



WILTSHIRE SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WSAA)

Dear Athlete

Many massive congratulations on your selection for the Wiltshire Schools' Athletics Team to compete at the 87<sup>TH</sup> English Schools' Track and Field Championships held in Birmingham on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017. This is a significant achievement and one you should be very proud of.

You have been selected for the event as shown on our WSAA website: [www.wiltsschoolsathletics.org](http://www.wiltsschoolsathletics.org)

The team will travel by coach on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. You may either meet the coach at the Coach Station, off Castle Street, near the riverside in Salisbury, leaving at 12.15pm or Isambard Community School Car park, North Swindon leaving at 1.45pm. At the team meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July you will be asked to confirm where you will meet the coach. Emergency Mobile numbers will be given out at the team meeting. This year you can follow WSAA on **Twitter @ <https://twitter.com/wiltshireSAA>**. Twitter enables us to provide instant information to keep you updated.

We have not received confirmation of the hotel we are staying in, however we will hopefully be able to provide you with this information on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We are aiming to be at our accommodation by 4.00pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. We will be returning on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July arriving back Isambard Community school about 10pm and Salisbury about 11.30pm. Athletes may travel back with their parents but all team members must travel to Birmingham with the Wiltshire Team. All team members must remain with the team until after the final athletes have competed; this can be up to 6pm.

**Team Meeting:** On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July there will be a **compulsory** meeting for you and your parents at Sheldon School, Hardenhuish Lane, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN14 6HJ, please arrive at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Please use the main school, sports hall entrance when you drive in. The meeting is in the Sixth Form Study Centre - it is signposted plus students will be there to direct you.

Please have your **medical form / consent form, Code of Conduct** and the **athlete questionnaire** with you as you will be asked for them when you arrive. You are also asked to ensure that the Code of Conduct is signed by you and your parent/guardian and that the consent/medical form is fully and accurately completed. All the forms you require are attached to this email and available on the website.

All team members and their parent / guardian are asked to attend this meeting. During the meeting you will be introduced to your team managers and all essential administrative details will be dealt with. There will also be a team photograph.

For the team photo you will be asked to change into the super WSAA kit. This will be issued at the start of the meeting. Class rooms will be used as changing rooms, please consider carefully what you wear to the meeting. **You must bring with you / wear** to the team meeting your WSAA vest and **PLAIN BLACK SHORTS** so that we can check that you have them.

You may pay in to our WSAA treasurer any outstanding fees re the cost we charge for each athlete going to Birmingham and /or for the cost of the kit. We ask to please check with your school/ college if they have paid part / the whole amount towards these costs. Lucy will be in contact regarding kit.

**Cost:**

The cost to each athlete for the national finals is £128.00. This covers entry fees, T-shirt, accommodation, main meals, transport and administration costs. Your school has been asked to pay your costs and may wish to reclaim all, or some of it, back from you; again –please check with your school if they have sent any money to WSAA. ***If you school decides not to pay then it is the responsibility of your parent/guardian to ensure the cost is covered.***

**Packed lunches:**

Please note that the cost includes evening meals on Thursday and Friday and breakfast on Friday and Saturday. Athletes have to provide their own food and drink on the journey to and from Birmingham and during the day on Friday and Saturday. We will be stopping at services on the journey to and from Birmingham. Many athletes last year met up with their parent at Birmingham on Friday and Saturday as they had prepared a packed lunch for them. There are also plenty of food outlets in the stadium, but they tend to have very long queues.

**Team area in the athletes' stand and warm-up area:** Please note that only official team managers are allowed in these areas.

**Note: Special Dietary Requirements:-**

I have to advise all residents using the catering facilities that in line with the new legislation, Allergens advice is available upon request. Although the menus are designed to cater most of the dietary requirement **if you have specific dietary requirements then please notify me of your specific needs as soon as possible**

**Track and Field schedule:** This will be on the ESAA web site ([www.esaa.net](http://www.esaa.net))

**Queries:**

The ESAA have produces a document for parents. The FAQ's page has most of the details parents need, it is worth reading. Please also go to [www.esaa.net](http://www.esaa.net) 'Notes for Parents' which can be found in the reference section of the main menu.

Once again, on behalf of Wiltshire Schools' Athletic Association, many congratulations on your achievements so far and thank you for supporting Wiltshire Schools' Athletics. We are looking forward to another highly successful and enjoyable National Championships and meeting you and your parents on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 6.30pm for 7pm

Yours Sincerely,

Kayleigh Humphrey & Danielle Fox

Wiltshire Schools' Athletic Association Team Managers