



Portsmouth High School

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22 January 2018

Dear Parent

Ball Crew for the Southsea Aegon Ladies' Lawn Tennis Championship 2018

Date	Time	Activity
21 April 2018	9am – 2pm	Training
09 June 2018	9am – 2pm	Training
16 June 2018	9am – 2pm	Training
25 June to 29 June 2018	All day (9am – 6pm)	Ball Crew competition work

Following on from the tremendous success of our Ball Crew last year, Portsmouth High School has been given the prestigious and exciting opportunity to provide 15 girls from Year 7 to Year 9 to support play at the second international ladies' tennis tournament at Canoe Lake Leisure's tennis facilities in Southsea.

The Aegon Southsea Trophy is arranged by the Lawn Tennis Association and is expected to again attract interest from players who are not competing at Eastbourne but are in the Main Draw Singles Event at The Championships, Wimbledon. This is the second year that the competition has taken place in Southsea and it is superb to be asked to be involved again. Further details on the competition can be found here: <https://www.lta.org.uk/major-events/aegon-trophy-series/aegon-southsea-trophy/event-guide/>

We are asking for an expression of interest from girls in years 7 to 9 who would like to be involved. Girls in the Ball Crew will need to be available from 9.00am to 6.00pm every day from Monday 25 to Friday 29 June. Due to the unpredictable nature of the British summer, the girls may need to be flexible with regards to the finishing time each day if rain disrupts play. If wet, the competition may take place at the Mountbatten Sports Centre.

The LTA is very experienced in organising events involving young people and they will provide secure areas for the girls outside of play etc. All Ball Crew members will receive training and will be required to be available on three Saturdays. They are Saturday 21 April, Saturday 9 June and Saturday 16 June from 9.00am until 2.00pm. It is expected that the first session will be at Dovercourt and the others at Canoe Lake Tennis Club, Southsea. A member of staff from PHS will be at each of the training sessions and at the competition throughout the week.

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It would be beneficial if girls were familiar with the rules of tennis play and this event would be of particular interest to those involved with the sport. All refreshments, including lunch, will be provided throughout the competition days. Everyone will also be provided with a uniform at the start of the competition that they can keep.

Please complete and return the attach slip to indicate your daughter's interest in the competition and we will contact you again to confirm final arrangements.

Travel arrangements: We will make the necessary transport arrangements to get to the girls to the competition and returned to school. Parents may request that girls are picked up from the tennis club but these arrangements will be confirmed nearer to the competition.

Please address any questions regarding this trip to the Receptionist on 023 9282 6714.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Field
Assistant Head – Development



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Venue: Dovercourt and Canoe Lake Lawn Tennis Club, Southsea.

Pupil Name: **Form:**

Parental Consent:

I confirm that I have read the information provided and agree that my daughter named above can take part in the activities described.

I confirm that my daughter is in good health and I consider her fit to participate.

Parent/Guardian Authorisation	Dated

Please return this form to the black box in the pupil entrance, addressed to Mr G Field.