



TGA SPORT



SENIOR SCHOOL SUMMER TERM SPORT INFORMATION

Starting on Tuesday 16th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for all your support this term across the sports programme. It has been a very busy term with a huge number of pupils participating in a range of sports throughout the term. Their endeavour has led to performances to be proud of and some great results; moreover, it has been a pleasure to see the enjoyment and satisfaction pupils get in return for their hard work.

Below is all the information you will require regarding this summer terms sports programme.

I have also attached a detailed week-to-week breakdown of the programme which will hopefully make it easier to follow. This will also be posted on the school website under sport for your information.

Sports venues (starting Tuesday 16th April)

Tennis will take place at Top Windyedge (G13 1XW)

Cricket will take place at the Academical Club, Helensburgh Drive (G13 1RR)

Athletics will take place at the School Ground, Anniesland Road (G13 1XS)

All pupils in S1, S2 and S3 will finish their sports sessions at 4.00pm and should be collected from their relevant sports venue by no later than 4.15pm. Pupils at tennis, athletics or cricket not collected on time will be walked round to School Ground for late waiting where they can sit inside until 4.45pm. However, this is only under exceptional circumstances.

Athletics Championship

This year the Athletics Championship for each year group from S1 to S3, will take place during their individual sports day.

Tennis Championship

The Tennis Championships will be run by Mr Mayes and will follow a knock-out format, with the number of rounds and deadlines for matches to be played, dependant on the number of entrants for each competition. This year's draw will include:

The Westbourne School for Girls Tennis, Junior Tennis Salver: Junior Girls (S1 – S3)

The Glasgow Academy Junior Tennis Salver: Junior Boys (S1 – S3)

The Westbourne Gardens School Tennis Cup: Senior Girls (S4 – S6)

The TGA Lawn Tennis Champion Trophy JW Hardy: Senior Boys (S4 – S6)



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The following rules will apply:

S1 – S3 Boys and Girls: Best of 1 set with a championship tie break (first to 10 points) if games are tied 6-6 at the end of the set.

S4 – S6 Boys and Girls: Best of 3 sets with a tie break (first to 7 points) if games are tied 6-6 at end of first two sets. Championship tie break (first to 10 points) at 6-6 on third set.

Arrangements

Pupils will be given opportunities to play their fixtures at any of The Academy's tennis facilities, however, if they would prefer to arrange to play their matches at their own tennis clubs, then they are welcome to do so. Academy tennis courts can be used after school each day and on Saturday mornings. Pupils must complete their matches by the deadline for each round to be able to progress in the Championship. Finals day will take place on Saturday 8th June.

TGA Tennis Courts Available

TGA Kelvinbridge – 3 x Astroturf courts

Top Windyedge – 3 x Hardcourts

Top Windyedge – 6 x Astroturf courts & Lower Windyedge – 12 x Astroturf courts

Entry

Pupils will receive a message on their Year Group Teams page with a link for completing a Microsoft form to enter this year's Tennis championships. The deadline for entries will be highlighted on the entry form. Once all entries have been received, the first-round fixtures and match deadlines for each draw of the championship will be published on the Tennis notice board in the PE corridor.

After-school Practices

We will be offering additional after-school practices on a Monday for S3, Tuesday for S1 and Thursday for S2, that your child will have the opportunity to attend.

After-school sessions will start on Monday 22nd April, with the last session taking place on Thursday 30th May.

A pupil at Cricket during their sports afternoons can then go to Athletics or Tennis for after-school training if they wish. Senior school pupils in S1, S2 and S3 will NOT be supervised walking between venues.

Due to the nature of the summer term and the limited time available to prepare teams for competitive school fixtures, the purpose of providing these additional sessions is for pupils who wish to represent the school in any of the 3 sports to be considered for team selection. Pupils should seriously consider attending these additional sessions to give themselves the best opportunity to be selected for Cricket, Athletic or Tennis teams.

After-school clubs will run straight after sports afternoon and will finish at 5.00pm. All pupils must be picked up from the appropriate venue by 5.00pm. Pupils not collected



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Senior Sport (S4, S5 & S6)

Due to exam timetable during the summer term, arrangements will be as follows:
Wednesday 17th April – all S4 to S6 pupils will stay at Kelvinbridge.

Pupils will have an option to study under supervised conditions or take part in a sport onsite. All pupils will dismiss from Kelvinbridge at 3.55pm. Pupils will NOT be allowed to visit academic subjects during this afternoon.

Wednesday 5th June – all S4 to S6 pupils will go out to Anniesland. Dismiss 4pm.
Wednesday 12th June – Senior Sports Day at Anniesland.

Pupils selected to represent the school in any sport on a Saturday morning or midweek during the exam period will still be expected to do so.

Saturday Mornings

There will be sports fixtures across all three sports throughout the summer term. Details and arrangements for these will be provided by the lead staff of each sport to those pupils selected to represent the school. It seems appropriate at this point to reiterate the Rector's message, that the expectation is that pupils will be available for selection throughout the summer term, unless you have requested absence from the **Rector at least ONE week in advance.**

To maximise use of facilities during the summer term, and to provide pupils who have **not** been selected for an inter-school fixture, there will be a fun tennis session at Lower Windyedge from 10am-11am. There will also be an open sport session which the pupils and staff attending will decide on what sport/s they wish to do that morning. This session will take place at Top Windyedge from 10am-11am. Pupils do not need to sign up for any of these sessions, just turn up on the morning.

Sports Kit

Athletics

All pupils require school PE kit, trainers, plus a full school tracksuit. Spiked shoes may be worn for athletics but are not essential.

Tennis

We encourage all players to have their own tennis racquet but appreciate that some pupils will only require a racquet for a few sessions, so the school will have a limited supply of racquets which pupils can borrow for a sports afternoon. All pupils wishing to represent the school should have their own racquet. Girls should wear hockey skirt or PE shorts, PE Top, white socks and trainers. Boys will wear their PE kit, and all should have a full school tracksuit.



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Cricket

All pupils will wear PE kit and full school tracksuit for sports sessions, girls may wear their navy hockey skort or PE shorts. For Saturday cricket matches, pupils will wear their school PE kit. The boys will require a cricket box for protection.

The 1st XI cricket squad will be provided with playing kit for inter-school fixtures which will be returned at the end of the term.

Changes to Sports Arrangements

Any midweek changes to sports arrangements due to weather or any other circumstance, an email or text message will be sent out from the school administration office at the earliest possible opportunity to alert you to any changes to the normal Sports arrangements.

Any changes to Saturday fixture arrangements will be updated on SOCS. Should you require any further information regarding sports activities, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Director of Sport