**WISDEN SCHOOLS SECTION 2023 SEASON**
***Many of these guidelines also appear (in red) on the forms.***

**All the information is transferred by my copying and pasting what you type**

**Please read this document carefully** as around 50% of schools get it wrong at the first attempt.

I have attached two documents for the completion of your schools Wisden statistics, For inclusion in Wisden, you need to send them to me before Friday 11th August and is best done at the end of term, so scorecards aren’t deleted from ipads etc.

Please send the stats as an Excel attachment, report in Word. **Please return as attachments in the same format, not in any other form**. It is very helpful if you make the ***briefest*** name of your school, e.g. Merchant Taylors’, Northwood, Oundle, or Tonbridge the subject of your e-mail AND the title of your files. This makes it easier to track down in case of any queries. Type in each yellow box. You can’t copy and paste from Word.

Do not work out the averages or the number of matches played. The form does it for you. **Thus, please don’t touch the grey bits.**They contain hidden formulae**.**The exercise should take about 15 minutes once you have the basic information to hand **(including full initials!). Please include the right-hand section about Universities. “Applying for University?” Means applying in Autumn 2023 for 2024 (or 2025).**

**Matches to include in the team results and averages**: **ALL MATCHES PLAYED BY THE 1ST XI INCLUDING TWENTY20 and HUNDRED COMPETITIONS. THE ONLY MATCHES NOT TO INCLUDE ARE YOUR FOREIGN TOURS THAT TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE OF THE SEASON. YOU CAN ALSO INCLUDE NATCHES PLAYED UB SEPTEMBER 2022.**

**Team results**: an **abandoned** match is one in which not a single ball was bowled. **Once a ball is bowled**, the game (by Wisden’s style) cannot be abandoned. It is won, lost, tied or drawn. A single ball constitutes a match. **Please note that the same provision must apply to ALL matches in the interests of fairness when we come to compile our tables, ie limited-overs matches rained off after a single ball are draws just as declaration games are**.

**Wisden requires FULL initials for everybody (including Masters i/c and Coaches)**. There does not appear to be room for the coach’s name, but there is. Just try it and see. Please write all names in Title case (e.g. Shrewsbury School & R. H. Morris), **not capitals.**Do not show the Master i/c also as coach. It is assumed that he or she also coaches.

**Brief comments on season**: **three lines absolute maximum**. **What you write is what will appear**(but may be edited). It should therefore be written in prose rather than note-form. Please include **first names** when referring to players. **It is in a separate attachment**.

Wisden is punctilious about full points and spacing. The style is R.(space)H.(space)Morris. Thus R. H. Morris. ***Not*** R.H.Morris, ROB MORRIS nor any other variation.

**Show the captain with an asterisk BEFORE his name**(**e.g. \***R. H. Morris). In the unlikely event that he does not feature in the averages, please add a note to that effect in your email.

The batting and bowling tables should be in order of merit i.e. overall average – high to low for batting and low to high for bowling. Your device will do it in seconds.

Qualification for inclusion in the tables: **150+ runs or 10+ wickets.**However, if nobody qualifies in either category, *please give full figures for the most successful batsman and/ or bowler.*

**Deadline is Friday 11th August, but I can accept a few late entries until midnight August 31st as I am travelling to the Far East in late September and need to get the Wisden School report completed before I leave.

Please return all of your information to  wisden@schoolscricketonline.co.uk**