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Dear Parents

Small All-Weather Pitch Update

I am delighted to confirm that work to redevelop our small all-weather pitch is now underway. The eight-week project will see this space, adjacent to the main rugby pitches and cricket squares, entirely refurbished, having been derelict for some years. The finished pitch will provide much-needed space for curricular PE and Games lessons, alongside co-curricular use, predominantly for rugby training and small-sided football. It also provides an opportunity to raise funds, with a number of potential community users already expressing an interest in hiring the pitch.

This project has been made possible following a successful fundraising campaign. In addition to a contribution from the Academy, other sources of funding include donations from individuals, corporate and charitable foundation support alongside the continued generosity of volunteer fundraising groups, including Friends of Rugby and Friends of Hockey.

“Friends of Rugby are very happy to support the redevelopment of the all-weather pitch on the school site. Not only will it enhance the facilities available to the School as a whole, along with the portable floodlights we purchased last season, it will enable more boys to rugby train in the dark winter months which is essential to the quality of performances they put out on the pitch on Saturdays.”

Francis Kucera, Chair, FRoRGS

I look forward to updating you on the progress of the build, and thanking others who have supported the project, over the next few weeks.

Kind regards



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