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# DCRFU Schools' Union Update

## Meet your committee



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### Chairpersons welcome

I am delighted to be asked to chair the newly reformed Durham County Rugby Football Schools Union. I have had the pleasure of seeing my son play at U15, U16 and U18 levels in the past and want to put something back into making the Union a force to make a difference again.

I want to support the schools at all levels and see our player and competition base grow year on year.

I look forward to working with you all and the newly formed committee to see that happen. If you want to invite me to any Schools Rugby event I will do my best to support you all.

Best wishes for another good season.  
Richard Wilkinson  
DCRFU Chairman



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For all other enquires or in the case that the committee can not be reached please contact the Durham County RFU administration office: Email: [dcrfu@therfu.com](mailto:dcrfu@therfu.com) or 0191 477 2959.

# Behind the faces

## Mr Pearson

- Head of PE in three Schools
- Advisory Teacher
- ILEA; County Adviser/ Inspector for PE
- National Lead Trainer PESSYP Strategy
- Kent Schools RFU Secretary
- RFU International Referee

## Mr Wilkinson

- Former PE Teacher of Bede College Durham
- Former PE Teacher, Head Teacher/ - Executive Head of Biddick School Sports College.
- Former Head Teacher at Keldholme School
- Player at all levels for Durham City RFC (DCRFC)
- Former DCRFC Secretary,
- Director of Rugby, President and XV team manager.
- Current DCRFC President
- RFU Intermediate Coaching Award

## Mr Pepper

- Assistant Head Pastoral at Barnard Castle school.
- Director of Sport at Barnard Castle school.
- ERFSU National Competitions committee member
- RFU Level 4 Coaching Award
- Provide a voice at national level for schools rugby in Durham County.
- U18 North of England Schools Selector

*The committee is also supported by nine other members – school teacher volunteers from surrounding schools.*

### THE BENEFITS OF JOINING US

- ◇ Access to subsidised teacher development days
- ◇ Eligibility to enter Competitions from local through to National level
- ◇ Access to England International Tickets
- ◇ Discounted tickets to other Twickenham matches
- ◇ And [more](#)

**England Rugby Support**

Developing children as confident, capable young people first is at the core of the Rugby Football Union's offer to schools. Using rugby union as a vehicle for developing young people's personal and social skills alongside their rugby skills can have a dramatic impact on all aspects of their lives and has real whole school impact.

Rugby can be played by all students in your school. There are a number of types of game formats and competition on offer to enable you to engage all students. Thousands of young people of all shapes, sizes and abilities play rugby throughout the nation every week of the season.

As education continues to be a key focus for the growth of rugby union, the Education Development Team's aim is to supply support, tools and resources for the huge army of school staff and volunteers working hard to provide fun and enjoyable rugby sessions for their students.

For more information on what support is available to you, including free leadership awards and cross curricular teaching resources please visit [EnglandRugby.com/schools](http://EnglandRugby.com/schools).

The RFU may also use such personal data for the following purposes:

If you do not wish to receive, by electronic mail (including e-mail, SMS or image messages etc) information about tickets, special offers, opportunities, products and services available from the RFU or its companies or RFU subsidiaries, tick here

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**How To Affiliate**

To become a member please complete this form and send it with payment to your local County Schools Union. Details about what additional benefits the CSU offer, the cost of affiliation and who to contact to affiliate can be found on the accompanying 'County Information Document.'

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SCHOOL ADDRESS

SCHOOL EMAIL

SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER

TEACHER I/C RUGBY NAME

TEACHER I/C RUGBY EMAIL

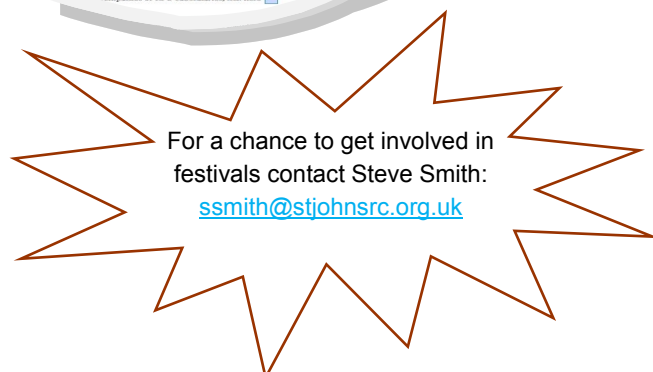
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### Still...WHY?

*Rugby and school values cross paths teaching children: respect, enjoyment, discipline, sportsmanship and teamwork without them even realising!*

### Useful Links

- [Psychological skills training](#)
- [Age Grade rugby playing calendar and Regulation 15](#)
- [Age Grade U14/U15 Q & A](#)



### WHAT IS NEXT.....

