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Dear Parents

I am writing to let you know that from this coming summer, the girls' games option will change from rounders to cricket. Teaching rounders has been one of my life time passions, as the girls will testify, but it is important we fully prepare children for their journey to senior schools, where cricket has quickly become the dominant summer sport.

Over the past few years the English Cricket Board have been seriously promoting girls' cricket and have established a development path, promoting inclusive teaching for all abilities. They recognise the success of women's cricket in recent years and have developed a pathway to a professional career. From 2017 rounders has been taken off the GCSE curriculum, another reason senior schools have replaced rounders with other sports, particularly cricket.

The skills required to play rounders are completely transferable to cricket and I believe the girls will rise to this exciting challenge. Rest assured the girls' games staff have knowledge of cricket and over the next few months will be refreshing their knowledge under the expert guidance of Mr Paul Newman and Mr Luke Caswell.

If our girls want to progress their skills, there are plenty of options for them to join local cricket clubs or maybe take up the opportunity to join cricket coaching sessions outside school such as those Mr Newman runs every Saturday morning in the sports hall.

I have already made several 'pairs cricket' fixtures, as this is the type of game most prep schools have adopted. I will then introduce traditional cricket into the curriculum as we develop the girls' skills and knowledge over the coming seasons.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions and here's to a very exciting summer term of cricket.

Yours sincerely

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