



4th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are hugely excited to announce that Sports Day this year will be held at Hornchurch Athletics Stadium, Bridge Avenue, Upminster, RM14 2LX, on **Tuesday 25th June**. This will be a whole school event, involving as many students as possible participating in a full programme of track and field events.

Students will be expected to make their own way to and from the stadium. If you are dropping off your child, please note that there will be parking restrictions in place and we ask that you set down a short distance from the stadium so that your child can complete their journey by foot. Those students who wish to travel by public transport, would be best to take the 165 or 372 from Ford Lane to Hornchurch town centre and get off at the bus stop just past Sainsbury's, and then take a 370 or 248 to Upminster Bridge. The stadium is a short walk from there. It is also possible to travel to Upminster Bridge Underground station and then take a short walk. Staff will be out and about in the vicinity of the stadium to offer assistance.

Registration will be at 9.00 a.m. in the stadium. Students will be registered in their tutor groups in the middle of the track. The estimated finish time will be at 2.30 p.m. Students will be registered at the end of the day before dismissal.

ALL students, will be in full PE kit during the day. This will enable any reserves to step into an event easily on the day. Sun hats and sun cream are strongly recommended. A waterproof jacket is also recommended in case of wet weather conditions.

Students will remain at the stadium until dismissed at the end of the day and will not be allowed off the premises unless attending an appointment, in which case a note must be provided in advance.

In the event of adverse weather conditions being forecast, parents will be informed the day before by Parentmail and the academy website of any changes to the arrangements.

Students should bring ample food and bottled water (no fizzy drinks) for the day. Unfortunately, there will not be access to the refreshment café.

Please ensure that students who normally use medication, e.g., an inhaler, bring it with them from home unless alternative arrangements have been made with the academy office.

Students' departure from the stadium will be staggered in order to avoid congestion at local bus stops.

As this is the first year of our Sports Day being held at the stadium, parents/carers unfortunately will not be able to attend, as the academy will need to focus on the students at this new venue. Hopefully, next year we will be able to extend the invitation for families to attend.

On this occasion, students will be allowed their mobile phones, although the academy accepts no responsibility for lost phones. Students may take photos but must not post online as not all families give permission for photos or videos to be posted online for safeguarding reasons.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



MR. W. THOMPSON
Principal