

Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

8th January 2018

Dear Parent(s)

Aston University Campus, Birmingham Road for Hockey lessons in Year 10

We have for some time been looking for a venue which will allow pupils to develop their hockey skills at a greater rate than the facilities at School will allow. We have been given the opportunity to trial an arrangement this term at the Aston University ground on Birmingham Road. Lessons will be held here except for the times when there are fixtures.

The pupils will need to make their own way to the ground for registration at $2.00 \, \mathrm{pm}$. It is a $1.9 \, \mathrm{mile}$ walk or it will involve pupils catching the $51 \, \mathrm{bus}$ from Six Ways, Walsall (about $100 \, \mathrm{yards}$ from School) to the ground (there is about another $100 \, \mathrm{yard}$ walk at the other end). The cost for pupils who wish to catch the bus will be £1.50 (Up to age 15) or £3.00 for an adult fare, using the new Walsall Zone day ticket. The School, of course, remains willing to assist parents in financial difficulties. Pupils will be dismissed from the ground at $3.25 \, \mathrm{pm}$.

This arrangement means your child will be allowed out of School in order to get to the ground and will be unaccompanied during this time. A full risk assessment will be undertaken before the lessons begin and the boys will receive a comprehensive briefing (including an accompanied bus journey) for the first session. I would be grateful if you could indicate, by returning the slip below, that you are in agreement with this. We will, of course, be monitoring the pupils to make sure that this is a satisfactory arrangement.

Please contact me if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

Richard Langton Headmaster

Reply slip: Please return to Mr Francis

