

Thank you for joining us for our Merchiston Castle U18 Rugby Festival.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year

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U18 RUGBY FESTIVAL

14-15 OCTOBER 2023

A message from our Headmaster

Dear Players, Coaches and Supporters

I would like to extend to you the very warmest of welcomes to our Merchiston Castle School U18 Rugby Festival – both to those teams joining us for the first time and to those who are joining us once more for this our fourth edition.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my excellent team of colleagues here at Merchiston for their hard work in making this event happen - to our sports team led by Nick De Luca and Roddy Deans, our Medical staff coordinated by Sonja McLean our grounds team led by Stuart Chalmers and our domestic and catering team led by Alison Hanna; I say a huge **Thank You** for all that you have done to ensure this weekend goes smoothly. I would also like to thank our match officials who have given their time to be here to allow some great rugby to be played.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our sponsors, in particular the main sponsor, Carlowrie Group for their support in helping the School stage this wonderful event.

Now all that is left to do is to enjoy the next two days; committed play by talented teams from across Scotland and England, ably guided by fantastic coaches, spurred on by positive and enthusiastic support, all set against the perfect backdrop of the City of Edinburgh – a potent formula for a super weekend!

I wish every team the very best of luck and trust that amongst the fierce competition, the strong values of rugby will shine through.

Best wishes

Jonathan Anderson



Pitch Map and Information



Festival Rules

*All teams should register at the main School entrance at least 60 minutes before their first game.

*For the smooth running of the tournament, all teams must be ready at the appointed pitch at the time indicated.

*If there is a clash of jerseys, then the team named FIRST in the tie will change.

*No limit on playing Squad. Rolling substitutions are allowed in every game.

*The age limits for the tournament are Under 18 on 1 September 2023.

*The laws will be full World Rugby U19 IRB Law variations

1. Saturday 24minutes (12 min each way)/Sunday 20 minutes (10 min each way)
2. The winners and runners up of each pool will advance to the Trophy competition on Day 2.
3. The 3rd & 4th placed teams will advance into the Bowl competition on Day 2.
4. All teams will play off on Day 2 for an overall 1-16 placed finish.
5. In the event of a draw in Group points on Day 1 and Matches on Day 2-please refer to the Festival Rules.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Merchiston	Dollar Academy	Glasgow Caley Reds	Boroughmuir RFC
Durham	Barnard Castle	Seaford College	Edinburgh Reivers
St Benedict's	Peebles RFC	Collegiate	Wycliffe College
Ayr RFC	Mount St Marys	Dame Allan's	Norwich



DAY 1 (4 Groups of 4)

10:00	PITCH 1	Merchiston	Vs	Ayr RFC
	PITCH 2	Dollar Academy	Vs	Peebles RFC
	PITCH 3	Dame Allan's School	Vs	Glasgow Caley Reds
	PITCH 4	Edinburgh Reivers	Vs	Wycliffe College
10:45	PITCH 1	Barnard Castle	Vs	Mount St Mary's
	PITCH 2	Durham School	Vs	St Benedict's School
	PITCH 3	Seaford College	Vs	Collegiate School
	PITCH 4	Boroughmuir RFC	Vs	Norwich School
11:30	PITCH 1	Dame Allan's School	Vs	Collegiate School
	PITCH 2	Edinburgh Reivers	Vs	Norwich School
	PITCH 3	Peebles RFC	Vs	Mount St Mary's
	PITCH 4	Merchiston	Vs	St Benedict's School
11:45	LUNCH (Durham/Ayr RFC/Barnard Castle/Dollar Academy/Seaford College/ Glasgow/Boroughmuir RFC/Wycliffe College)			
12:30	LUNCH (MCS/St Benedict's/Peebles RFC/Mount St Mary's/Dame Allan's/ Collegiate/Edinburgh/Norwich)			
13:15	PITCH 1	Seaford College	Vs	Glasgow Caley Reds
	PITCH 2	Boroughmuir RFC	Vs	Wycliffe College
	PITCH 3	Barnard Castle	Vs	Dollar Academy
	PITCH 4	Ayr RFC	Vs	Durham School
14:00	PITCH 1	Merchiston	Vs	Durham School
	PITCH 2	Barnard Castle	Vs	Peebles RFC
	PITCH 3	Edinburgh Reivers	Vs	Boroughmuir RFC
	PITCH 4	Dame Allan's School	Vs	Seaford College
14:45	PITCH 1	Norwich School	Vs	Wycliffe College
	PITCH 2	Glasgow Caley Reds	Vs	Collegiate School
	PITCH 3	Ayr RFC	Vs	St Benedict's School
	PITCH 4	Mount St Mary's	Vs	Dollar Academy

DAY 2 (Trophy, Plate, Bowl, Shield Play Offs 1 to 16)

Bowl Quarter Finals

10:00	PITCH 1	C	Vs	H
10:00	PITCH 2	G	Vs	D
10:00	PITCH 3	K	Vs	P
10:00	PITCH 4	O	Vs	L

Trophy Quarter Finals

10:30	PITCH 1	A	Vs	F
10:30	PITCH 2	E	Vs	B
10:30	PITCH 3	I	Vs	N
10:30	PITCH 4	M	Vs	J

Semi Finals Shield/Bowl

11:00	PITCH 1	BSF1	Winner Bowl QF 1	Vs	Winner Bowl QF 2
11:00	PITCH 2	SSF1	Runner Up Bowl QF 1	Vs	Runner Up Bowl QF 2
11:00	PITCH 3	SSF2	Runner Up Bowl QF 3	Vs	Runner Up Bowl QF 4
11:00	PITCH 4	BSF2	Winner Bowl QF 3	Vs	Winner Bowl QF 4

Semi Finals Plate/Trophy

11:30	PITCH 1	TSF1	Winner Trophy QF 1	Vs	Winner Trophy QF 2
11:30	PITCH 2	PSF1	Runner Up Trophy QF 1	Vs	Runner Up Trophy QF 2
11:30	PITCH 3	PSF2	Runner Up Trophy QF 3	Vs	Runner Up Trophy QF 4
11:30	PITCH 4	TSF2	Winner Trophy QF 3	Vs	Winner Trophy QF 4

Finals Shield/Bowl

12:00	PITCH 1	S34	Runner Up Shield SF 1	Vs	Runner Up Shield SF 2
	PITCH 2	S12	Winner Shield SF 1	Vs	Winner Shield SF 2
	PITCH 3	B34	Runner Up Bowl SF 1	Vs	Runner Up Bowl SF 2
	PITCH 4	B12	Winner Bowl SF 1	Vs	Winner Bowl SF 2

Finals Plate/Trophy

12:30	PITCH 1	T34	Runner Up Trophy SF 1	Vs	Runner Up Trophy SF 2
	PITCH 2	P12	Winner Plate SF 1	Vs	Winner Plate SF 2
	PITCH 4	P34	Runner Up Plate SF 1	Vs	Runner Up Plate SF 2
13:00	PITCH 1	T12	Winner Trophy SF 1	Vs	Winner Trophy SF 2