



Ernst & Young 2015 Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match

Dear Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match Supporter,

You are warmly invited to the 58th Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match, contested between the Cambridge University Modern Pentathlon Club (CUMPC) and the Oxford University Modern Pentathlon Association (OUMPA). As always, this event represents the pinnacle of the sporting year for our two teams - the culmination of months of training carefully balanced with their academic and other pursuits.

Cambridge took a well-deserved win in the first ever Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match held in 1958. They will again be defending this title in 2015 with the current tally in the men's team competition at 35-22 to Oxford. The tally in the ladies competition lies at 26-13 in Cambridge's favour. The Cambridge Old Blues have the honour of hosting this Varsity Match from Friday 3rd April to Sunday 5th April at Bradfield College in Berkshire.

We are delighted to be returning to Bradfield - an excellent venue for the Varsity Match, providing superb accommodation and sporting facilities. We are grateful to James Charlton, Bradfield College Enterprises and all the staff at the school for working so hard to make this event a success. This year the riding will be held at Blewbury Equestrian Centre where we look forward to the traditional thrills and spills that this phase offers!

It is with great pleasure that we can announce that Ernst & Young are again sponsoring this year's Varsity Match. On behalf of Cambridge and Oxford Modern Pentathlon Old Blues we would like to thank EY for their continued support. Their contribution to the Varsity Match enables us to deliver a first class competition. Furthermore, EY have been instrumental in providing both Cambridge and Oxford Modern Pentathlon clubs with funding for training and equipment which has enabled the development of both novice and experienced athletes across the five disciplines. We are especially grateful to Chris Price, EMEA FSO UK Market Leader, for his continuing support for Oxford & Cambridge Modern Pentathlon. For anyone wishing to find out more about EY, including EY services, industries, insights and career opportunities, please visit www.ey.com/uk

The success of the Varsity Match relies on all of the Old Blues, their families and friends for generously giving up time to ensure that the event runs smoothly. We would like to thank all those who are helping to plan and run this year's Varsity Match.

We look forward to welcoming you, the supporters, to the varsity match and hope that you will join us for the supporter's lunch in the dining hall at Bradfield College on Saturday lunchtime.

Finally, to the athletes, whom the show is all about... we wish you well and hope you enjoy the competition!

Very best wishes,
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Varsity / 'va:siti / v.tr. to discharge one's responsibility maximally in the context of a Varsity Pentathlon, i.e. athletes perform beyond ability levels; supporters perform with alarming enthusiasm and vigour, etc.



Timetable of Events

Good Friday 3rd April

- 09:00 Teams Arrive : STEVENS HOUSE, BRADFIELD COLLEGE (parking in the Visitors' Car Park)
- 09:30 Team Photos: BIG SCHOOL
- 10:00 Welcome & Introductions : BIG SCHOOL
- 11:00 Ladies' Fencing Warm-Up (briefing at 11:25) : THE SPORTS COMPLEX
- 11:30 Ladies' Fencing
- 11:55 Lunch (packed lunch for teams) : SCHOOL DINING HALL
- 14:00 Gentlemen's Fencing Warm-Up (briefing at 14:25) : THE SPORTS COMPLEX
- 14:30 Gentlemen's Fencing
- 17:45 Dinner : SCHOOL DINING HALL
- 18:30 Draw & Briefing for Riding Event & Briefing for Combined Event : BIG SCHOOL
- 20:00 First Swimming Warm-Up (for Ladies and Reserves) : THE SPORTS COMPLEX
- 20:20 Ladies' Swimming (three heats of four)
- 20:40 Reserves' Swimming (three heats of four)
- 21:00 Second Swimming Warm-Up (for Gentlemen and Old Blues)
- 21:20 Gentlemen's Swimming (three heats of four)
- 21:40 Old Blues Triathlon Challenge (Swimming Phase)

Easter Saturday 4th April

- 07:00 Breakfast : SCHOOL DINING HALL
- 07:30 Teams Depart Bradfield for BLEWBURY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
- 08:00 Demonstration of Horses
- 09:00 Walk Riding Course
- 09:20 First Rider Begins Warm-Up
- 09:40 First Competition Round Commences (riding continues to 12:00)
- 12:00 Return to Bradfield College
- 12:30 Varsity Match Guest Lunch (packed lunch for teams) : SCHOOL DINING HALL
- 13:15 Combined Event Officials' Briefing : BIG SCHOOL
- 13:45 Reserves' Combined Event : BRADFIELD COLLEGE ESTATE
- 14:30 Ladies' Combined Event
- 15:10 Gentlemen's Combined Event
- 15:30 Old Blues' Triathlon Challenge (Combined Event Phase)
- 16:45 Tea & Presentations : BIG SCHOOL
- 19:30 Varsity Match Dinner Dance : SCHOOL DINING HALL & BIG SCHOOL

Easter Sunday 5th April

- 08:00 Breakfast : SCHOOL DINING HALL
- 10:00 Depart Bradfield. Consume body weight in chocolate.

Match Officials

Varsity Match Directors:	Dr Zoë Rutterford & Miss Laura Plant
Commentator:	Mr Tristan Robbie
Results Directors:	Dr Jamie Brunning & Dr Lucy Greenwood
Fencing Director:	Mr Jonathon Wright
Swimming Director:	Miss Laura Plant
Riding Director:	Miss Nicky Brooks
Combined Event Directors:	Dr Nick England & Miss Lottie Buttar
Dinner Director:	Miss Hannah Darcy
Old Blues' Club Presidents:	Dr Zoë Rutterford & Miss Amelia Sykes

Directions for Bradfield College Venues & Blewbury E.C.

Bradfield College (RG7 6AU),

The Sports Complex (RG7 6BZ),

Stevens House (RG7 6BG),

Blewbury Equestrian Centre (OX11 9NH).

Accommodation for competitors and helpers will be in **Stevens House (RG7 6BG)**.

After unloading, parking will be at the **Visitors' Car Park** (see below).

There are various B&B's and hotels close to Bradfield College that should be able to provide accommodation for Varsity Match competitors' families and supporters.

Directions to Stevens House (RG7 6BG) from the M4

- Leave the M4 at junction 12 (signposted Theale & Reading) ,
- At the roundabout take the 1st exit onto the A4 Bath Road (signposted Theale),
- At the roundabout take the 2nd exit continuing on the A4/Bath Road (signposted Theale),
- At the roundabout take the 3rd exit onto the A340 (sign posted Pangbourne),
- Turn left almost immediately onto Common Hill,
- Continue on Common Hill for approximately 1.5 miles,
- At the crossroads turn right. **Stevens House** is 200 yards on the right hand side.
- For the **Visitors' Car Park** turn left at the crossroads and take the 1st left into the car park.

More detailed directions and maps can be found on the Bradfield College website (www.bradfieldcollege.org.uk).

Directions to Blewbury Equestrian Centre (OX11 9NH) from Bradfield College (RG7 6AU)

- Start out on Rectory Lane,
- Turn left on to Ashampstead Road,
- Bear right and continue on to Yattendon Road,
- Bear right on to Darby Lane,
- Bear right on to Blandys Lane,
- Turn right on to Park Wall Lane,
- At T junction turn left on to A329 signposted Streatley, Oxford,
- Turn left on to A417 signposted Wantage, Didcot,
- Turn right in to Bessels Way at garage,
- Blewbury Equestrian Centre is ½ a mile on the left.