



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. Mr D Johnson



Cricket Season Summary

U12 Cricket by Mr Flook



After a frustrating start to the season with poor weather affecting matches in April and May, the U12A's have enjoyed their first season representing WCGS. Having benefited from a 10-week academy programme from January until April, the U12s won 6 of their opening 7 games under the excellent Captaincy and Vice Captaincy of Aryaman and Satvik. Highlights have included commanding victories over Ewell Castle, Graveney, Riddlesdown, Royal Alexandra & Albert, Carshalton Boys and Wimbledon College, as well as a fantastic 3 wicket victory over a good Halliford side which saw contributions from all players.

There have been a number of positives throughout the year. Ahaan Karnik has continued to develop at the top of the order, contributing a fine 33 against a good Langley Park attack. Aryaman and Vedanth have looked elegant at the crease throughout the season, whilst Ranvir Jaisawal and Satvik Varunkumar have contributed numerous match-winning scores. In particular, Satvik's well organised innings of 48 not out against Ewell Castle showcased a high degree of maturity, backed up by his maiden School fifty against Wimbledon College, whilst Ranvir Jaiswal's spectacular 44 against Graveney built the foundations of a magnificent 3 wicket victory in a real team effort, with important contributions from Hud Atif, Alex Littler and Jack Dye. The depth of bowling, though, has been a huge strength for WCGS. Aryan Chodagham and Satvik Varunkumar have formed an excellent opening partnership, who have been well supported by their seam bowling counterparts, Vedanth Guru and Alex Littler. The extent of our spin attack, though, has been vital in tying down the middle overs, with vital wickets being obtained by Ranvir Jaiswal and, in particular, Saleh Menom. Whilst he hasn't quite got the wickets he has deserved, Aryaman Chauhan's economical spells have been pivotal in tying the batsman down and forcing errors. Hud Atif, Atharva Mittal Ayush Narain and Dhyan Patel, who bowled a terrific last over against Langley-Park in a tense affair which came down to the last ball, have also made important contributions when given the opportunity. All bowlers have been ably supported by Jack Dye, who has bravely taken on the role of wicket keeper, and has improved beyond recognition throughout the season. The U12s look forward to playing in the Surrey Plate final after beating Howard of Effingham in the semi-final by 67 runs.



U13 Cricket by Mr Ford

I always knew that taking over from Mr Legg with such short notice would be difficult, but I couldn't be prouder of the effort and commitment displayed by each and every player throughout the year, on both Saturday mornings and training on Tuesdays and Thursday's. First and foremost, I must congratulate our team on an outstanding record of six victories and three losses, even with a couple cup games still to play. These results are a testament to the hard work, dedication, and talent shown by our young cricketers. They have shown skill and resilience on the field, making lots of matches a thrilling experience for both

the players and spectators. Not only have our players excelled individually, but their ability to work as a team has been exceptional. Some highlights of the season include some great team performances against Langley Park, Halliford, Royal A&A and Wilson's. In many of these games we fell behind and had to show great heart and determination to win 3 out of 4 of these games, falling just 2 runs shy against Wilson's. Within the season there were also some great individual performances that must be mentioned, Saket and Armaan both scoring important 50's in separate games to help us build our scores. Our bowling has arguably been the team's strongest attribute, shown in Aryan's 5 wickets for 17 runs against Tiffin, and recently Smayan's 6 wickets for 15 runs against Langley. Beyond the numbers and scores, it has been a pleasure to witness the growth and development of each player. The way the boys have embraced challenges and celebrated victories has been enjoyable to be a part of. Lastly, I would like to express my thanks to the parents who have been a constant source of encouragement for the team. Your presence on Saturday mornings, your words of encouragement, and your support for the boys and myself have made a huge difference. Once again, congratulations to all the players on a remarkable season, which will hopefully be rounded off with a win in the Surrey Plate final after beating The Charter School by 2 wickets in the Semi-final.



COMPLETED HOUSE RESULTS

Rugby

- Junior - Bridges
- Intermediate - Bridges
- Senior - Radcliffe



Cricket

- Junior - Woodcote
- Intermediate - Carew



Year 7 Manor Trophy Assault Course

Woodcote

Football

- Junior - Bridges
- Intermediate - Woodcote
- Senior - Mandeville

Basketball

Senior - Mandeville

Table Tennis

- Junior - Bridges
- Intermediate - Bridges

Rounders

- Junior - Ruskin
- Intermediate - Mandeville

Cross Country

- Junior - Woodcote
- Intermediate - Ruskin
- Senior - Bridges

Athletics

- Junior - Bridges
- Intermediate - Mandeville
- Senior - Mandeville



COCK HOUSE CUP STANDINGS

- 1st Place - Mandeville (147.5)
- 2nd Place - Bridges (138.5)
- 3rd Place - Woodcote (123.5)
- 4th Place - Ruskin (122.0)
- 5th Place - Carew (117.0)
- 6th Place - Radcliffe (99.5)



We are always looking for sponsors for WCGS school sport to give some financial support to all of our extra-curricular teams and sports, we have various levels of sponsorship available and various avenues to promote and advertise businesses. If this is of interest to you or you know of any companies who might be interested please email Mr Johnson djohnson61.319@wcgs.foliotrust.uk





U14 Cricket by Mr Mehta

The Year 9 cricket team had an eventful season, showcasing their skills and determination on the field. They had an impressive run, securing wins against Ewell Castle, Tiffin, Riddlesdown Collegiate, and Wimbledon College. However, they faced a challenging match against Wilsons, resulting in a loss. Throughout the season, several players displayed exceptional talent and contributed significantly to the team's success. Aadit Unni and George Dennis led the team as co-captains, demonstrating strong leadership and strategic decision-making on and off the field. Their guidance and teamwork played a crucial role in the team's victories. Aadit's ability to inspire his teammates and George's exceptional batting and wicket keeping skills were commendable, Rayhaan Dhooma a talented all-rounder, showcased his versatility by consistently contributing with both bat and ball. His ability to make crucial runs and take important wickets proved invaluable to the team's success. Pranjal Sarkar displayed excellent batting technique and had a match-winning innings, earning him recognition as a key player. Aayan Yusuf, with his swift bowling action, troubled opposing batsmen throughout the season. His ability to hit his line and length with the ball made him a formidable opponent. Dron Manial, serving as the vice-captain, exhibited exceptional sportsmanship and provided valuable support to the team. His calm demeanour and accurate bowling were instrumental in securing victories. Matthew Puttock and Neel Badgi exhibited remarkable skills in both batting and bowling, contributing consistently to the team's success. Their ability to adapt to different game situations and perform under pressure made them invaluable assets. Ishaan Bagla & Shaheer Sami exhibited great technique and composure, contributing with his batting and fielding. Raghav Chaudhari displayed exceptional spin bowling skills, deceiving batsmen with his flight and turn. The team's dedication, hard work, and unity were evident throughout the season, enabling them to achieve remarkable victories against tough opponents. The Year 9 cricket team's success was a testament to their talent, perseverance, and passion for the game. With such promising players and a strong team spirit, the future looks bright for the Year 9 cricket team, and they are undoubtedly a force to be reckoned with in the seasons to come.



U15 Cricket by Mr Collins

Despite the early fixtures being impacted by the weather, the U15s have had some excellent results against Riddlesdown, John Fisher and Carshalton Boys but were beaten by Oakwood in the SSCA T20 Vase Quarter Final. Other losses have included Wilson's, Tiffin and Ewell Castle. Standout performers this year have varied from game to game with Siddhant Sood, Liam Reginald, Lakshin Wickramasekera and Divij Dhingra all chipping in with valuable runs and wickets throughout the season. Henry Finnegan has continued to develop his cricket and has picked up wickets and stepped up to open towards the latter end of the season. "Consistency" seems to be the key buzzword this season, whether it be taking catches, bowling in the right areas to rotating the strike - all areas that may have been the reasons for not turning the losses into wins. Having taken this age group for 4 years now, it will be great to see some of them continue to develop as cricketers at senior level. The U15Bs fixtures were impacted by the weather unfortunately. Within the loss vs Wimbledon College U15As, Qasim Jafri scoring 26 runs was the main highlight. Good luck to those playing adult cricket in the Summer, another development point for many in the squad and will only improve the levels further.



1st XI Cricket by Mr D Johnson

Unfortunately due to weather, exam commitments and strike days our senior cricket season has been a very short one. Our first two fixtures were cancelled due to the rain but we did manage to get a match in against Tiffin School in May.

Unfortunately our batters struggled against a strong and varied bowling attack which meant we lost the game. The next senior fixture was against the Forty Club (The world's largest wandering cricket club whose mission is to keep cricket going in state schools). WCCGS had a great start to the match with Ralph Dennis taking 4 wickets in the first 10 overs. The Forty Club declared after 29 overs on 137, setting WCCGS a tough but achievable challenge. However the experienced opening spin bowlers of the Forty Club proved very tricky for our batsmen and we lost a few early wickets which ultimately led to a loss, despite Ibaad Muhammad proving his worth with the bat. It was a great experience for the boys to play against that level of experience in a slightly longer format of the game than they are used to. The final fixture was the traditional Old Boys game and it was great to see the ex students coming back and enjoying their cricket, the 1st XI really had to battle hard but managed to get the win by 5 wickets. Thanks to all the Year 13's who have supported WCCGS cricket throughout their years at the school.



Cricket Awards Evening 2023

On Tuesday 4th 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;

Cricketer of the Year Ralph Dennis L6RU

U15

Bowler of the Season = D Dhingra
Batsman of the season = S Sood
Endeavour Award = H Finnegan
Player of the season = L Reginald

U14

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



U13

Bowler of the Season = S Bhatia
Batsman of the season = M Saini
Endeavour Award = H Rogers
Player of the season = A Luthra

U12

Bowler of the Season = A Chauhan
Batsman of the season = R Jaiswal
Endeavour Award = J Dye
Player of the season = S Varunkumar



Hobb's Trophy

Liam Reginald 10CA was selected for the Surrey Schools Cricket Association U15 team in the annual Hobb's trophy which is played at the Kia Oval.



Cricket Sponsorship

WCCGS Cricket would like to say a huge thank you to the Surrey Masons Sports Association for their ongoing commitment to provide financial assistance for the coming years.



★ **THANK YOU WCCGS PTFA** ★

A huge thank you to the wonderful WCCGS PTFA who have agreed to replace our old table tennis tables and to fund the amazing new cricket nets. The PTFA continue to have a huge positive influence on WCCGS Sport





Tennis Summary



Our U15 tennis team have had a fantastic tennis season in the LTA Schools Team Tennis competition. Due to clashes with internal exams, Wimbledon Ball boy training and injury we have rarely been at full strength but the squad of Samarth Suneesh 10RU, Kabishan Sasitharan 10CA, Divij Dhingra 10WO, Daniil Simdyashkin 9RU, Joshua Pinto 9BR, Thomas Ratoi 8RU and Leo Fife 8RU combined excellently and produced some great individual and team performances. We started our campaign in the group stages with a convincing and powerful 12-0 win against Claremont Fan Court School. Our second fixture was away to Box Hill School, this proved a bit tougher but the boys pulled through winning the fixture 10-2 to set up a pool stage decider against City of London Freeman's B, the WCGS boys stepped it up a gear and took the win again 12-0. That took us through to the quarter finals, we were drawn against a strong Kingston Grammar School team and played away at their great facility next to the Thames. This was a fantastic match which ended in a draw after the six games, meaning a sudden death tie break to 10 points to decide the match. Daniil and Josh, our numbers 1 and 3 for this match, stepped up and won the tie break to send us into the semi-finals. Unfortunately for us, due to the drifting of the schedule of the round robin games combined with school events and losing players to Wimbledon and Injury, we were not able to fulfil the semi-final fixture and had to step out of the competition. With a good crop of Year 8 & 9 tennis players ready to step into the team next year I am hopeful we can go all the way in 2024.



Table Tennis by Mr G Maric

The WCGS Table tennis squads have had another excellent season. Our superb Senior team (Jacob Archer, Chid Egbeama, Oj Borah and Akal Dosanjh) backed up last year's U16 National title by reaching the National Finals at U19 level at the first time of asking. The trip to Wolverhampton was again exciting and the boys were ready for the challenge even though they were the youngest side in the competition. They did exceptionally well making every game exciting and close. They managed to win their first match, setting up a three way battle between WCGS and the two top table tennis academies in the country for the top three spots. In the end they lost both matches narrowly but pushed the best in the country all the way to the wire to secure the Bronze medal, finishing as the 3rd best U19 table tennis team in England. To finish the year as U19 South London champions, London champions, South East Regional champions and 3rd in England is an amazing achievement, can't wait to see if we can go even better next year. The WCGS students also did outstandingly well in the South London Individual tournaments. At U19 level Chid Egbeama won gold, Jacob Archer won the silver and Oj Borah won the bronze medal. At U16 level Vihan Nirmal claimed the bronze medal and at U13 level Sanjay Satish won the Gold medal with Thomas Ratoi achieving silver. Sanjay's gold in the South London tournament meant he went on to represent the school in the National Individual tournament, at the tournament he played some excellent matches against some of the best in the country and learned a lot from the experience. Chid Egbeama has

had a fantastic season also winning gold in the London U19 Jack petchey Individual tournament which led to him representing the school and London South in the U19 National Individual tournament. He played some great table tennis against the best in the country and did exceptionally well reaching the quarter finals. Chid also competed in the U17 National doubles tournament where he and his partner finished in the last 16. This season we have had over 20 boys representing the school in the U13 and U16 South London table tennis leagues. All the boys did brilliantly and WCGS were champions at both age groups.



Athletics by Mr D Johnson

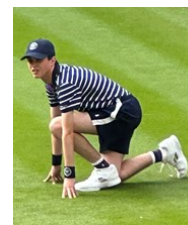
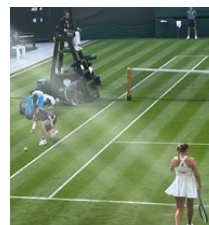
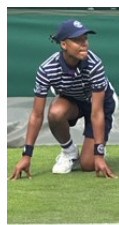
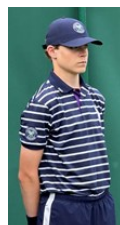
Although we have had limited opportunities to compete in athletics meetings this year it has been a very successful term for WCGS athletics. Our first meet was the 1st round of the English Schools Track & Field Cup at the Woking Sportsbox. Our U13 team had a great day finishing fourth, only a small number of points from finishing in 2nd place (it was a very close contest). Our U15 team also did a great job finishing in 6th place again missing out on being higher up the table by only a handful of points. The U13 team had scored enough points in the first round to qualify for the South East regional B final. This was another great event that really brought the best out of the WCGS students as the majority of them beat their personal bests and as a team smashed their previous points total by 65 points to finish in 2nd place overall beating John Fisher and Wilson's into 3rd and 4th respectively. The highlight of the athletics season is always the Sutton Borough athletics tournament and this year the WCGS students were incredible, achieving a record number of medals and finishing in 3rd place as a school (the highest we have finished for at least 10 years). The WCGS students won 8 Gold medals, 5 Silver medals and 8 Bronze medals. All the athletes who competed gave their all for the school but special mention should go to our Gold medal winners who were Thomas Gilmour Yr7 High Jump, Jakub Wincenciak Yr8 Triple Jump, Sam Collett Yr8 Javelin, AJ Asamoah Djan Yr8 Shot Put, Aren McCarthy Yr9 800m, George Claxton-Sasse Yr9 Javelin, Yr9 Relay team & Timothy Mazela Yr10 100m.

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Wimbledon Ball Boy by Mr T Collins

This year has been a huge success when it comes to students from WCGS being ball boys at the Wimbledon Championships in June/July. We had 14 students this year, with many of them being involved on Centre Court and Court 1 regularly where they were able to mix with the top tennis players in the world. All students are enthusiastically looking forward to next year and training for the new batch will begin in early October.





Pre-Season Rugby

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

U13s

Wednesday 30th August;
12:00—14:00 @ school
Friday 1st September;
11:00—13:00 @ school
Monday 4th September;
12:00—14:00 @ school
Tuesday 5th September;
13:00 – 15:00 @ school
Thursday 7th September;
15:30 – 17:00 @ school

U14s

Wednesday 30th August;
10:00 – 12:00 @ school
Thursday 31st August;
10:00 – 12:00 @ school
Monday 4th September;
12:00 – 14:00 @ school
Thursday 7th September;
15:30 – 17:00 @ school

U15s

Wednesday 30th August;
13:00 – 15:00 @ school
Thursday 31st September;
13:00 – 15:00 @ school
Tuesday 5th September;
13:00 – 15:00 @ school

U16s

Thursday 31st August;
10:00 – 12:00 @ school
Friday 1st September;
15:00 – 17:00 @ school
Monday 4th September;
15:00 – 17:00 @ school
Wednesday 6th September;
14:00 – 16:30 @ school
Senior Squad
Wednesday 30th August;
Thursday 31st August;
10:00 – 14:00 @ School
Friday 1st September;
Monday 4th September;
14:00—17:00 @ school
Wednesday 6th September;
13:15 – 16:15 @ School
Friday 8th September;
15:15 – 17:00 @ School

South Africa Rugby Tour



The WCGS Community would like to wish the Senior Rugby squad all the best for this summer's amazing rugby tour to Cape Town, South Africa.



Sports Day Summary by Mr D Johnson

On Thursday 29th June 2015, WCGS hosted it's annual Sports Day. The weather in the morning kept us all guessing whether we would be able to go ahead with the event at all but fortunately it dried up enough for us to start the athletics events with only a 30 minute delay. 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 at a range of track and field events. It was a real shame that the weather meant the tug-of-war competition did not happen and my apologies to the students who did not get to compete for their house during this year's sports day.

The competition was fierce and the staff and students demonstrated great pride in their respective houses, giving everything they had to earn points. With wet ground the athletes struggled to match their personal bests but this did not dampen their efforts and commitment to their houses with every placing in every race being hard fought. The Mackmin Cup for junior house athletics (Yrs. 7&8) was a very close contest with Bridges taking the trophy only one point ahead of Mandeville. The John Eyles Cup for intermediate athletics (Yrs. 9&10) was also a very close affair, Mandeville taking the trophy only two points ahead of Ruskin. Mandeville were again successful in the winning the Moriarty Cup in the senior event with a good team performance by their Year 11 and 6th form students. Meaning Mandeville were overall sports day champions 2023 and took one step closer to lifting the Cock House Cup. 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 eachother throughout the day.

YEAR	BRIDGES	CAREW	MANDEVILLE	RADCLIFFE	RUSKIN	WOODCOTE
7	51	39	60	35	60	50
8	58	56	48	41	44	48
9	50	47	45	54	50	48
10	50	53	61	38	54	41
SENIOR	80	73	107	76	75	93
TOTAL	289	268	321	244	283	280
POSITION	2	5	1	6	3	4



Rugby Sevens

On the 24th May WCGS U14 and U15 rugby 7's squad competed in the Harlequins rugby 7's tournaments in Dulwich. The tournaments were a waterfall style with the sides selected into groups depending on rugby experience to play a round robin tournament. Both age groups did brilliantly with the U15's winning 4 and losing only 1 game. The U14's went one better and finished the day unbeaten recording 4 wins and 1 draw. The Quins selectors were impressed and a few more WCGS students may be getting trials next season.



Sports for Champions



Our Year 7 students did brilliantly and raised over £1200 in the sports for champions charity event. They had a brilliant motivational talk by Hannah Beharry a GB Boxer and then they completed the Sports for Champions fitness circuit. Well done Year 7.

