



Earlston High School Melrose Rugby Wasps

S1 Rugby

Dear Parent/Carer,

Each season, the school works in partnership with Melrose Rugby Club offering training and fixtures to our S1-6 pupils. This partnership is called 'Wasps Rugby'.

Over and above the PE curriculum, staff volunteer, on an unpaid basis, to coach rugby after school. From August through to April, there are Saturday fixtures (there may also be some Friday afternoon, and Sunday morning fixtures) against other Borders Schools, Independent Schools, touring sides and on occasion, matches further a-field.

All pupils are welcome to join the rugby club; I must emphasise that no previous experience is required. Our focus is on participation, development, and enjoyment by providing a culture known as 'The Wasps Way' to help instil many of rugby and life's key values.

There is a **registration fee** (amount still to be confirmed) for the Wasps Rugby Club to cover training equipment and resources, and there is a **fixture charge** (to be confirmed, but in the region of £3) towards transport costs. Training will start when school resumes after the summer and will be from 3.45-5.15pm at Earlston HS. Transport home from training should be organised by parents and carers. All parents and carers are invited to Melrose Rugby Club for 'Registration Day' (date to be confirmed), to hear a presentation about the 'Wasps Way' and the rugby programme. More details will follow, and these will be shared on the school Facebook and Melrose Rugby Club website.

The Wasps train each Wednesday on rotation, one week is at the school and one is at Melrose RFC (this session is between 6.30pm and 7.45pm at the Darnick Vale fields). This session is termed 'Wasps Academy nights' with optional food afterwards at The Greenyards.

Please note that the details provided above are subject to change. We are hoping to resume our 'normal' programme for S1-6 pupils from August, however this is dependant on Scottish Government and SRU guidelines.

The Scottish Rugby Union insures all pupils who are registered with schools/clubs to play rugby in Scotland. For details of their policy please see the Scottish Rugby website.

If your child is going to take part in Wasps rugby, any training kit will suffice. We are hoping that fixtures will start in early September. Playing kit will be available to purchase at Earlston HS from August. Again, further details will be shared closer to the registration day. Your child will also need studded or plastic bladed football/rugby boots with the recommendation of a tracksuit for cold weather, and a towel. A gum shield is also compulsory for matches and for training.

The school has a Facebook page where you can see photographs of matches and keep up to date with arrangements. Please join the site by 'liking' the Earlston HS page (found by searching in the Facebook search bar). There are also updates on the Melrose rugby website.

Yours sincerely,

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