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WELCOME

FROM EXECUTIVE HEAD, LANGLEY SCHOOL

I am so thrilled to welcome you to Langley School for this, the 13th annual U15 National Rugby Festival. A weekend of rugby is always an enticing prospect, and never has this been more true than this year. The festival is a showcase of the most exciting talent in school rugby, and I feel certain that we will witness match play of a truly exceptional standard.

Rugby is at the heart of the school experience here at Langley. We have a long history of excellence in the boys' game, and we are making strides in the girls' game too. Rugby is the teacher of many of life's most valuable lessons; humility, teamwork, trust and

communication, and those lessons follow players throughout their lives.

I would like to extend our thanks to sponsors, partners, supporters, staff and our food and drink retailers. Your contributions make this weekend one to remember.

To our visiting teams, coaches, parents and players, thank you for making this such a special event in the calendar. It is always a privilege to see rugby's up and coming stars at first hand, but what is even more special is how our young players conduct themselves. Thank you for demonstrating rugby's values of sportsmanship in action.



Clare Rackham

*Executive Head,
Langley School*

“Rugby is at the heart of the school experience here at Langley.”

THE RUGBY FESTIVAL AT LANGLEY

Langley School is proud to host the National U15 Rugby Festival for the 13th time, and we promise this year will not be an unlucky one!

This major celebration of youth rugby dates back to 2013, when Eton College lifted the inaugural cup.

Most recently, excluding 2020 when COVID stopped play, winners have been:

- **Brighton College (2019)**
- **Wellington College (2021)**
- **Hurstpierpoint College (2022)**
- **Wellington College (2023)**
- **Wellington College (2024)**
- **Bedford School (2025)**

We wish all teams a safe, competitive, and enjoyable festival!



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SATURDAY FIXTURES

TIME	PITCH 1	PITCH 2	PITCH 3
9:30	Langley School vs Dulwich College	Brighton College vs Oakham	Abingdon vs RGS Newcastle
10:00	Advantage Academy vs Wellington College	Bradford Grammar vs Ipswich	Dame Allans vs John Fisher
10:30	Oakham vs Abingdon	RGS vs Uppingham	Brighton College vs Dulwich
11:00	John Fisher vs Bradford Grammar	Wellington College vs Finborough	Ipswich vs Advantage Academy
11:30	Brighton College vs Uppingham	Dulwich vs Oakham	Langley vs RGS Newcastle
12:00	Dame Allans vs Wellington College	John Fisher vs Ipswich	Bradford Grammar vs Finborough
12:30-13:15 Lunch (Teams not in the 12:00 round are welcome to lunch from 12:00)			
13:15	RGS Newcastle vs Brighton College	Oakham vs Langley	Uppingham vs Abingdon
13:45	Ipswich vs Dame Allans	Finborough vs Advantage Academy	Wellington College vs Bradford Grammar
14:15	Langley vs Abingdon	Dulwich vs Uppingham	
14:45	Finborough vs John Fisher		Dame Allans vs Advantage Academy

SUNDAY FIXTURES

TIME	PITCH 1	PITCH 2	PITCH 3	PITCH 4
9:30	Dulwich vs RGS Newcastle	Langley vs Uppingham	Abingdon vs Brighton College	
10:00	Wellington College vs John Fisher	Advantage Academy vs Bradford Grammar	Finborough vs Dame Allans	
10:30	Uppingham vs Oakham	Brighton College vs Langley	Abingdon vs Dulwich	
11:00	Finborough vs Ipswich	Advantage Academy vs John Fisher	Bradford Grammar vs Dame Allans	
11:30	RGS Newcastle vs Oakham		Ipswich vs Wellington College	
12:00-12:45 Lunch (Teams not in the 12:00 round are welcome to lunch from 12:00)				
12:45	A1 vs B2 Cup Semi Final	B1 vs A2 Cup Semi Final	A3 vs B4 Plate Semi Final	B3 vs A4 Plate Semi Final
13:15	5th A vs 5th B Vase Final	6th A vs 6th B Bowl Final	7th A vs 7th B Shield Final	
14:15	Winner Cup SF1 vs Winner Cup SF 2 Cup Final	Winner Plate SF1 vs Winner Plate SF 2 Plate Final	Runner Up Cup SF1 vs Runner Up Cup SF 2 3rd Place Play Off	Runner Up Cup SF1 vs Runner Up Cup SF 2 7th Place Play Off

WELCOME

FROM JONNY WHEELER,
HEAD OF RUGBY

I am delighted to welcome our visiting teams, coaches, referees and supporters to the Under 15 National Rugby Festival for the 13th time here at Langley. Thank you for being here, and for continuing to support and celebrate young rugby talent. The young people assembled here this weekend represent the future of the game. They also represent their schools, their coaches, and their families, all of whom give of their time with generosity and passion for the game. Watching young talent achieve their dreams is the most rewarding element in what we do; and this age group is fundamental to the future professional rugby pipeline. The U15 and U16 phases are considered among the most critical, marking the period where regional and national talent pathways open, and where position specialisation starts to become more set.

I know this weekend will showcase the highest calibre of rugby, and I also know it will be a demonstration of leadership, camaraderie and exceptional coaching. Rugby is also renowned for sportsmanship; I know that competition can challenge even

the coolest heads, but please offer encouragement. We want everyone to enjoy the weekend, whether on or off the pitch. Please also support the match officials. They have a tough job to do, and we all respect their roles. I'd like to thank them for their presence and expert knowledge of the game.

There are many people to thank. Firstly, to all those who have travelled to Norfolk; thank you for your support, friendship and competitive spirit. To our sponsors and partners; a huge thank you. You help make this possible.

Thank you to the staff here at Langley. Firstly, to the Langley coaching and sports team, including our newest coaches from North Walsham RFC. You bring excellence and care to all that we do, and I am so grateful. To the Estates, Operations and Marketing teams, thank you for your efforts to ensure everyone is safe and that they enjoy all there is to offer.

Finally, I leave you with this quote from the great Gareth Thomas:
"Wherever I am in my life, it's because rugby has enabled me to do that."

Jonny Wheeler

Head of Rugby at Langley



MATCH RULES

1

The match rules are in place to ensure fairness and safety for all participants.

2

All matches will take place under the RFU age grade rules.

3

All players must be under 15 on 31st August 2026. Players 'playing up' from the U14s should have the appropriate risk assessment and playing out of age grade form completed.

4

Each team may have a squad of 24 players, with 15 players on the pitch at one time.

5

Rolling substitutions are permitted.

6

As per the Half Game Law all players selected must play half (80 minutes) of the available 160 minutes. No player is allowed to play more than 90 minutes in a day.

7

All schools should bring a first-aid kit and someone who is first-aid trained. In addition, there will an Ambulance on site.

8

In all matches coaches & players must respect the referee's decisions.

9

Yellow cards will be 3-minute sin bin period.

10

If a player receives a red card, they will play no further part in the festival.

The tournament organiser's decision is final.

GROUPS

POOL A

Abingdon
Brighton College
Langley School
Dulwich
Oakham
RGS Newcastle
Uppingham

POOL B

Advantage Academy
Bradford Grammar
Dame Allan's
John Fisher School
Ipswich School
Wellington College
Finborough

FORMAT

- Teams are drawn into two pools, with each pool containing 7 schools.
- In the pool stages teams will be awarded 4 points for a win, 2 points for a draw, 0 points for a loss. There will be bonus points for scoring 4 tries in a game or losing by 7 points or less.
- Pool rankings will be decided by pool points, then tries scored, then points difference and finally head-head result.
- If schools are still tied for places in their pool after the above metrics, then a coin toss will decide.
- The Pool Stages will take place over all of Saturday and Sunday morning. The play offs and finals will follow on Sunday.
- All pool games will be 20 minutes in length, 10 minutes a half, with 3-minute half time.
- At the conclusion of the pool stages: The top two teams from each pool will progress into the cup semifinals and the 3rd and 4th placed teams into the Plate semifinals. In the Cup semifinals 1st place from Pool A will play 2nd Place from B and vice versa. In the Plate semifinals 3rd place from Pool A will play 4th Place from B and vice versa. All semifinals will be 20 minutes in length, 10 minutes a half, with 3-minute half time as will the respective finals and 3rd/4th or 7th/8th place playoffs.
- Teams that finish 5th 6th or 7th will progress straight into the Vase, Bowl and Shield finals respectively. These games will be 40 minutes in length, 20 minutes a half, with a 5-minute half time.
- If teams are tied at the end of a semifinal, the team with most tries in the game will progress. If this is equal, then the team that scored the first try will progress. Following that then the team that scored first will progress. If still equal, then a coin toss will decide who progresses.
- If teams are tied at the end of a final, then they share the title.
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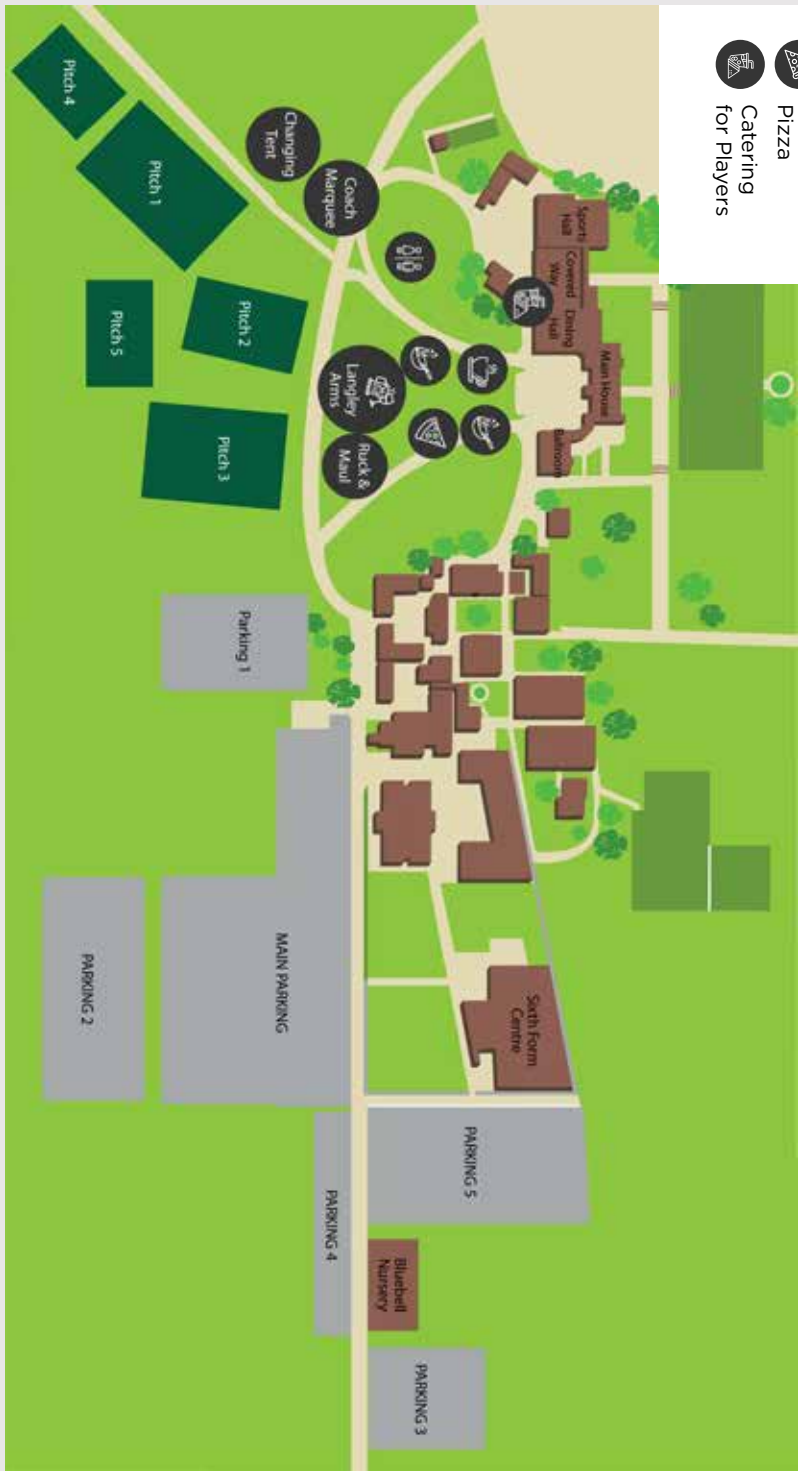
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FESTIVAL MAP

- Dean's Beans
- Phat Khao
- Poke Nom
- Big Nap
- Pizza
- Catering for Players



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We are also immensely grateful to all the exhibitors and food and drink retailers who are present this weekend. We hope you have a very busy festival!

Thank you also to our staff, suppliers and volunteers for your amazing support. We could not do this without you.





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