs are displayed at school, in the PE department. The extra-curricular sports club timetable is displayed on the school website. It is students' responsibility to inform parents of their participation in any extra-curricular clubs. Due to the number of clubs and teams on offer to all students, we therefore do not require a Parental Consent letter completing each time. We do ask all parents to ensure you have completed and returned the Educational visits and school trips consent and medical form for your child. In some cases, we may still ask for parental consent e.g. if an activity is high risk. All fixtures and clubs are also displayed on our PE Department Twitter page. We encourage all participants, friends and families to follow us on Twitter [@CastlefordPE](https://twitter.com/CastlefordPE). This is up to date with news, result, fixtures, clubs, pictures and celebrations from our PE department. Please note, we do not reply to tweets or questions on this page. It is for information only.

If there are any unfortunate changes to fixtures or clubs, students will be given the opportunity to contact home. If these changes happen in advance, we will ensure students are aware through a meeting at school or a text message home. One of our most popular forms of communication to both students and parents/guardians is through our PE Department Twitter page.

Student Respect Campaign

We expect students to show respect in their behaviour towards staff, officials and the opposition. If a pupil commits to a sports team, we expect them to attend all training sessions and fixtures where possible.

Students must inform a member of staff in advance if they are not able to attend training sessions or fixtures. Students that do not adhere to this respect campaign are at risk of facing school sanctions and/or losing their inclusion privileges in extra-curricular school sporting activities.

Parent/Carer/Supporter Respect Campaign

We encourage friends and families to support young people. It is imperative that all supporters follow our respect campaign

- Encourage our young people.
- Use appropriate language.
- Remain off playing areas at all times.
- Remain in designated spectator areas at all times.
- Show respect to officials and the opposition.
- Show respect to the member of staff to enable them to carry out their role as coach – anyone wishing to discuss any issues with staff must not address the member of staff immediately after the activity. Please contact school and arrange a meeting.

Parents/Carers and supporters that do not adhere to this respect campaign may be asked to leave school premises and are at risk of losing future spectator privileges.

Please understand that clubs and fixtures are part of the school and as such, all students and parents are asked to behave in such a way that recognises this. This is a different context to that in an amateur or professional club for example.

Our aim is to encourage high levels of student participation. We strive to provide equal opportunities for all students. The majority of our extra-curricular clubs are open to all students on a regular basis. However, due to health and safety, participation numbers (mainly in popular sports teams) are restricted and therefore we must implement a selection process. The same process applies during competition, where we must adhere to rules regarding squad size.

School Trips

We offer a large amount of school trips for all our pupils. Many of these are run voluntarily by staff, often during our holidays and weekends. Due to the volume of activities we cover and the amount of students we teach, not all trips can be open to every pupil and we cannot run a trip for every activity. We endeavour to provide equal opportunities for students and aim to provide the opportunity for every student to participate in at least one PE trip during their time at Castleford Academy. Please note, school trips are subject to behaviour in school and during extra-curricular activities. Trips may also only be available to students who participate in a certain activity. Failure to meet our expectations may jeopardise your child's place on trips.

Thank you for your support regarding the school sports extra-curricular programme and respect campaign. By allowing your son/daughter to participate in extra-curricular activities we understand your acceptance of the school respect campaign for extra-curricular activities. If this is not the case or you would like to discuss the respect campaign further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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Head of PE



Mr G Panayiotou
Headteacher

