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SLD – Year 9 – Interhouse Competition

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to inform you that as part of our Personal Development curriculum, Year 9 pupils will be taking part in an 'Interhouse Competition' Super Learning Day on Friday, 7th October. This is designed to provide part fulfilment of St Mary's duty to ensure that all pupils are provided with and are able to access cultural capital whereby all pupils are provided with the opportunity to take part in a physical activity, whilst competing for their House. Boys will take part in a football and basketball tournament. Girls will take part in a football and netball tournament. House captains in each form will be assisting with the organisation of teams before the day. In the event that these activities cannot take place due to adverse weather, alternative sessions will be provided.

We hope the day will serve to inspire pupils to think about different values that they use not only in sport but in general, leading pupils to fulfilling an enjoyable sports experience, a positive and healthy lifelong relationship with sports, and a successful, happy and value-driven life.

As this day will be practical in nature pupils will be **required** to come to school in their PE kit for the duration of the day with **both trainers and boots** for use when indoors / on the netball courts and whilst outside on the 3G pitch. With the weather being unpredictable at times, and pupils being outside for a large portion of the day it is recommended that boys bring their long sleeve rugby tops with them and girls bring their PE jumper. Jumpers that do not have the school logo are not allowed and any pupils wearing these will be asked to remove them unless there is a valid reason accompanied with a note. In case of warm weather, we ask that pupils provide their own sun cream and bring plenty of fluids to keep hydrated. Staff will be unable to provide this.

As per the new personal protective equipment policy and as part of the compulsory PE uniform, all pupils will **require shin pads** for football.

To ensure the day runs as smoothly as possible we are asking all pupils to bring a packed lunch with them, including a drink, other than free school meals pupils who will be provided with sandwiches, a bottle of water and a biscuit in a grab bag. The grab bags can be collected from the drama theatre snack hatch, at lunch time.

We believe that this Super Learning Day will be of great benefit and is a necessity to facilitate the holistic education of our pupils and support them in taking their next steps. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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