



# DARTFORD BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

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## Introduction – Dartford Basketball Club moving forward

Welcome to the all-new Dartford Basketball newsletter. It has been decided to issue this online paper to notify all Dartford Basketball Club members of the changes that are occurring within the Club.

Following a great season, seeing Dartford I win the Medway Cup and on the same day Dartford II win the Medway Plate, it was decided to add a new team to the mix. This season saw the creation of the Dartford Vets team. Dartford I and Dartford II were to play in Medway Division I and Dartford Vets to play in Division II.

During their first season Dartford Vets had secured the use of North Kent College in Dartford on a Monday evening. There are two courts side-by-side with electronic scoreboards and there is viewing from the balcony overlooking the courts. We must thank Chris Manley for his assistance in getting us into this great venue.

We are very pleased to announce that From Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> our Tuesday night junior session and men's open session will be shifting days and joining the Vets on a Monday evening at NKC, bringing the club closer aligned and allowing us to double the capacity of our junior programme.

Letters have been issued to Ben Maher's current juniors and we have sent emails to all on the current waitlist highlighting the changes. Over the next few weeks we will be working out who from the waitlist will be joining Ben's current juniors for the start of our new Junior programme. Juniors will be split into two – 11 to 14 years on one court and 15+ on the other court – but players could be moved according to ability. The training will run from 6.00pm to 7:30pm.

The Club is in the process of getting training vests and equipment for the juniors and thanks to funding that Ian Webb has been able to secure for the juniors, t-shirts will be purchased together with tees for the coaches.

We will be putting together a list of coaches who are able to help with the juniors on Monday evenings. They should have DBS and also receive Safeguarding training but the Club can assist with this, so if anyone is interested please let Lyn Marsh or Ben Maher know.

Following the Junior session, the vets will continue training on their side of the double court and the other side will be utilised by the men's open session which will continue as previous but just in a different location and at a different time. Both vet's and men's session will run from 8:00 – 10:00pm.

We hope you enjoy the new changes

**Dartford Basketball Club**

