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Dear Parent or Carer,

I am writing to provide you with an update to our Sports Development Plan and share with you exciting details of future investment.

As you may know Sport is a particular passion of mine and I am still proud to play (semi) competitive matches each week. It is important to develop within the children a love of sport which in turn encourages them to be physically active, eat well and develops the important skills of leadership and teamwork.

Our Sports curriculum at Radnor House has been broadly based around the primary team games of Cricket, Football, Netball, Rugby and Hockey and I am proud that an increasing number of girls are taking part in Football and Rugby each week. In addition to these team sports we are witnessing a growing appetite among the students for Swimming, Basketball, Cross Country, Gymnastics and Tennis and expect these sports to continue developing in the years ahead.

Over the next six years the school roll will expand and with this growth comes a need for additional sports facilities. Indeed, our academic ambitions as a school are closely aligned with our ambitions on the sports field and our students will increasingly compete and win against larger co-educational schools as we continue to grow. For this to be possible we are further enhancing the coaching available to children and ring-fencing team training to ensure effective preparation for our numerous weekly fixtures. I will provide more details about staffing in this key area next term.

Throughout this term and last we have been developing a thorough site master plan to ensure that Radnor House continues to provide the very best facilities to your children. Over the next two years we will build a new full sized Hockey astro on the fields behind the Parent car park and, following a meeting with Historic England earlier this week, it is clear that this is an achievable project over this time frame.

We recently acquired a piece of land next to the overflow/Staff car park which will be levelled and turned into two new training pitches, labelled D on the attached image. The areas labelled E, G and F will also be levelled and turned into a new cricket outfield and wicket, plus new pitches for Autumn and Winter sports. These projects are in themselves significant investments and, when coupled with the new astro, will really put Radnor House on the map for the quality of its sports provision.

I expect the build elements of these projects to run from Easter 2020 to August 2020 with a plan to ensure continuity of operation throughout that summer term. It is important to stress that the meeting with Historic England was just the start of the planning application process and we expect to

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submit the formal application by May 2019. I will provide more details about this in due course and may ask you to support the application online when the time comes.

The Sports Centre is also having something of a facelift with new indoor cricket nets being installed next term together with the allocation of new changing room spaces. New lights were installed in the main sports hall over the summer and we will be installing temporary lights on the external pitches to cater for afternoon and evening training at the start of next term.

This is an exciting time for Radnor House and I know that you, like me, want to see immediate progress on many fronts. We have a detailed plan for improvement and money available to invest so I am excited about the future and keen to see the further development of Sport at Radnor House over the years ahead.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Paton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

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