

SPORTS

DEVELOPMENT



The Kingsley School

Sport is an integral part of a Warwick Schools Foundation education.

Enabling all our pupils to develop their sporting interests requires outstanding facilities. Our ambition is to ensure that we can offer unrivalled opportunities for those whose interest is recreational as well as our elite sportsmen and women.

The schools' Directors of Sport have worked together with the Foundation Bursar and architects from Lawson Ward Studio to maximise the sporting opportunities on site. These plans create maximum flexibility in delivering an ever-widening range of sporting activities and increase sporting opportunities for all our pupils.

Richard Nicholson

Foundation Principal

We are all incredibly excited by the plans for the new sports facilities. They will have a hugely positive impact and will enable us to further enhance our sporting provision and the opportunities available to our students. We have enjoyed tremendous growth in the uptake of sport at King's High and the new facilities will allow us to build on this.

Dr Stephen Burley
Head Master, King's High School



The need

Myton Road Campus

Currently, the site has extensive usage by all our schools in Warwick. Our two Astroturfs on Gallows Hill are very flexible, and our grounds team does an excellent job in maintaining the sports fields. However, it is becoming increasingly hard to timetable all our sporting needs.

Kingsley Sports Fields

We need to develop this excellent resource - some 17 acres - to ensure that the sporting opportunities for pupils at Kingsley match their ambitions.

Working together

By developing each site in parallel, and taking into account the needs of all our pupils, we can create a suite of facilities which benefit the whole Foundation community. With each site being just a short journey from each other, it will be possible to 'mix and match' usage, extending opportunities without compromising access.

All our senior schools currently hire external facilities. We want to be in a position to share our facilities when it is possible to do so, but also to be as self-sufficient as we can. This means we can plan the sporting curriculum and extra-curricular programme with greater confidence.

“We are very excited about the imminent developments at The Kingsley School fields and the opportunities this will provide both now and in the future. This is a huge stepping stone for our vision to raise the standards and the profile of Physical Education and Sport at The Kingsley School and enable us to host more events particularly in netball and tennis.”

Allison Warrillow
Director of Sport, The Kingsley School

Access

To maximise the opportunities for our pupils to work together, we are reviewing the shape of the day at Kingsley School. More common timings across the week will enable the best sharing of facilities. This goes for pupils on the Myton Road Campus making best use of the Kingsley Sports Fields, too.




Prioritisation

We have prioritised the phasing of developments taking into account need, cost and the impact on our cash flow, and planning processes. For example, it is a planning requirement that the campus car park on Gallows Hill returns to sporting use. Our timelines ensure the most positive impact for our community.


Victoria Espley

Foundation Bursar

Kingsley Sports Fields

 **PHASE 1:** Work to be commenced Autumn Term 2023

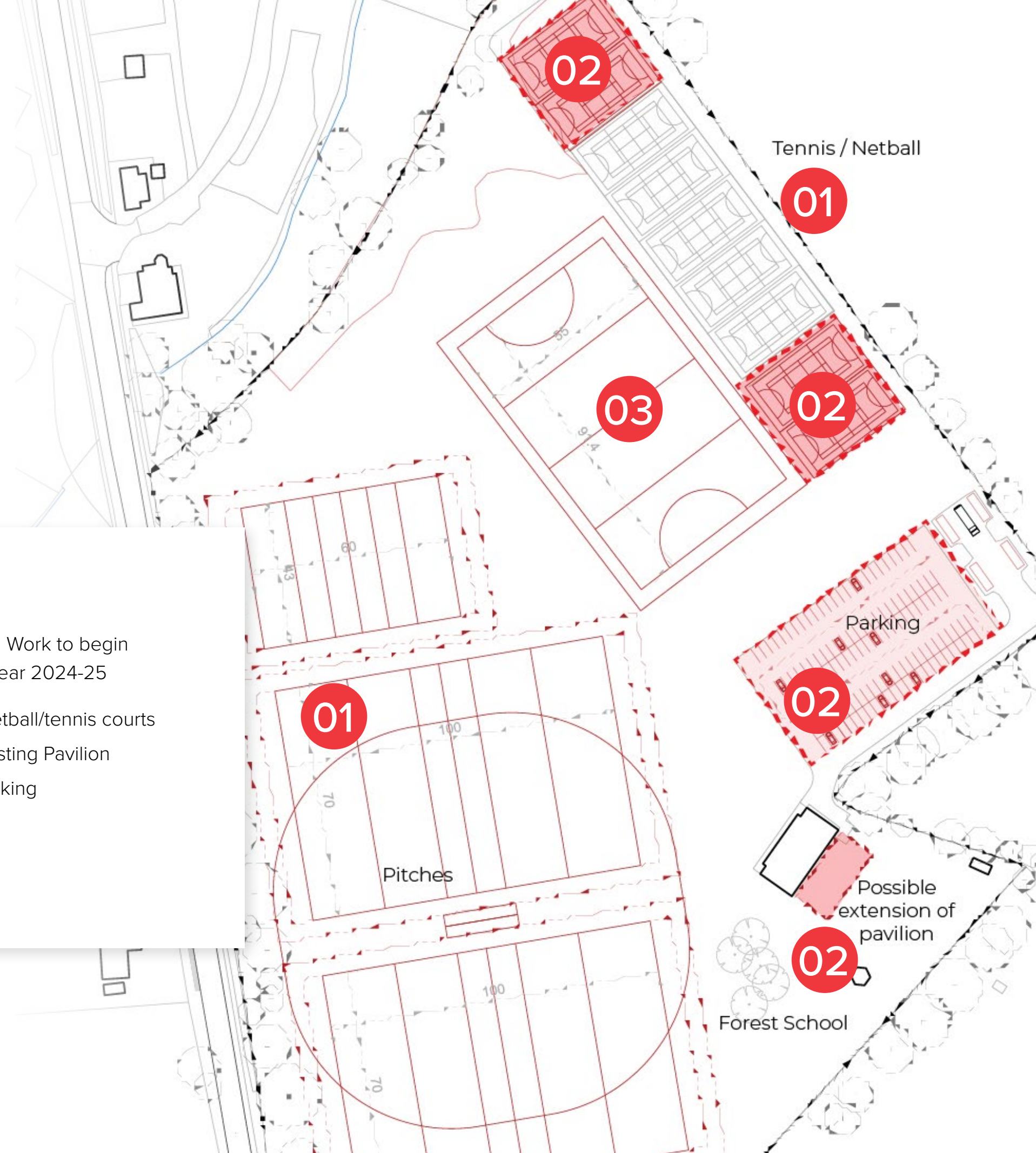
- The refurbishing of the five existing netball and tennis courts
- Marking out grass pitches to establish usability for football, rugby, and cricket

 **PHASE 2:** Work to begin academic year 2024-25

- Extension of netball/tennis courts
- Upgrade of existing Pavilion
- Upgrade of parking

 **PHASE 3**

- New Astro turf



“At the Junior School, we offer our boys every opportunity to pursue new interests and make the most of their potential. Sport is a key part of our provision encouraging excellence, but also an enjoyment of playing as a team and an appreciation of the importance of physical health. The improvement of our facilities will ensure that the younger boys in the school continue to compete, both locally and nationally, building a strong foundation for future success.”

John Bond
Headmaster, Warwick Junior School

“The development of the facilities will enable us as a Prep School to take sport to the next level, we have gone from strength to strength, due to our specialist staff. Sport is an integral part of the Prep School, with fundamental skills and movement being so crucial in these formative ages, we strive for maximum participation and inclusion, with these improved facilities meaning an even more extensive provision, at times that are more accessible to all children. We are passionate and driven as a department and strive for national success and recognition in a variety of sports, a feat that can be reached with further access to facilities.”

Katie Clark
Director of Sport, Warwick Preparatory School



Myton Road campus

PHASE 1: Work planned to start in early 2024

- Nine new cricket nets
- Additional astro-turf on Gallows Hill, to the same specification as the existing tiger-turf astro-turfs.

PHASE 2: Work to begin in academic year 2025-26

- Additional tennis/netball court

PHASE 3

- New pavilion, including changing facilities, associated support services for sports, and hospitality



“At Warwick Prep, we have a proven record of developing a life long love of sport and providing competitive opportunities for our children, enabling them to compete at a national level year on year. Investing and providing world-class sporting facilities raises aspiration and provides inspiration.”

Hellen Dodsworth
Headmistress, Warwick Preparatory School



Funding

As part of our ongoing facilities investment strategy, we have allocated funds for sports development across our campuses.

We have identified these further priorities, noted on the siteplans, although they are not yet fully funded, and we are likely to seek community support for their completion:

- Kingsley Sports Fields Astroturf
- Myton Road Campus Pavilion

Planning

Some developments are subject to planning. We are currently working with the District Council, who are also developing their facilities around Gallows Hill.

Parking on Myton Road site

There will be less parking on Gallows Hill but a revised transport plan and more effective management of the main car parks is being developed to mitigate any issues.



“At Warwick Junior and Senior School, pupils have the privilege of enjoying a diverse range of sporting opportunities throughout the year. The passion for both competitive and recreational sports is as strong as ever, and for many pupils, school sport is a highlight of their school experience. Barriers that currently exist related to facility access will be significantly reduced, ensuring more pupils will enjoy the benefits of additional opportunities.”

Tom Hancock
Director of Sport, Warwick School

Sport across the Foundation Schools continues to be a strength and integral part to the education of each and every one of our students. The development of facilities at both the Kingsley site and Myton road campus will enable all schools to continue to improve both the quality and quantity of provision. Whether for recreation or performance the use of these facilities will enable greater participation for all of our Foundation Schools and enable large scale National events to be hosted on our inspiring site, continuing to elevate the regional and national reputation our schools have already developed for sport.

Sarah Parkinson-Mills
Director of Sport, King's High School

We are confident that these developments will see the Foundation being able to offer the most comprehensive sporting facilities locally, support all our pupils in their sporting pursuits, and enable enhanced opportunities for all, meeting the needs of our current and future generations of pupils.



“At Warwick Junior School sporting opportunities for all is our overriding aim. The new Astro, Cricket nets and Tennis courts, in addition to the current nationally recognised facilities will enable us greater access and therefore the ability to achieve our aim across as wide a range of sports as possible.”

Mark Burchett
Director Sport, Warwick Junior School

“The development of facilities on the Kingsley Fields will be transformative, offering new and enhanced opportunities for competitive and recreational sport. Every Kingsley pupil will benefit.”

James Mercer-Kelly
Headteacher, The Kingsley School

“Extending the opportunities for sport on our own sites will undoubtedly have a very positive impact on our pupils. We want everyone to have as good a sporting start as possible as part of the holistic education we offer. The more opportunities we can offer for our pupils to find the sport which engages them most, the greater the likelihood that physical recreation will become a healthy part of their lives in the world beyond school.”

James Barker
Head Master, Warwick School