



Backwell School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Girls' Squash and Table Tennis Lessons

Backwell Leisure Centre is built on land which used to be part of the school; the rugby pitches in fact. The close proximity of the leisure centre means that we are able to use these facilities during normal lesson times, causing no disruption to the school timetable. Consequently, squash lessons have been part of the Physical Education programme of study for more than 20 years now. A number of our students have gone on to play squash at county level and, of course, many more play socially in the local area. The students find these lessons interesting, physically challenging and thoroughly enjoyable.

In spite of the historical background mentioned above, the leisure centre is totally independent of the school and, consequently, we are expected to pay our way when we use it. This year we are combining table tennis with the girls' squash lessons to give them the opportunity to try another sport. We have negotiated a reduced rate for squash and table tennis, since there is little public demand for courts during the working day. The total cost for your daughter's block of squash and table tennis lessons will be £11. We hope you are able to support us so that this particularly successful part of the Physical Education programme may continue. If you do not want your daughter to take part in squash and table tennis lessons, she will be able to participate in an alternative activity, such as fitness or cross-country.

Payment of £11 should be made via www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system, **by Friday, 5 January**. If you have any problems accessing the service, please contact the Finance Team on 01275 465941. If your daughter is in receipt of free school meals and you would like us to pay the cost of her squash and table tennis lessons from your personal allocation of Pupil Premium funding, please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to the Finance Department **by Friday, 5 January**.

Yours sincerely

R Fowkes
Head of Girls' Physical Education

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NAME OF STUDENT: _____ TUTOR GROUP: _____

My daughter is in receipt of free school meals. Please make payment of £11 towards her squash and table tennis lessons from my personal allocation of Pupil Premium funding.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Carer