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**1. Respect for our staff, volunteers and neighbours**

Dominic Thompson recently wrote to all members of the club about several recent cases where members of the club, whether senior or junior members, or parents of junior players have been disrespectful to staff and volunteers at the club. We hope that we can all recognise the value that we get from the game, which would not happen without our staff, volunteers and neighbours.

**Kitchen and bar staff** : these valued team members work very hard on busy Saturdays and Sundays to deliver the best service they can. On busy days like Mini / Junior Sundays and 1st XV Sponsorship days, they are victims of our own success, so can be stretched at times. Please be patient if there are delays.

**Car Parking** : this is operated on an entirely voluntary basis by club members, to ensure that it is both safely operated and courteous to our neighbours. Any requests they make are intended to ensure that happens.

**Neighbours** : Driffield Agricultural Society gives us access to their car park road, and also to the back pitches, as part of their community role. There have been several recent occasions where car drivers have parked along the access road where it is clearly marked as "No Parking". This makes access for other users of the Showground difficult or even impossible and, on occasion, has prevented them from closing their security gates.

Disrespectful, and abusive, language will not be tolerated. All members have a duty to step in where they encounter disrespect, and nip it in the bud, reminding people of our core values. The Executive Committee will not hesitate to impose bans on anyone who does not observe that.

**2. 1<sup>st</sup> XV Fixtures – February**

Regional 1 North East (2.15 kick-off)

- Saturday, 3 : Cleckheaton (Away)
- Saturday, 10 : Ilkley (Away) – postponed to 24 February 2024
- Saturday, 17 : Doncaster Phoenix (Home)
- Saturday, 24 : Ilkley (Away)

Championship North 2

- Sunday, 11 : Manchester Women (Away)

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## **What's happening at the Rugby Club ?**

All of the senior teams' fixtures are available to see on the website. Those for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV are at <https://www.driffieldruffc.com/1st-xv-fixtures-results/> - from that page, you can follow a link to other teams.

### **3. Papa John's Community Cup**

The draw for our 1<sup>st</sup> XV has been confirmed – they will play in Championship Pool I, with the following fixtures in April :

- Saturday, 13 April : Harrogate (Away)
- Saturday, 20 April : Blackburn (Home)
- Saturday, 27 April : York (Home)April:

### **4. Yorkshire Cup Semi-final**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> XV has progressed to the semi-final of the competition with an away draw against local rivals Scarborough. This is set for the **Saturday, 9 March** – put the date on your calendar.

### **5. Under 15s Fund-Raising**

You may have noticed that the team has been selected by Tesco Driffield as one of the community causes for fund-raising. They would be delighted if your blue tokens helped them to maximise their efforts.

### **6. Annual Dinner**

Because Easter is very early this year, when rugby will still be in full swing, it has been decided to reschedule it to Friday, 24 May.

### **7. Mini Rugby Festival**

This will take place on Sunday, 14 April. This is a great event for our younger players as well as being a fund-raiser for the club. It takes a lot of organising, and your help with marshalling traffic and car parking would be very helpful. Please contact Paul Dervey if you are able to help – 07768 578 963.

### **8. Club Payment Cards**

If you have one of these cards, and would like to use it to pay your bar tab for one of our lunches, this must be done on the day, please.

### **9. RFU National Rugby Survey 2024**

The RFU has launched this year's survey : by completing it, you will help the RFU, constituent bodies, clubs, societies and schools to meet the needs of the game in future seasons. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. To thank you for taking part, you will have the opportunity to enter into a prize draw to win a £50 retail voucher. You can take part by Googling it, or click here :

<https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90413346/4a20e6e00e8f>

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