## **Cross Country – Core and advanced skills**

## **Distances**

Year 7 Boys – 2500m to 3000m Year 7 Girls – 2500m to 3000m Year 8 and 9 Boys – 4000m to 4500m Year 8 and 9 Girls – 3500m to 4000m

## Performance will be judge on:

- Performance level.
- Fitness level.
- Technique and fluency of running style.
- Tactics
- The start of the race (pens).
- Pace judgement.
- Hill running (both running up hills and down hills).
- Running over different terrain.
- Overcoming obstacles, for example ditches, gaps and turnings.
  - A very good level of fitness built up from regular training over the season which will enable them to compete strongly on hills and over difficult terrain.
  - Tactically aware when breaking out of the pen, and with good pace judgement and tactically aware at all stages of the race.
  - Running style and technique quite fluent and student can adapt to running up hills, and to cope with obstacles such as gaps and ditches.
  - May tire towards the end of a hard race.