



Welcome to the WCGS Sports Newsletter. This is a chance to highlight termly success along with summaries of the year. This has been another fantastic year for sport at WCGS. Well done and thanks to everybody who has helped with WCGS sport this year. It is with sadness that this term we are saying goodbye to Mr Hennah and Mr Ford who have given great service to WCGS and in particular sport at WCGS. They have coached many students in a number of sports and I am sure all the students and staff will join me in thanking them so much for their commitment and dedication to WCGS Sport and to wish them good luck in their future ventures. Mr D Johnson



Cricket Season Summary

U12 Cricket by Mr Collins



This year, the talent within the U12 squad has been extremely promising and the enthusiasm to come down to the PE to practice has been exceptional. We haven't played as many games as we would have liked due to the poor early season weather but there have been lots of highlights despite a disrupted season. Captain Rehan Hossain has led from the front with bat and ball and has focused on giving all players within the squad a fair opportunity. Highlights include emphatic wins over Carshalton Boys and John Fisher. In both games, Dwij Patel and Aryav Syal have taken several wickets either through pace or spin, supported by other notable bowling contributions from Yagna Patel, Soham Puranik and Mohammed Jilani. Batting has been strong at times, with Vihaan Vaidyanath and Milan Trivedi at the top of the order also Dhiyanesh Raja and Arjun Bhagat have scored runs at crucial times, the latter batting well vs Ewell Castle. Other notable contributions with either bat or ball have been Dharmik Menon, Armaan Gupta, Jayden Aravinth and Arthav Aeran. Despite some narrow losses, the team has continued to build on their skill sets and I am confident the group will grow and learn from this season, in all areas of the game.

The U12B team have had an excellent season, winning 4 out of their 5 matches. Standout performers throughout the season are Reyaansh Jaiswal and Musa Hassan who have both appeared in the A team at times. Victories include wins over Ewell Castle, Rutlish, John Fisher and Wimbledon College. With the B team doing so well, it shows the potential within the year group which can only mean future success within this age group.



U13 Cricket by Mr Flook and Mr Kumar

The U13's have had a wonderful season representing WCGS, with a comprehensive fixture list seeing a record number of students representing the School in league, friendly and cup fixtures. The U13's had a strong start to the season, with dominant performances over Riddlesdown, Royal Russel, Lingfield College and Ewell Castle. Whilst a promising cup run was ended by an extremely impressive and professional Trinity outfit, a near impeccable bowling display won WCGS respect from our illustrious opponents. Losses to Tiffin, Halliford and John Fisher followed, but the U13's enjoyed a late season renaissance which produced victories over Wilson's and Carshalton Boys. Having lost 2 cricketers over the winter as a result of students relocating to different parts of the country, all students within the team have stepped up to bigger roles and have positively affected the dynamics of games throughout the year. Vedanth Gurukondala Manohar has been reliable at the top of the order, with opening partners Ahaan Karnik and Shivansh Patel offering able support. Aryaman Chauhan has looked elegant and assured at the crease throughout the season, whilst Ranveer Jaiswal, the only batter to significantly trouble the scorers against a gifted Trinity attack, continued his scoring prowess throughout the season with some notable and expansive innings. Jack Dye and Saleh Menon have also contributed to some vital late innings partnerships, whilst Kanad Somwanshi showed promise having won his place in the A-Team having martialled the B-Team impressively as Captain throughout the season. The depth of bowling, though, has been a huge strength for WCGS. Aryan Chodagham and Vedanth Gurukondala Manohar have formed an excellent opening partnership, often taking early wickets to take control of the game. The extent of our spin attack has been vital in tying down the middle overs, with vital wickets being obtained by Ranveer Jaiswal and Saleh Memon. Aryaman Chauhan's spells, with impeccable line and length coupled with turn and bounce, have been pivotal in a number of key matches throughout the season. Hud Atif, Atharva Mittal, Ayush Niaren and Dhyan Patel have also made important contributions when given the opportunity. All bowlers have been ably supported by Jack Dye, who continues to develop as wicket keeper following hard work throughout the season with Mr. Kumar. The U13's look forward to next season, where with greater discipline in the field and an ability to rotate the strike, WCGS can look to further challenge the top sides.

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COMPLETED HOUSE RESULTS

Rugby

Junior - Mandeville
Intermediate - Carew
Senior - Radcliffe



Cricket

Junior - Carew
Intermediate - Ruskin



Year 7 Manor Trophy Assault Course Radcliffe

Football

Junior - Mandeville
Intermediate - Bridges
Senior - Woodcote

Basketball

Senior - Mandeville

Table Tennis

Junior - Carew
Intermediate - Mandeville & Ruskin

Rounders

Junior - Bridges
Intermediate - Radcliffe

Cross Country

Junior - Ruskin
Intermediate - Mandeville
Senior - Mandeville

Athletics

Junior - Bridges & Ruskin



Intermediate - Carew
Senior - Woodcote



COCK HOUSE CUP STANDINGS

- 1st Place - Bridges (142.5)
- 2nd Place - Mandeville (129)
- 3rd= Place - Radcliffe (126.5)
- 3rd = Place - Ruskin (122.5)
- 5th Place - Woodcote (119.5)
- 6th Place - Carew (107)



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U14 Cricket by Mr Ford

This year has been very successful with many outstanding performances. Winning 11 out of 14 games is a tremendous achievement and a testament to the hard work, dedication, and teamwork seen this year. This progress can be mainly seen in the result against Langley Park, last year it was a tough fixture, with us winning a close game by 6 runs. This year it was a completely different result, with us dominating with both bat and ball, concluding with a controlling 9 wicket victory, even with a rotated batting order. This is a common theme for many of our results this year, with lots of big wins against strong opposition. Our top order has been brilliant with the bat. Consistently scoring runs at a quick strike rate has helped us to put pressure on the bowling side to get creative with getting them out. Many great innings to mention include Saket, Manveer and Armaan scoring multiple half centuries, which have all been match winning and pivotal in helping us secure victories. A mention must go to Manveer's century in the semi-final of the plate, showing the development and ability this team has. It's not just with the bat where we thrive, the bowling attack has come on leaps and bounds, and they are all a significant factor in our success this year. Due to all of them being great bowlers, some haven't got as many overs as they would like this year, but when called on they perform to a high level, with lots of pace and great lines and lengths of bowling. However, there have also been some great performances to mention. This includes: Ritvik and Dwayne getting 5 wicket-hauls, and the standout being Armaan's 7 wicket haul. These outstanding performances did contribute to the team success, but there are many other reasons for the success this year, including the endeavor shown by the boys to be as successful as possible, both in training and on Saturday mornings. It was thrilling to reach the Surrey Plate final but although all the boys played some great cricket it wasn't our day and we came second by a narrow margin. The B team have also had a successful season, winning 2 out of 3 games. The strength of the team is the ability to bowl a challenging line and length, which has helped to keep opposition to very few runs. The successes of the team are due to the commitment to training, with 20 students from the B squad regularly turning up to training, working hard to improve. This season has been a joy for myself to see the development of the players, causing tough selection calls. Hopefully lots of these boys can push on over the next couple of years and challenge for a spot in the A team. Great results against John Fisher and Lingfield college were due to the ability to select many different boys and give them all a go, to huge success.

U15 Cricket by Mr Mehta



The Year 10 cricket team had an exceptional season, showcasing their skills and determination on the field. They secured impressive victories against Glyn, Ridsledown, Lingfield, Ewell Castle, and Wimbledon College. Despite a challenging match against Whitgift in the cup, resulting in a loss, the team's overall performance was commendable. Several players displayed exceptional talent and contributed significantly to the team's success. Aadit Unni and George Dennis, serving as co-captains, demonstrated strong leadership both on and off the field. Aadit inspired

his teammates with his motivational skills, while George's exceptional batting and wicket-keeping abilities were instrumental in the team's victories. Rayhaan Dhooma, a talented all-rounder, showcased his versatility by consistently contributing with both bat and ball. His ability to score crucial runs and take important wickets proved invaluable. Pranjal Sarkar, with his superior batting technique, delivered a number of match-winning innings, establishing himself as a vital batter at the number three position. Aayan Yusuf, known for his accurate bowling action, consistently troubled opposing batsmen throughout the season. His ability to maintain precise line and length made him a formidable opponent. Vice-captain Dron Manial exhibited great temperament in both batting and bowling, with his calm demeanour and accurate bowling being key to securing victories. Matthew Puttock and Neel Badgi demonstrated remarkable skills in both batting and bowling, consistently contributing to the team's success. Their ability to adapt to different game situations and perform under pressure made them invaluable assets. Ishaan Bagla and Shaheer Sami exhibited great technique and composure, contributing significantly with their batting and fielding. Raghav Chaudhari's exceptional spin bowling skills deceived batsmen with his flight and turn. Qasim has shown exceptional fielding skills and has made significant contributions with the bat, securing crucial runs for the team. Krish has excelled at taking vital wickets precisely when the team needed them most, helping to secure victory. The team's dedication, hard work, and unity were evident throughout the season, enabling them to achieve remarkable victories against tough opponents. The Year 10 cricket team's success was a testament to their talent, perseverance, and passion for the game. As I move on from this age group, I would like to thank the team for an amazing four years of cricket and look forward to watching and following their progress during their senior years.



Cricket Awards Evening 2024

On Tuesday 2nd of July WCCGS hosted their annual Cricket awards celebration and dinner. It was great to see so many of the students and their parents enjoying the food and celebrating what has been a great season of cricket at WCCGS.

The award winners for each age group are listed below;

Cricketeer of the Year

Ralph Dennis L6CA



SENIOR

Bowler of the Season = M Hodgson
Batsman of the season = L Reginald

U15

Bowler of the Season = D Manial
Batsman of the season = P Sarkar
Endeavour Award = R Chaudhari
Player of the season = G Dennis

U14

Bowler of the Season = D Mugunthan
Batsman of the season = M S Saini
Endeavour Award = R Marar
Player of the season = D Menon

U13

Bowler of the Season = V Gandhi
Batsman of the season = R Jaiswal
Endeavour Award = K Somwanshi
Player of the season = A Chauhan

U12

Bowler of the Season = A Syal
Batsman of the season = M Trivedi
Endeavour Award = A Bhasin
Player of the season = D Patel

Representative Cricket

George Dennis, Year 10, along with Saket Kaila and Dhruv Menon Year 9, were all nominated to trial for the Hobbs Trophy match taking place at The Oval Cricket Ground. All 3 boys gave an excellent account of themselves at their respective trials, and whilst none made the final selection for the match, in what was a hotly contested selection process, we are very proud of their efforts and achievements. Aryaman Chauhan, captain of the Year 8 team has been involved in Surrey cricket this year - an excellent achievement, whilst Year 11 Liam Reginald has excelled when representing the MCC.



★ **THANK YOU WCCGS PTFA** ★

It has been fantastic to have our first cricket season with the new cricket nets, which were made possible by the WCCGS PTFA, they have already made a huge positive difference to WCCGS cricket. The PTFA continue to have a huge positive influence on WCCGS Sport





Tennis Summary



Our U15 tennis squad, Daniil Simdyashkin 10RU, Joshua Pinto 10BR, Thomas Ratoi 9RU, Matts Bullinger 9BR & Leo Fife 9RU had two fixtures in the LTA Schools Team Tennis competition. We started our campaign in the group stages with a fantastic 8-4 win over Trinity School. Our second fixture was against Coombe Wood School, this proved a lot tougher and although all the games were close and the WCGS students played some great tennis, Coombe Wood proved to be too strong for us on the day and we suffered a narrow defeat. Our third opponents unfortunately pulled out of the tournament which meant we lost out on our slim chance of making it through to the knockout stages. Hopefully next year we can get a few more fixtures in and go a bit further in the competition.

Sports for Champions



Our Year 7 students did brilliantly and raised over £1100 in the sports for champions charity event. They had a brilliant motivational talk by Chris Tawaih a GB Basketball Player and then they completed the Sports for Champions fitness circuit. Well done Year 7.



1st XI Cricket by Mr J Henderson



Senior cricket has gone from strength to strength this year. It was fantastic to see 40+ students attending preseason nets, and whilst understandably numbers were reduced during exams season, attendance to training and enthusiasm for the sport has been brilliant. We have been able to field a 1XI, 2XI and U17A this year, which has not been possible for a number of years - testament to the commitment and dedication of senior cricketers at WCGS.

The U17A team comfortably beat Riddlesdown by 9 wickets in their sole match of the season, with Sai Jadhav claiming 3 wickets, and Mahir Garg scoring a composed 21 runs not out. The 2XI faced a challenging fixture vs Tiffin in their opening match of the year, and despite coming up short. Sreevanth Bommakanti impressed with 2 wickets and 30 runs. It has been a hugely successful season for the 1XI this year, who's fixture schedule has been the busiest in recent years - 10 fixtures in total! We started the season with a disappointing loss to Royal Russell, but since then have won 4 matches on the spin, against Riddlesdown, a Combined XI, Ewell Castle and Lingfield College. There have been numerous strong performances in these matches, notably Ralph Dennis scoring 2 fifties, and younger brother George Dennis compiling an excellent 48, in what has been a mightily impressive debut season in the 1XI at the age of just 15. Cricket week has been a big success. The highlight was a fantastic 3 wicket win over Wilson's, Matt Hodgson scoring a fantastic 51. On Monday 8th July the senior cricket season finished with a combined WCGS and First Ball Academy XI V's The British Army Engineers. It was a great spectacle and advert for WCGS cricket with the Army Engineers coming out on top by 19 runs.



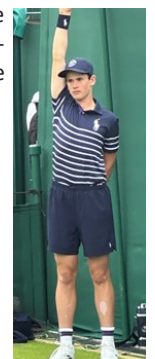
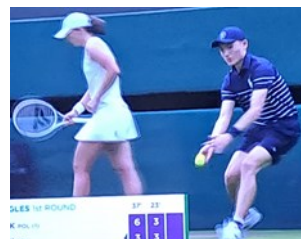
Table Tennis by Mr G Maric

This has been another incredible year for WCGS table tennis. Our U19 team (Jacob Archer, Chid Egbeama, Akal Dosanjh and Ojasvii Borah) once again made it through to the National Finals in Wolverhampton. At the tournament, there were four teams competing to try and be crowned the best in England. Our first match was a nail biter against Tudor Grange Academy, with the match tied at 3:3 the match was in the balance but Jacob and OJ stepped up their game and we won 5:3. Next we had John Hampden Grammar School, again this match was

hard fought but the skill of the WCGS players shone through and we came out on top 6:2. This took us to a winner takes all match against Grantham Academy, who are Table Tennis England's main junior academy where they focus solely on table tennis training for 22+ hours per week. The match was very entertaining and the WCGS students gave it their all, pushing the best players in the country all the way but unfortunately it wasn't quite enough and we lost the match. This meant that WCGS came second in the whole of England and we are very proud to say that our U19 team is the best non academy table tennis team in England. This is an incredible achievement from this generation, having reached the National Finals 5 times and won it once in season 22/23. Jacob Archer has also qualified for the National Individual Finals, where he played really well, winning 3 and losing 2 matches, with one of those against the eventual winner. In the Jack Petchey London Individual Finals Angus Yuen claimed the silver medal in the U19 age group and Sanjay Sathish played very well in the U16 age group winning 2 and losing 2 but unfortunately this wasn't enough to get him through his group. In the South London Leagues our teams again did very well with the U13's achieving second place and our U16's going one better by winning the league.

Wimbledon Ball Boy by Mr Collins

This year we had the most Wallington students present at a Championship than ever before, either through new applicants this year in Y9 and Y10, or students returning known as "Recalls" in Y10, Y11, Y12 and Y13. The standard is always extremely high and having an opportunity to either be on the Outside Courts or the main Show Courts (Centre Court and Court 1) shows all the hard work throughout the year does pay off. It was great to see James Higham and William Sumner on Centre Court for the finals.





Pre-Season Rugby

Each Year group will have pre-season rugby training on the dates and times below.

U13s

Tuesday 3rd September;

15:00 – 17:00 @ school

Thursday 5th September;

15:30 – 17:00 @ school

U14s

Wednesday 28th August;

11:00 – 13:00 @ school

Monday 2nd September;

15:00 – 17:00 @ school

Wednesday 4th September;

15:00 – 17:00 @ school

U15s

Wednesday 28th August;

13:30 – 15:00 @ Carshalton Park

Tuesday 3rd September;

15:00 – 17:00 @ school

Thursday 5th September;

13:30 – 15:30 @ school

U16s

Monday 2nd September;

14:00 – 17:00 @ school

Wednesday 4th September;

13:15 – 16:15 @ school

Senior Squad

Thursday 30th August;

10:00 – 14:00 @ School

Monday 2nd September;

14:00 – 17:00 @ school

Wednesday 4th September;

13:15 – 16:15 @ School

Friday 6th September;

15:15 – 17:00 @ School



Athletics by Mr D Johnson

It's been another successful athletics season at WCGS with many students breaking their PB's and achieving success both individually and as a team. Our first event was a friendly tournament at John Fisher where it was great to see over 50 athletics across four year groups competing and giving it their all for the school.

Our second meet was the 1st round of the English School Track & Field Cup at the Woking Sportsbox. Our U13 team finished in 8th place and our U15 team finished in 5th place and were very close to



beating Whitgift in 4th. The U15's managed to score enough points to get them through to the South East regional B final. In this event the boys stepped it up again and some outstanding individual performances helped them to finish in fourth place. The highlight of the season is always the Sutton Borough Athletics tournament and this year didn't disappoint. The WCGS students won 7 Gold medals, 5 Silver medals and 5 Bronze medals. In the team events our Year 7's finished 7th, Year 8 finished 3rd, Year 9 finished 3rd and Year 10 finished 3rd which meant that overall WCGS came 4th in the Borough. All the athletes gave their all for the school but special mention should go to our Gold medal winners Denis Yorke Yr10 100m; Sean Leahy Yr10 1500m; The Yr10 relay team (David Encarnacion, Tosin Ewuola, Josh Pinto, Denis Yorke); Joel Kolanichery Yr9 100m; AJ Asamoah Djan Yr9 Shot Put; Ismail Khan Yr8 Shot Put; Robert Wolanin Yr7 Shot Put.



Sports Day Summary by Mr D Johnson

On Thursday 27th June 2024, WCGS hosted its annual Sports Day. It was an opportunity for the whole school to come together and celebrate the fantastic house system at WCGS. All year groups selected their best athletes to perform in a range of track and field events as well as the tug-of-war. The competition was fierce and the students demonstrated great pride in their respective houses, giving everything they had to earn points. This was shown by the look on the faces as the students strained with all their might in the tug-of-war and the amount of students who were physically exhausted after their running event. The Mackmin Cup for junior house athletics (Yrs. 7&8) ended in a draw with Bridges and Ruskin tying for first place.. The John Eyles Cup for intermediate athletics (Yrs. 9&10) was also a very close affair, Carew taking the trophy just ahead of Bridges. The Moriarty Cup for the Senior competition combining Year 11 and the 6th form was won by Woodcote with Bridges again not far behind in second. So with joint 1st in Junior athletics and 2nd place in both Intermediate and Senior athletics the overall winners of Sports day 2024 were Bridges. A big thank you goes to all staff that helped the day to run smoothly and the students for all their efforts and support for each other throughout the day.

YEAR	BRIDGES	CAREW	MANDEVILLE	RADCLIFFE	RUSKIN	WOODCOTE
7	49	37	47	52	60	51
8	62	38	58	36	51	50
9	60	68	47	33	37	52
10	47	46	28	63	60	52
SENIOR	100	79	92	92	58	109
TOTAL	318	268	272	276	266	314
POSITION	1	5	4	3	6	2

