



Rugby

Rugby at Oakham

Over 400 boys of all ages enjoy playing 1st XV to U11 level regularly enjoy playing rugby across 25 teams on a traditional and well-balanced fixture list against some of the top rugby-playing schools in the country. The boys have the opportunity to play in a number of regional and national competitions with the 1st XV most recently winning the NatWest Cup in the 2022/23 season.

There are opportunities to play rugby all year round, starting with the week-long pre-season camp at the end of August each year, providing team bonding and invaluable training and match play prior to the beginning of the season.

This leads to the possibility of playing a season of Rugby Union, Rugby Sevens, and additional coaching sessions over the course of the academic year.

Achievement Highlights

XV's

National Schools Cup Winner 2022/2023
National Schools Vase Runner-up 2021/2022
National Schools Runner-up 2010-2011
National Schools Cup Winner 2002/2003
National Schools Cup Winner 2001/2002

VII's

1st VII Rosslyn Park 7's Runner-up 2022
U16 Boys Rosslyn Park 7's Plate Winner 2024
U14 Girl's Rosslyn Park 7's Cup Runner Up 2024

Our Coaches



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Our Expertise

Our team of dedicated and highly qualified coaches is led by Director of Rugby, Rupert Harden, who has extensive rugby experience playing for Gloucester for a large stint of his playing career.

His team includes former rugby league player Andrew Rice and former two time European Cup winner Glen Gelderbloom.

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Performance Pathways

Many of our athletes are chosen for representative programmes at County, Regional and Premiership Rugby Academies and go on to win professional contracts. Just as importantly many boys continue to play rugby rugby at university, which can for the most talented players still lead to professional sport.

We collaborate and work with strength and conditioning coaches from Leicester Tigers and Northampton Saints to support those pupils who are selected for performance pathways.

Oakham School's association with the Tigers first began with Michael Aldred in 1896 and among many alumni who have played for the club, the most prolific player was David Matthews ('54) who played a record 502 games for Leicester.

Our Rugby Alumni



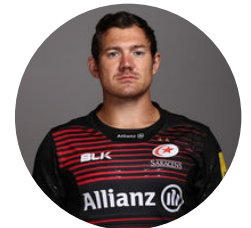
Jack Van Poortvliet ('19)
England & Leicester Tigers

Sam Costelow ('19)
Wales & Scarlets



Hamish Watson ('10)
British & Irish Lions,
Scotland, Edinburgh Rugby

Alex Goode ('06)
England & Saracens
(European Player of the Year 2019)



Tom Croft ('04)
British & Irish Lions,
England, Leicester

Lewis Moody ('96)
British & Irish Lions,
Barbarians, Leicester Tigers
(World Cup Winner 2001)



Sport at Oakham

From absolute beginners to elite athletes, Oakham School offers excellent coaching in a wide choice of sports, helping pupils to develop a love of fitness and sport.

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