

Dear Member

I would like to welcome current and new players back to Aylesbury RFC for the 2018/18 season.

For those that don't know me, I am your Director of Rugby, a role that looks after playing matters for the senior sides, and works closely with Paul Andrews to provide assistance to the junior section.

We have had a very productive pre-season period and coaches, managers and players are looking forward to an enjoyable season which will also hopefully be a successful one. Success will be defined in a number of ways, and while league positions for all 3 senior teams is one measure of success, it is not the only one - I leave you to determine what the others might be and to please let me know what success looks like for you as a mini, junior or senior player, parent, coach, manager, volunteer so that we can record it in the clubhouse and work to ensure we help each other to achieve it. Email me at DoR@aylesburyrfc.co.uk with your thoughts or catch me in the clubhouse.

We will be ramping up the coaching support to both adult and junior rugby this year. Jon Lambden and Rob Smith our two senior coaches will be spending time with junior coaches to further develop player-centred coaching, and we will also have technical coach improvement classes from both internal and external coaches. All this will take place year-round on the RFU AGP which I hope players and coaches of all ages will enjoy throughout the season.

We have a fantastic club at Aylesbury. It has a proud tradition, great people willing to go the extra mile, superb facilities which are the envy of most clubs and a strong 'one club' ethos. Please make the most of your membership by doing that little bit more to strengthen one part of your club.

Best wishes

Simon Winman

DoR