



Representing Oathall in team sports

As a school community we believe that all our students should get the opportunity to represent the school in sporting fixtures. The experience of being part of a team and representing the school in home or away fixtures is invaluable and allows for students to create new relationships, build confidence and self-esteem, demonstrate teamwork skills and help to develop character. We strive for excellence in all we do but we do so without any elitism as we pride ourselves on being an inclusive school community.

The purpose of this document is to set out guidelines that the PE department will follow when selecting students to represent the school in team sports.

- Students will be selected by their teacher based on performance and commitment in clubs. Trials do not take place.
- Students are expected to attend the weekly club where possible.
- The squad will be as large as it can be to allow for maximum student involvement.
- Although it cannot always be guaranteed, teachers will aim to use substitute players in every game.
- As many students as possible, who wish to participate in a team, will get the opportunity to represent the school at least once in the fixture calendar, this may be as a starting player or a substitute.
- Students can join the squad at any time throughout the year.
- Team sheets announcing the team for each fixture will be posted on the PE student board and include start, finish and venue/transport arrangements. Parents of the selected students will be emailed this information at the same time as the team details are released.

It is a privilege for students to act as ambassadors for the school whilst participating in team sports, and as such their behaviour needs to reflect that responsibility at all times by being team players and positive role models to all.

Please note this is guidance and the final decision will always be made by the teacher leading the team.