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The Tennis Academy at All Hallows plays a significant role in the school's mission to educate and nurture the 'whole person'. Consequently we are extremely proud of the progress and achievements of all our players.

From September 2009 we will be implementing some changes to the structure of the Academy. However, we will not lose sight

of our original vision to nurture and support every single player to fulfil their potential and personal ambitions at whatever level.

Our aim is to offer the opportunity to play tennis, not only to the pupils of All Hallows (past and present), but also to their families, staff and the wider local community.

We believe it's a skill that stays with you for life. Whether used socially as a means to forge and maintain new friendships or at a professionally competitive level, it helps to maintain a healthy body, mind and spirit.

These opportunities contribute significantly to personal growth and should always be good fun.

Coaching

A carefully structured programme will be available to **all** players regardless of age, experience or ability, offering the opportunity to advance from foundation to performance levels. We will ensure that each player has a clear understanding of his or her goals and provide the necessary support to achieve them.

Our very youngest players will progress through the Mini Tennis* programme, designed to ensure that they play on appropriately-sized courts with balls whose flight and bounce are tailored to their physical ability. They, and all beginners, will learn the basics in a group setting - moving on to individual coaching, development and performance squads as soon as they are ready.



Performance Programme



Individual Coaching & Development Groups



Initial Coaching Groups

This defined pathway for development will ensure that pupils, school and parents will be aware of progression being made. Our coaching staff will also be available to discuss any related issues.

Term-time coaching sessions will, for the first time, be supplemented by weekend and holiday courses as well as year-round individual tuition, to ensure continuity and progress is maintained. New players are welcomed to all these extra activities.

All Academy children are encouraged, and indeed expected, to follow the normal curriculum in order to experience the wealth of other opportunities on offer at All Hallows. Every child benefits from care and support - be it academic, pastoral, logistical or technical.

We believe that scope for achievement is greatest when school life remains balanced.

We would like to stress that tennis at All Hallows is not just for juniors. Adults are encouraged to join the organised coaching sessions available and participate in match-play, both formal and fun.



Talent Identification

Our Academy Director and assistant coaches will constantly monitor the development of pupils, and those showing promise will be offered further training opportunities within the Academy programme. Close links with other academies and clubs, both at home and abroad, will ensure that targeted players have exposure to supplementary resources and access to broader tournament experience.

Competition

Players will be offered competitive opportunities appropriate to their level of experience through internal match-play, inter-school and club fixtures and the Lawn Tennis Association National Competition Framework*.

Social

We want all our members to enjoy the facilities available to them and will encourage every player to get on the courts just to play and have a good time. Whether in the context of an organised event or when you feel the urge to play like Rafa Nadal, come and join in the fun!



If you have any questions or would like any other tennis or school related information, please don't hesitate to telephone or email

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* Please go to www.lta.org.uk for further information on Mini Tennis and the National Competition Framework