




Sporting Opportunity




January 2019 will bring with it another milestone for the British School in Tokyo. At the very start of our 30th Anniversary year, we will see the first sports fixtures played on our own 'home' turf. The main objective of our BST 19:20 Project, launched almost five years ago as we looked forward to the 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, was the provision of a facility to accommodate three major team sports for boys and girls: cricket, football and rugby. Today we are almost there...

I write now to seek the support of the BST network of parents and friends to help us make the BST Nagasawa Sports Ground a genuine community hub. We have spared no expense in providing the highest quality synthetic surface most suited to all three sports. There will be a spacious modular clubhouse with first-class changing facilities, a class-size teaching space and a kitchen and social area. The whole site will be floodlit to maximize playing time. But we want to do more.



It would be wonderful if we could turn this facility into a pleasant, family-friendly centre for players of all ages and their parents. To this end, we want the clubhouse to be a comfortable, welcoming space with the flexibility to respond to the needs of the widest range of potential users. In order to do this we are hoping to attract sponsors who are prepared to help us fit it out to the highest specifications.

We are also keen to ensure the playing facilities are as responsive to the demands of the different sports as they possibly can be. Ideally we should be able to play rugby in the morning and cricket in the afternoon; or bring a year-group of footballers, both boys and girls, to an early evening practice session and have a number of drills or small-scale games running simultaneously. With sponsorship, we can provide the latest design of hinged aluminium rugby posts so that we can switch from one sport to another safely and very quickly; we can roll out pitch dividers and provide football goals in a range of different sizes; we can offer coaches and substitutes sheltered pitch-side seating.



If you would like to help us – or if you have any business contacts who might be able to offer sponsorship in kind – please contact me directly, or email our Director of Operations, Kevin Elliott kelliott@bst.ac.jp for a sample list of costed items for sponsorship.

You can find more information on the Giving page of the school website: <https://www.bst.ac.jp/giving>

Thank you in advance for your support

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