

Monmouth RFC

Mini & Junior Rugby Festival 2023

April 23rd | Chippenham Playing Fields Matches Kick Off at 10AM Adults: £3 | Children: Free



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Monmouth RFC 150th Anniversary

Monmouth Rugby Football Club 1873 - 2023:

The Beginning & Significant Dates -

Monmouth RFC was founded in 1873. The game was brought into the town through Monmouth School. A master introduced it and the club was a combination of older boys and town players.

1885 the early name Monmouth Drybridge Football Club amalgamated with Monmouth Rangers to agree the name Monmouth Rugby Football Club.

1883 MRFC became member of the Welsh Rugby Union which was formed in 1881

Early headquarters included the YMCA in Agincourt Square, The White Swan, The Kings Head, The Punch House and Nelson Rooms. In 1969 The Old Druids Head was purchased and remains the Club headquarters to this day. 1984 Changing Rooms Development. 1998 Function Room Development.

Early games were played at Riverside Meadows, Old Dixon Road, Gibraltar Fields and Vauxhall Fields. In 1934 the main pitch at Monmouth Sports Ground was established as the Home ground - other pitches on Chippenham Fields now also used.

1974 saw the formation of Monmouth Mini-Rugby Section - now known as Monmouth Young Rugby

Honours:

John Gwilliam - Wales 1947-54 - Captain Eddie Butler - Wales 1980-82 - Captain Hallam Amos - Wales 2013-21

First XV:

1888/89 1st Invincibles

1902/03 2nd Invincibles

1981/82 Mon Union Div 2 Winners

1984/85 Mon Union Div 2 Runner-up

1991/92 Mon Union Div 3 Runner-up

1992/93 Mon Union Div 2 Winners

1997/98 WRU National League East Div Runner-up

2013/14 WRU National League Div 3 Winners

2017/18 WRU National League Div 3 Winners

2018/19 WRU National League Div 2 Winners

Druids XV:

2011/12 Pontypool & District Ivor Jones Cup Winners 2013/14 Pontypool & District Ivor Jones Cup Winners



Monmouth RFC

Welcome to Monmouth RFC Mini & Junior Rugby Festival 2023

On behalf of Monmouth Rugby Club may we extend a warm welcome to Chippenham Fields. Having not been able to hold a festival since 2019, we decided to make this festival our biggest one ever and have expanded to include the U13s-U16s for the first time and have made it an all day event.

It is fantastic to see so many clubs entered into the festival. We have over 100 teams entered travelling from far and wide representing over 40 clubs and we appreciate you all joining us.

The objective of this tournament is to get as many children enjoying and playing the game of rugby in a competitive and enjoyable environment. It is the clubs philosophy to encourage children to play in the Welsh tradition of playing with flair and guile and to follow the WRU pathway in delivering a festival that is fun to play in and promotes open running rugby. It is important to remember that today is about children playing and enjoying this great game and that they play the game with good sportsmanship and with respect to your opposition and referees.

We would also take this opportunity to thank all the parents and supporters for attending and we also hope you have an enjoyable day and that you support your children in the correct manner, by respecting refereeing decisions and applauding good play by both your own club and the opposition.

Finally we would like to thank all of many volunteers, coaches and referees for giving up your time and allowing us to make this festival of rugby a success.

David Lalley Vice-Chairman Junior Rugby Monmouth RFC



Festival Rules

Each age-group shall play in accordance with the WRU Pathway and will abide to the players conduct. Festival rules are as issued by the WRU and will be issued to each team on the day.

For ages U7 - U11 this is a non-competitive festival, so all players will receive a medal and the emphasis for the day is very much on players enjoying playing the game and inclusion rather than winning.

U12s - U16s is competitive with winners for each age group. Games will be played in accordance with the WRU pathway rules. In order to keep to schedules and keep the games moving, there will be no half times and there will be no conversions after tries. A clear set of instructions for the rules and format will be given on the day along with the fixture lists and pitch allocations.

For the non-competitive age groups (U7-U11) all entrants will receive a medal.

For the competitive age groups (U12-U16) the winning team will receive a trophy (no medals will be given). Full rules for all age groups will be distributed on the day.

THE REFEREE IS ALWAYS RIGHT.

- We will operate a zero-tolerance approach to any abusive behaviour.
- Please abide by the player coaches and supporters codes attached.
- Only players and coaches are allowed inside the roped off areas.
- Any complaints or issues should be reported to the adjudicator or tournament organiser in the control tent.
- The day is all about children playing as much rugby as possible, therefore your co-operation is appreciated to make the day run as smoothly as possible.
- No Barbecues are allowed on Chippenham Fields.
- Please do not allow dogs to run free .
- Please only consume alcohol purchased at the licensed bar.



Festival Rules

TROPHY & MEDAL PRESENTATIONS

These will be made at the conclusion of matches in front of the Main Tent. Medals are provided for all participants in the U7-U11s. There will be special guests presenting the medals and there will be opportunity to take photographs.

EVENT FACILITIES & ENTERTAINMENT

- Quality catering
- Licensed bar
- Bouncy Castle
- Event Photography
- Prime Practice First-Aid Provider
- Toilet Facilities
- Special VIP Guests

EVENT LOCATION:

Chippenham Fields, Monmouth NP25 3EF

CLUB:

Old Druids Head, Chippenham Gate Street, Monmouth NP25 3DH

SUMMARY

The Monmouth Mini & Junior Rugby Festival is all about fun and enjoyment. We ask that everyone attending plays their rugby in the right spirit and volunteers and officials, who have worked extremely hard to set-up the event, are treated with respect at all times.

Fair play is the order of the day - this will be made clear at the briefings. Abusive behaviour will not be tolerated by anyone - coaches, parents and spectators should applaud good play. Please refer to the WRU Pathway Booklet in this regard.

We look forward to seeing you on the day and hope you have an enjoyable time.



Codes Of Conduct

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT:

- Play for fun and not just to please your parents or coaches.
- Play to the laws of the game and accept, without question, all the referee's decisions.
- Don't argue with the referee. Referees will not change their decision and they might penalise you or your team even more.
- Control your emotions. Verbal or physical abuse of team-mates, opponents, or match officials IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team and both will then benefit.
- Always be a good sportsman, whether you win or lose and recognise good play by ALL players whether on your team and by your opponents.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated yourself. Don't interfere with, bully or take advantage of any players.
- Recognise and appreciate the efforts made by coaches, parents, match officials and administrators in providing them with the opportunity to play the game and enjoy the rugby environment.
- Always give your best and never give up. The game is not over until the final whistle.

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT:

- Encourage young people to play do not force them.
- Focus on the players efforts rather than winning or losing.
- Be realistic about the players abilities; do not push them towards a level they are not capable of achieving.
- Remember that persistent, negative messages will adversely affect the players and referees performance and attitude.
- Remember young people learn much by example.
- Show appreciation of good play by players from both your own club and the opposition.
- Respect decisions made by the match officials, even if they appear to be a mistake, and encourage players to do likewise.

REMEMBER- THIS IS NOT THE 6 NATIONS! the most important thing is that the children enjoy the day, whether they win, lose or draw!



Important Information



Festival



MONMOUTH RUGBY FESTIVAL EVENT PARKING:

Follow the route marked in pink (it will be marked with event signs) from the duel carriageway. You need follow the Rockfield Road and park on Vauxhall Fields. The turn off for this is on a lane on the mini roundabout before you get to the co-op. Take a right at this roundabout towards the army training camp and Monmouth Caravan park. Then follow the lane all the way to the end and you will come to the car park.



You can then walk over the footbridge back into the centre of Monmouth following the route marked in Orange over to the festival.



This is a 5 minute walk, so any kit or anyone with difficulty walking should be dropped off at the drop off point (red dotted line).

There is limited parking in the centre of Monmouth, so we would advise using the event parking. Under no circumstances should you park in Waitrose Car Park, as they will ticket anyone who is not short stay.



Parking







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Under 7s Sponsored by:

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Pitches 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D

Under 8s Sponsored by:



Pitches 8A, 8B, 8C

Under 9s Sponsored by:



Pitches 5B, 6A & 6B

Under 10s Sponsored by:



Pitches 3A, 3B & 4

Under 11s Sponsored by:



Pitches 2A, 2B & 5A

Under 12s Sponsored by:



Pitch 7

Under 13s Sponsored by:



Renewables Pitches 5 & 6

Under 14s Sponsored by:



Pitch 3

Under 15s Sponsored by:



Pitch 2

Under 16s Sponsored by:



Pitch 7



Plan







Group 1
Newport HSOB
Cowbridge White
Brecon
Cambrian Colts
Abergavenny Red

Group 2
Monmouth
Abergavenny Gold
Chepstow
Cowbridge Green

Group 3
Cwmbran White
Cowbridge Black
Croesyceliog
Voucowoo

Group 4
Cwmbran Black
Ebbw Vale
Gwernyfed
Machen

Time	Pi	Ref				
10:00	Newport HSOB	>	Cowbridge White	Abergavenny Red		
10:15	Brecon	>	Cambrian Colts	Newport HSOB		
10:30	Newport HSOB	>	Abergavenny Red	Cowbridge White		
10:45	Cowbridge White	>	Brecon	Cambrian Colts		
11:00	Cambrian Colts	>	Abergavenny Red	Brecon		
11:15	Newport HSOB	>	Brecon	Cowbridge White		
11:30	Cowbridge White	>	Abergavenny Red	Brecon		
11:45	Newport HSOB	>	Cambrian Colts	Abergavenny Red		
12:00	Cowbridge White	٧	Cambrian Colts	Newport HSOB		
Time	Pi	tch '	1B	Ref		
10:00	Monmouth	V	Abergavenny Gold	Chepstow		
10:15	Chepstow	V	Cowbridge Green	Monmouth		
10:30	Abergavenny Gold	V	Cowbridge Green	Abergavenny Gold		
10:45	Monmouth	V	Chepstow	Cowbridge Green		
11:00	Monmouth	V	Cowbridge Green	Chepstow		
11:15	Abergavenny Gold	V	Chepstow	Monmouth		
11:30	Monmouth	V	Machen	Abergavenny Gold		
11:45	Chepstow	V	Croesyceliog	Machen		
12:00	Brecon	٧	Abergavenny Red	Newport HSOB		
Time	Pitch 1C Ref					
10:00	Cwmbran White	V	Cowbridge Black	Croesyceliog		
10:15	Croesyceliog	V	Ynysowen	Cwmbran White		
10:30	Cowbridge Black	V	Ynysowen	Cowbridge Black		
10:45	Cwmbran White	V	Croesyceliog	Ynysowen		
11:00	Cwmbran White	V	Ynysowen	Croesyceliog		
11:15	Cowbridge Black	V	Croesyceliog	Cwmbran White		
11:30	Cwmbran White	V	Cowbridge Green	Cowbridge Black		
11:45	Cowbridge Black	٧	Gwernyfed	Cowbridge Green		
Time	Pi	tch ´	1D	Ref		
10:00	Cwmbran Black	٧	Ebbw Vale	Gwernyfed		
10:15	Gwernyfed	٧	Machen	Cwmbran White		
10:30	Ebbw Vale	V	Machen	Ebbw Vale		
10:45	Cwmbran Black	>	Gwernyfed	Machen		
11:00	Cwmbran Black	>	Machen	Gwernyfed		
11:15	Ebbw Vale	٧	Gwernyfed	Cwmbran White		
11:30	Cwmbran Black	>	Ynysowen	Ebbw Vale		
11:45	Ebbw Vale	٧	Abergavenny Gold	Ynysowen		



Under 8s



Group 1
Monmouth
Abergavenny
Drybrook
Blackwood Black
Chepstow

Group 2
Croesyceiliog
Cwmbran
Blackwood Red
Ebbw Vale
Gwernyfed

Group 3
Machen
Newport HSOB
Ynysown
Brecon
St Julian's HSOB

Time	Pitch 8A			Referee
10:00	Monmouth	٧	Abergavenny	Chepstow
10:15	Drybrook	٧	Blackwood Black	Monmouth
10:30	Monmouth	٧	Chepstow	Abergavenny
10:45	Abergavenny	٧	Drybrook	Blackwood Black
11:00	Blackwood Black	٧	Chepstow	Drybrook
11:15	Monmouth	٧	Drybrook	Abergavenny
11:30	Abergavenny	٧	Chepstow	Drybrook
11:45	Monmouth	٧	Blackwood Black	Chepstow
12:00	Drybrook	٧	Chepstow	Blackwood Black
12:15	Abergavenny	٧	Blackwood Black	Monmouth

Time	Pitch 8B			Referee
10:00	Croesyceiliog	V	Cwmbran	Gwernyfed
10:15	Blackwood Red	V	Blackwood Black	Croesyceliog
10:30	Croesyceiliog	V	Gwernyfed	Cwmbran
10:45	Cwmbran	V	Blackwood Red	Ebbw Vale
11:00	Ebbw Vale	V	Gwernyfed	Blackwood Red
11:15	Croesyceiliog	V	Blackwood Red	Cwmbran
11:30	Cwmbran	V	Gwernyfed	Blackwood Red
11:45	Croesyceiliog	V	Ebbw Vale	Gwernyfed
12:00	Blackwood Red	٧	Gwernyfed	Ebbw Vale
12:15	Cwmbran	V	Ebbw Vale	Croesyceliog

Time	Pitch 8C			Referee
10:00	Machen	٧	Newport HSOB	St Julian's HSOB
10:15	Ynysown	٧	Brecon	Machen
10:30	Machen	٧	St Julian's HSOB	Newport HSOB
10:45	Newport HSOB	٧	Ynysown	Brecon
11:00	Brecon	٧	St Julian's HSOB	Ynysown
11:15	Machen	٧	Ynysown	Newport HSOB
11:30	Newport HSOB	٧	St Julian's HSOB	Ynysown
11:45	Machen	٧	Brecon	St Julian's HSOB
12:00	Ynysown	٧	St Julian's HSOB	Brecon
12:15	Newport HSOB	٧	Brecon	Machen



Under 9s



Group 1
Abergavenny Yellow
Blackwood
Caldicot
Chepstow

Group 2
Cowbridge
Croesyceliog
Machen
Glynneath RFC

Group 3
Ynysown
Abergavenny Red
Pencoed
Gwernyfed
St Julians HSOB

Time	Pi	Ref		
10:00	Abergavenny Yellow	٧	Blackwood	Caldicot
10:15	Caldicot	٧	Chepstow	Abergavenny Yellow
10:30	Blackwood	٧	Chepstow	Blackwood
10:45	Abergavenny Yellow	٧	Caldicot	Chepstow
11:00	Abergavenny Yellow	٧	Chepstow	Caldicot
11:15	Blackwood	٧	Caldicot	Chepstow
11:30	Abergavenny Yellow	٧	Glynneath RFC	Blackwood
11:45	Blackwood	٧	Machen	Abergavenny Yellow
12:00	Abergavenny Red	٧	Gwernyfed	Ynysown

Time	Pi	Ref		
10:00	Cowbridge	٧	Croesyceliog	Machen
10:15	Machen	٧	Glynneath RFC	Cowbridge
10:30	Croesyceliog	٧	Glynneath RFC	Croesyceliog
10:45	Cowbridge	٧	Machen	Glynneath RFC
11:00	Cowbridge	٧	Glynneath RFC	Machen
11:15	Croesyceliog	٧	Machen	Glynneath RFC
11:30	Cowbridge	٧	Chepstow	Croesyceliog
11:45	Croesyceliog	٧	Caldicot	Cowbridge

Time	Pitch 6B			Ref
10:00	Ynysown	٧	Abergavenny Red	St Julians HSOB
10:15	Pencoed	٧	Gwernyfed	Ynysown
10:30	Ynysown	٧	St Julians HSOB	Abergavenny Red
10:45	Abergavenny Red	>	Pencoed	Gwernyfed
11:00	Gwernyfed	V	St Julians HSOB	Pencoed
11:15	Ynysown	٧	Pencoed	Abergavenny Red
11:30	Abergavenny Red	٧	St Julians HSOB	Pencoed
11:45	Ynysown	>	Gwernyfed	St Julians HSOB
12:00	Pencoed	٧	St Julians HSOB	Gwernyfed



Under 10s



Group 1
Monmouth
New Panteg
Croesyceiliog
Bridgend Green
Pontypool Utd
Caldicot

Group 2
Chepstow
Bridgend Yellow
Abergavenny
St Julian's
Gwernyfed

Time	Pi	Ref		
10:00	Monmouth	٧	New Panteg	Caldicot
10:15	Pontypool Utd	V	Caldicot	Bridgend Green
10:30	Monmouth	V	Croesyceiliog	New Panteg
10:45	Bridgend Green	٧	Caldicot	Croesyceiliog
11:00	Croesyceiliog	٧	Caldicot	Bridgend Green
11:15	Monmouth	V	Pontypool Utd	New Panteg
11:30	New Panteg	٧	Bridgend Green	Pontypool Utd
11:45	Monmouth	٧	Caldicot	Croesyceiliog
12:00	New Panteg	٧	Croesyceiliog	Monmouth

Time	Pi	Ref		
10:00	Bridgend Yellow	٧	Gwernyfed	Chepstow
10:15	Abergavenny	٧	St Julian's	Bridgend Yellow
10:30	Chepstow	>	Gwernyfed	St Julian's
10:45	Bridgend Yellow	٧	Abergavenny	Gwernyfed
11:00	Chepstow	٧	St Julian's	Abergavenny
11:15	Abergavenny	>	Gwernyfed	Bridgend Yellow
11:30	Bridgend Yellow	V	Chepstow	St Julian's
11:45	Bridgend Yellow	>	St Julian's	Gwernyfed
12:00	St Julian's	٧	Gwernyfed	Chepstow

Time	Pitch 4			Ref
10:00	Croesyceiliog	/	Bridgend Green	Pontypool Utd
10:15				
10:30				
10:45	New Panteg	/	Pontypool Utd	Monmouth
11:00				
11:15				
11:30				
11:45	Chepstow	٧	Abergavenny	Bridgend Green
12:00	Bridgend Green	٧	Pontypool Utd	Caldicot



Under 11s



	Group 1
Moi	nmouth
Yny	sowen
Llar	ntwit Fardre

Group 2	
Bridgend Athletic	
Abergavenny	
Cambrian	

Group 3	
Blackwood	
St Julian's	
St Brendan's	

Time	Pi	Ref					
10:00	Monmouth	V	Ynysowen	Llantwit Fardre			
10:25	Ynysowen	٧	Llantwit Fardre	Monmouth			
10:50	Monmouth	٧	Llantwit Fardre	Ynysowen			
11:15	Monmouth	٧	Bridgend Athletic	Blackwood			
11:40	Bridgend Athletic	٧	Blackwood	Monmouth			
12:05	Monmouth	V	Blackwood	Bridgend Athletic			

Time	Pi	Pitch 2B			
10:00	Abergavenny	V	Bridgend Athletic	Cambrian	
10:25	Bridgend Athletic	٧	Cambrian	Abergavenny	
10:50	Abergavenny	٧	Cambrian	Bridgend Athletic	
11:15	Ynysowen	٧	Abergavenny	St Julian's	
11:40	Abergavenny	٧	St Julian's	Ynysowen	
12:05	Ynysowen	٧	St Julian's	Abergavenny	

Time	Pi	Ref		
10:00	Blackwood	>	St Julian's	St Brendan's
10:25	St Julian's	>	St Brendan's	Blackwood
10:50	Blackwood	>	St Brendan's	St Julian's
11:15	Llantwit Fardre		Cambrian	St Brendan's
11:40	Cambrian		St Brendan's	Llantwit Fardre
12:05	Llantwit Fardre	·	St Brendan's	Cambrian



Under 12s



Team	Group
Monmouth	1
Gwernyfed	1
Chepstow	1
Blackwood	2
Abergavenny	2
Ebbw Vale	2

Time	Р	Ref			
10:00	Monmouth	V	Gwernyfed	Chepstow	
10:20	Blackwood	٧	Abergavenny	Monmouth	
10:40	Gwernyfed	٧	Chepstow	Blackwood	
11:00	Abergavenny	٧	Ebbw Vale	Gwernyfed	
11:20	Monmouth	٧	Chepstow	Blackwood	
11:40	Blackwood	٧	Ebbw Vale	Monmouth	
12:00	3rd 1	٧	3rd 2	Winner 1	Bowl
12:20	2nd 1	V	2nd 2	3rd 1	Plate
12:40	Winner 1	٧	Winner 2	2nd 1	Cup
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Under 13s



Team	Group
Monmouth	1
Croesyceiliog	1
Chepstow	1
Stroud	1
Cowbridge	2
Pentyrch	2
Burry Port	2
Beddau	2

Time	P	Ref				
13:00	Monmouth	٧	Croesyceiliog	Chepstow		
13:25	Chepstow	٧	Stroud	Monmouth		
14:00	Croesyceiliog	٧	Stroud	Croesyceiliog		
14:25	Monmouth	٧	Chepstow	Stroud		
15:00	Monmouth	٧	Stroud	Chepstow		
15:25	Croesyceiliog	٧	Chepstow	Monmouth		
16:00	2nd A	٧	2nd B	Winner A		
16:25	Winner A	٧	Winner B	2nd B		

Plate Cup

Time	P	Ref		
13:00	Cowbridge	٧	Pentyrch	Burry Port
13:25	Burry Port	٧	Beddau	Cowbridge
14:00	Pentyrch	٧	Beddau	Pentyrch
14:25	Cowbridge	٧	Burry Port	Beddau
15:00	Cowbridge	٧	Beddau	Burry Port
15:25	Pentyrch	٧	Burry Port	Cowbridge
16:00	4th A		4th B	3rd A
16:25	3rd A	٧	3rd B	4th B
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Shield Bowl



Under 14s



Team	Group
Monmouth	1
Talywain	1
Ynysowen	1
Ebbw Vale	2
Сгісс	2
Beddau	2
St Julian's	2

	Time	Р	Ref			
	13:00	Monmouth	٧	Talywain	Ynysowen	
	13:25	Ebbw Vale	٧	Cricc	Independent	
	13:50	Beddau	٧	St Julian's	Cricc	
	14:15	Talywain	٧	Ynysowen	Independent	
	14:40	Cricc	V	St Julian's	Beddau	
	15:05	Ebbw Vale	V	Beddau	Independent	
	15:30	Monmouth	٧	Ynysowen	St Julian's	
	15:55	Ebbw Vale	٧	St Julian's	Independent	
	16:20	Cricc	٧	Beddau	Ynysowen	
6	16:45	3rd Place A	٧	3rd Place B	TBC	Bowl
5	16:45	Runner Up A	٧	Runner Up B	TBC	Plate
	16:45	Winner A	V	Winner B	Independent	Cup

Pitch 6 Pitch 5



Under 15s



Team	Group
Monmouth	1
Caerleon	1
Caldicot	1
Oakdale	1
Ivybridge	1

Time	Pitch 2			Ref
13:00	Caerleon	>	Caldicot	Monmouth
13:25	Oakdale	<	Ivybridge	Independent
13:50	Caerleon	>	Monmouth	Independent
14:15	Caldicot	>	Oakdale	Caerleon
14:40	Ivybridge	>	Monmouth	Independent
15:05	Caerleon	٧	Oakdale	Caldicot
15:30	Caldicot	>	Monmouth	Independent
15:55	Caerleon	>	Ivybridge	Oakdale
16:20	Oakdale	٧	Monmouth	Ivybridge
16:45	Caldicot	٧	Ivybridge	Independent



Under 16s



Team	Group
Monmouth	1
Caerphilly	1
Ledbury	1
Cwmbran	1
Cambrian	1

Time	Pitch 7			Ref
13:00	Monmouth	>	Caerphilly	Independent
13:25	Ledbury	>	Cwmbran	Caerphilly
13:50	Monmouth	V	Cambrian	Independent
14:15	Caerphilly	>	Ledbury	Cwmbran
14:40	Cwmbran	>	Cambrian	Independent
15:05	Monmouth	>	Ledbury	Cambrian
15:30	Caerphilly	>	Cambrian	Independent
15:55	Monmouth	>	Cwmbran	Ledbury
16:20	Ledbury	>	Cambrian	Cwmbran
16:45	Caerphilly	٧	Cwmbran	Independent



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OPEN MORNING - Saturday 20th May

Your chance to meet staff and students, our greatest ambassadors, and tour around our outstanding facilities.

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