

Sport

One of the earliest references to sport at the centre is in an 1868 Trustees' Report, which says that the school's playground had been enlarged and that boys play cricket in summer and football in winter. Other sporting activities, during the 20th century, included swimming and lifesaving, basketball, badminton and boxing. In 1950, Kibble and St. John's were joint holders of the Senior Boxing Cup, while Kibble held the Senior Football Cup in the same year.



In 1959, the school's centenary year, a commemorative booklet reported that boys from the school had reconstructed and re-laid the sport field and football pitch. The running track (laid in 1955) was the only one in Paisley and, like the school's football pitch, was very much in demand for special occasions by local organisations. St. Mirren F.C. also used it during periods in which its own ground was undergoing re-seeding. This is an example of Kibble's historical and continuing principle of engaging with, and providing amenities to, the local community.



During the 1960s/1970s, staff and boys built canoes and were taught canoeing, after Sam Hill (Carpentry Instructor) went on a course to learn how to build them then undertook a sea-canoeing course at Inverclyde. Subsequently, Sam and a colleague, the late Clark McKechnie (Residential Social Worker), went on a sailing course that enabled them to take boys sailing in Kibble's own fleet of Cadet sailing dinghies.

More recent sports undertaken at the centre have included mountain biking, skiing and hill walking. Boys have also competed - mainly in inter-school tournaments - in sports such as basketball, badminton, rugby, cross-country running and golf. Kibble's team were League Champions in the 2003/2004 Small Schools' Football League as well as League



and Cup winners in 2007/2008, and Golf Tournament Winners at Harthill Golf Club in November 2007.

Currently, in spite of further new buildings on campus, sporting facilities have been expanded to include a basketball court, skateboard rink and a swimming pool. So this very early focus on provision of sporting facilities continues to this day.

Kibble basketball match