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Dear Parents, Guardians and Pupils,

I hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year.

I would like to begin this letter by saying thank you for welcoming me into the Radnor House community. It has been fantastic getting to know many of you and I look forward to watching your children develop their sporting potential over the years to come.

I am excited to be able to update you on some new appointments to staffing in the Sports Department. We recently commenced recruitment for a Director of Hockey and a Director of Football for September, with a Director of Cricket due to join us in the following year. These appointments are in addition to current levels of staffing and will support our ambition and direction for sport at Radnor House over the years ahead.

Our vision is to strive to give opportunities for all our pupils to participate in sport whilst providing a clear pathway for the more able to develop their skills and abilities to an elite level. We will be following a gender equal approach to sport with Hockey, Football, Cricket and Swimming increasingly our main areas of focus for all pupils. To improve our performances even further, we will be rolling out weekly pre-season training for the forthcoming sport due to be played in the following term,

Despite the evolution in our sporting direction, there will still be plenty of Netball and Rugby on offer for pupils who wish to train and represent the school in fixtures. In the Senior School, Netball and Rugby will be provided through weekly after school training sessions and fixtures which all age groups will be able to participate in throughout the Autumn and Spring terms. There may also be occasional fixtures during games afternoons. In the Prep School games lessons, pupils will be given a broader curriculum where girls will play Football, Hockey, Netball and Cricket throughout the year; whilst boys will play Football, Hockey, Rugby and Cricket to develop their wider physical literacy before narrowing down more on our focus sports in the Senior School.

For further information on the vision and our focus sports, please visit the sports pages of our website.

I am very much looking forward to the development of the new Astro-turf which will be completed by September 2020 and I hope that you will be as thrilled as I am with our new staffing structure and the focus sports. It really is an exciting time to be part of Radnor House Sevenoaks and the Sport Department in particular.

Yours faithfully,

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