

Greetings all.

Please read and digest the following in its entirety.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

JKS Bradford will shortly be moving its training sessions from Heaton Tennis and Squash Club (HTSC) to a new venue.

WHY IS IT HAPPENING?

HTSC will soon be starting work to renovate the studio, during which time it will be out of bounds. When the work has completed it will be leased to a (new) Table Tennis club who may or may not be happy to share it with us. The longer term plan is for HTSC to develop a new, larger studio which would then become our permanent base.

WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN?

HTSC are still unclear as to when the work will begin. Therefore, to banish uncertainty I have declared a start date of **Monday 20th August 2018**. From that date we will move to a new venue not too far from HTSC. The date for moving back will depend on liaisons between me, HTSC and the Table Tennis club.

WHERE WILL WE TRAIN INSTEAD?

I have come to an agreement with **St. Joseph's College** to use their gym on **Cunliffe Road**, just over a mile away from HTSC. I have done my utmost to minimise disruption to everyone's routine so we will maintain our usual training days, training times and even admission fees. The only significant thing that will change will be the venue, which will become

[St Joseph's Catholic College Ignis Site, Cunliffe Rd, Bradford BD8 7AP](#) (click for map).

The only other minor change will be that instead of paying your admission to a receptionist you will need to give it to me and I will mark you off against the register.

To get to the gym, use the main entrance on Cunliffe Road, come through the outer gate and the inner gate and proceed all the way until you reach the building dead ahead of you. The gym will be slightly on the right, up a few steps.

NEXT STEPS

Please start now to familiarise yourself with the new arrangements. I suggest you put the date - Monday 20th August - into your diary so that you don't forget. If you have any queries/concerns/comments you can address them to me either by emailing jksbradford@instructor.net or by phoning/texting/WhatsApping 07702-651912. You can also address them to me in person at a training session but bear in mind that we are now in Silly Season so I will be missing a number of sessions, including all Saturdays in August.

Below are some presumed questions you may have, along with their answers.

- JKS Bradford has been using the studio since 2002. Why do we have to acquiesce to the Table Tennis club?

Ultimately it comes down to money. HTSC have been struggling financially for a few years and the Table Tennis club are paying them a considerable amount, far more than JKS Bradford could hope to match.

- Why didn't you get somewhere closer?

Many places were considered but all the others would have meant changing our training time, increasing admission charge or training on unsuitable floors. St Joseph's has offered everything we require.

- Why 20th August?

HTSC initially told me that work would begin "in the middle of August" but had no specific date (the work has since been delayed). I chose a date in the middle of August when I was expecting to be around. This date also happens to be suitable as I expect it to impact few people and would thus serve as a good test bed.

- How do we get in to the school?

I am assured that both gates and even the door to the gym building will be open. There are, in fact, swimming classes on just before each of our sessions so everything ought to be open. In any case, I will be planning to arrive suitably early and I have the means to open the gates and the building.

- How do we get out?

The gates are supposed to be left open for us. In the event that they get locked while we are training, simply let me know and I will open them. The inner gate will open automatically when approaching it from the inside so it's not a problem if only this gate is closed.

- What if we arrive late and the gates are locked?

You will need to phone me to let me know your predicament (07702-651912). However, the gates ought to remain open so it should not be a problem. You should in any case avoid arriving late, as this always disrupts the lesson even at the best of times.

- Are there any changing/showering facilities?

Yes. However, we will need to work out which is which, as they are not labelled male and female (it used to be a girls-only school). The school convention is that boys use the facilities upstairs (entrance level) and girls use those downstairs. However, we will need to have the same arrangement as the swimmers before us so as to avoid any surprises.

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