



Welcome to the Autumn sports newsletter 2025. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students, the PTFA, parents and volunteers for all their hard work, commitment and dedication to sport at WCGS. This has been another busy and successful term for WCGS sport with a huge number of students taking part across a wide range of sporting activities. I hope you enjoy reading about their achievements. Mr D Johnson (Director of Sport).



## WCGS Rugby



### U12

The U12s have enjoyed an exceptional and highly positive season. For many boys, it was their first experience of rugby, making the term both exciting and transformative. The squad quickly developed a strong, supportive learning environment, which played a key role in their rapid progress and growing confidence. Participation was excellent, with boys eager to represent their new school. This commitment allowed us to



field A, B and C teams, and competition for places remained high. Players frequently moved between squads in recognition of their effort and improvement, reflecting the depth and ambition within the group. The A team secured some memorable victories, while the B team demonstrated resilience and steady development throughout a series of tightly contested fixtures. Across all squads, the boys showed enthusiasm, determination and a clear improvement in their understanding and execution of the game. With a large number of boys already having represented the school, the foundations are strong and the future looks very bright for this cohort. We look forward to seeing them continue to grow and enjoy their rugby next year.

### U13



The U13 Rugby teams have had an exceptional year with over half the year group representing the school in either the A, B or C team. This is a fantastic achievement and I hope this continues for future years. The U13A team have been really excellent and have finished with 9 wins out of the 13 games they played this season. Highlights include a comprehensive 65-0 victory over St Olaves, 50-10 win vs Claremont Fan Court, 40-



20 win over Wimbledon College but the seasonal finale vs John Fisher really summed up the hard work and determination the team have put in all year, with WCGS winning 25-20. Very difficult to pick out specific people as the team has really shown it's strength in depth but Christopher Kone finished the season with 18 tries out of the 79 tries scored this season. The U13B have also tasted a huge amount of success, winning 9 out of their 11 fixtures. There were big wins against Royal Albert Alexandra, Dunottar, Ravenswood and Richard Challoner. The stand out performer has to be David Khokhlov who has grown in confidence this season, scoring lots of tries in multiple games and his performances have also earned him opportunities in the A team. The U13C team has led to more students having accessed the game this year and this will only provide strength in years to come. There were wins over St Olaves and



Dunoatter and it was great to see so many accessing the game, some for the first time as well. The stand out performer for the C team being Barney Luck, who stepped up to the B team towards the end of the season. Despite an injury, he still showed willingness to come along and support the team on Saturday mornings which showed great dedication. I am excited to see how far this group can go and look forward to seeing them develop even more in the 7s season after Christmas.

### U14

This has been a brilliant season for the WCGS Rugby squad, marked by exceptional team spirit, exponential growth, and a remarkable influx of new talent. Our roster has expanded significantly, and we are proud to celebrate the rapid development of several players who have stepped up and cemented their place in the team. A special mention goes to the new players who have shown brilliant improvement and phenomenal dedication, with some even starting rugby this season and progressing all the way to play for WCGS—congratulations to Connor Gray, Adhrit Sen, Ashvin Krrish, and Deepak Madala. Furthermore, several players have grown over the year to earn their starting shirts, including Takuma Han, who has become our reliable Hooker, dominating scrums; Kian Vythilingum, who has impressed coaches with his relentless tenacity on the wing; Draizen Galino and Elhaam Shaikh, who have become staples in the forwards, showcasing incredible strength in the contact zone; and Kritartha Kunwar, who is now a serious contender for the crucial 9 shirt, bringing great versatility and a valuable new kicking game. Praise must also go to the senior players whose consistent excellence has been invaluable to the squad's success, namely Theo Barnes, Dominic Legere, Joaquin Rookard, Samuel Tivoly, Adhvik Arun Kumar, and Ismael Mirza. Our ability to compete at a high level was proven in the thrilling performance against John Fisher, where the squad took an incredible opponent right to the wire, demonstrating our resilience and capability. It is genuinely a pleasure to work with this cohort, and the coaches are incredibly excited to continue this journey with every player and look forward to even greater success in the new year and beyond!



## COMPLETED HOUSE RESULTS

### X-Country

Year 7 - Bridges  
Year 8 - Radcliffe

**Junior Winners - Woodcote**



Year 9 - Bridges  
Year 10 - Woodcote

**Inter. Winners - Bridges**



Year 11 - Carew  
6th Form - Radcliffe

**Senior Winners - Carew**

### Football

Year 7 - Woodcote  
Year 8 - Radcliffe

**Junior Winners - Woodcote**



Year 9 - Radcliffe  
Year 10 - Mandeville

**Inter. Winners - Bridges**

### WCGS Year 7

#### Manor Trophy—Assault Course

- 6th – Carew (1888 pts)
- 5th – Radcliffe (1607 pts)
- 4th – Ruskin (1555 pts)
- 3rd – Mandeville (1430 pts)
- 2nd – Woodcote (1286 pts)
- 1st - Bridges (1071 pts)



#### Current Cock House Cup Standings

- 6th Place - Ruskin (29)
- 5th Place - Carew (30)
- 4th Place - Radcliffe (32)
- 3rd Place - Mandeville (35)
- 2nd Place - Bridges (43)
- 1st place = Woodcote (45)





### Ladies Rugby

Rekindling the girls' rugby has been so much fun this season. Having to jump around invited speakers and their studies, turnout has been up and down but with a core group of girls coming out to learn about the wonderful sport of rugby. The girls have progressed in understanding the sport, learning about the positions and their roles as well as developing knowledge on the laws of the game such as the offside rule, passing rules and tackling laws. On top of this we have got stuck into tackling drills learning the proper technique to tackle someone while avoiding injury, it has been great to develop this tackling from just tackling pads all the way to tackling a player. Furthermore passing drills and in game practice has allowed us to develop skills in taking advantage of space on the pitch as well as how to effectively position yourself to aid your teammates. It has been a lot of fun and I am excited to continue after Xmas and beyond!



### Representative Rugby Players

Congratulations to the following WCGS rugby players who have been selected for representative club our county honours

**Middlesex U18**  
Timothy Mazela U6CA



**Harlequins Player Development Group.**  
AJ Asamoah Djan 11CA (U16)  
Earl Flete 10MA (U15)  
Dominic Burger 10BR (U15)

### Handball



Our Year 11 GCSE PE Handball team played a

round robin tournament against Carshalton Boys and Bishop Thomas Grant School. The standard of handball was excellent and really demonstrated the development of the students' knowledge and skills of the game over the last two years. The games were all close with the boys earning a draw with Bishop Thomas Grant and suffering a very narrow defeat to Car Boys.

### Rugby Continued

#### U15 By Mr D Johnson



This has been a challenging season for the U15 rugby squad. With a disappointingly large number of students dropping out of rugby after Year 9 we have struggled to get the victories that the effort the squad has put in deserves. The stalwart group of students who have turned up to training every Wednesday and played in the Saturday matches have been superb. Their enthusiasm and effort has been fantastic, they are the epitome of a never say die attitude. In every game they have fought till the end and the way they have stuck together as a team even in defeat has been a pleasure to watch. The highlights of the season have been the two victories over St Olave's the first being a 31-19 win in the 1st round of the National NatWest Vase competition and the second being our scheduled Saturday fixture where the boys came from behind and held on under pressure to win 22-17. The best performance came in our last game of the season against local rivals John Fisher, the WCGS boys played with great determination and scored three fantastic tries to win the match 19-10. It was a brilliant way to end the season on a high. Well done boys, I am very proud of the effort you have put in and the way you have played in the matches.

The 2024/25 season has been a memorable and hard-fought campaign for the WCGS U16A squad. The team opened their account in outstanding fashion with a strong victory over Tiffin School, setting the tone for the intensity and ambition they would carry throughout the year. Confidence continued to build as the boys produced dominant performances against both Claremont Fan Court School and Wimbledon College, delivering emphatic wins that showcased their attacking flair and growing cohesion. One of the standout moments of the season came in their fixture against City of London Freeman's School. In a match that demanded grit, organisation, and collective commitment, the team delivered an exceptional defensive display to secure a well-earned win. It was a performance that epitomised the resilience and character of this group. This season has not been without its challenges. A string of injuries, students missing training due to intervention, and the regular absence of key players — notably Sam Collett and Hugo Rogers, who were deservedly called up to the 1st XV — meant that the squad was often tested in terms of depth and adaptability. Yet the players responded with maturity and determination, stepping into unfamiliar roles and supporting one another throughout. Several individuals made significant contributions across the season. Hari Sathiyarajah, Dwayne Mugunthan, Sam Collett, Hayden Baard, and Will Barbour consistently delivered high-quality performances and led from the front. In addition, both Mats Bullinger and Sami Silveira made remarkable progress after stepping up from the B team, demonstrating impressive development, commitment, and willingness to learn. As this group prepares to move into senior rugby, I want to express how much I have enjoyed coaching them over the past three seasons. Their growth, both as players and as young men, has been a privilege to witness. There is no doubt that they will continue to thrive, compete, and represent the school with pride as they enter the next stage of their WCGS rugby journey.

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#### 1st XV by Mr A Mehta



The 1st XV enjoyed a season marked by growth, resilience, and an increasingly confident style of rugby, finishing the campaign with eight wins from eleven fixtures. Despite opening with two tough losses against Tiffin and Reigate Grammar the squad responded with admirable character. Those early setbacks sharpened their focus and helped establish the standards they would uphold for the

rest of the year. A hard-fought victory away at Royal Alexandra & Albert School signalled the start of an outstanding run of form, during which the 1st XV secured seven consecutive wins. This streak featured commanding performances against Ewell Castle, Claremont Fan Court, St Olave's, Dunottar, Carshalton Boys, and Ravens Wood, with several matches demonstrating the team's ability to shift momentum and take control during key phases of play. Many of these victories were won by narrow margins, highlighting the squad's resilience particularly their determination in goal-line defence and their composure under pressure. Their collective belief and work ethic shone through week after week as they consistently found ways to close out tight encounters. Leadership was pivotal to the team's success. David Lamy, Adam Lamy, Timothy Mazela, and Henry Finnegan deserve special recognition for guiding the side with maturity and purpose throughout the campaign. They were supported by standout contributions from Srinath Nair, William Howe, and Arron Austria, all of whom played significant roles both in training and on match days. A particularly notable achievement this season was the elevation of U16 players Hugo Rogers and Sam Collett into the 1st XV squad. Their impact was immediate and substantial, reflecting the depth of emerging talent within the school's rugby programme. The Lower Sixth also made important contributions, providing depth, energy, and continuity across the squad. Their development this year lays strong foundations for future success and promises much for seasons to come. The closing weeks of the campaign brought two memorable contests. A thrilling encounter against Ravens Wood showcased the team's character as they produced a superb second-half performance to secure a well-earned victory. The season concluded with a resilient home display against John Fisher, where the team fought with determination but fell short. Even in defeat, their unity and resolve embodied the qualities that defined their season. As we bid farewell to our Upper Sixth players, we extend our heartfelt thanks for their unwavering dedication to WCGS Rugby. Their leadership and passion have shaped the culture of the team and set a benchmark for future squads. We wish them every success as they move on; they leave behind a legacy of which they can be immensely proud.



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### Cricket

**WCGS Cricket is proud to share that The Cricketer Magazine has ranked WCGS among the top 25 state schools for cricket in the UK** — for the second consecutive year. This is a remarkable achievement, and sincere thanks go to everyone who has contributed to our continued success: players, coaches, parents, carers, and our dedicated alumni community. December has also been a busy and exciting month, with Mr Collins and I conducting trials for our incoming Year 7 cohort. The level of talent on display has been extremely promising, and we look forward to seeing this group develop within the WCGS cricket pathway. Pre-season winter nets for all age groups will begin after the Christmas break. We are very much looking forward to building on last year's momentum as we prepare for another strong season ahead.



### WCGS 24-Hour 'Netathon'

We are excited to announce our latest fundraising initiative in support of the Wallington County Grammar School senior cricket tour to Sri Lanka! On Sunday 4th January, running through the night into Monday 5th, our Sri Lanka touring squad will be taking on a unique 24-hour cricket challenge to raise vital funds for their upcoming tour. The boys have already shown tremendous commitment in their fundraising efforts so far—helping to cover the cost of the incredible cultural experiences awaiting them in July, as well as their training and playing kit for the tour. If you are able to support the team, every donation—large or small—makes a real difference in enriching this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our young cricketers. You can donate via the link below:

[JustGiving – WCGS Sri Lanka Cricket Tour Fundraiser](#)

If you would like to get involved in any way—please feel free to contact me at [jhender-](mailto:jhender-)



### Table Tennis

The WCGS Table Tennis teams have had an exceptional term, achieving several notable results across different age groups. The Under-13 Team was particularly successful, emerging as the Winners of the Sutton Borough Tournament and securing strong match wins against Cheam, Carshalton Boys, and Wilsons. The school was proud to host the prestigious Jack Petchey South London Finals, where our U13s delivered a fantastic performance. With dominant wins—an 8-0 victory against Royal Russell, 7-1 against Tiffin, and a hard-fought 5-3 win in the final against St. Paul's—the U13 team has earned the honour of representing South London at the Area Finals in Redbridge later in January. Our Under-16 Team also achieved success, taking Second Place in the Sutton Borough Tournament after impressive wins against Wilsons and Sutton, and drawing against Cheam High. The Under-19 Team played exceptionally well in their South London Finals, securing commanding 6-2 victories against both KCS and Whitgift, which means they will also be representing South London at the Redbridge finals. Furthermore, in the U13/U16 South London Table Tennis League, the U13 B team is currently performing very well as runners-up on the table, while the U13 A team is competing successfully an age group up, currently standing in 3rd place.



### Cross Country

This term the WCGS cross country teams have yet again demonstrated the commitment and courage that embodies our students. In the English Schools championship our junior team made up of Year 7 & 8 students finished 11<sup>th</sup> overall with Josh McCearney and Conor Harrow our best finishers in 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> respectively. The Year 9/10 team also did well coming 8<sup>th</sup> overall, Luke Bedford was our highest finisher in 4th place. Unfortunately due to injuries and illness we were not able to field full

teams for the Senior Boys race but very well done to Max Richards, Aaron Morell and Adam Craigen who put in maximum effort on the day. In the Sutton Borough Championships our Year 7 team came 5th, our Years 8/9 and years 10/11 teams all came 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Senior girls and Senior boys teams both came 2<sup>nd</sup>. The combined results meant WCGS were 3rd in the Borough overall. Our best performer on the day was Josh McCearney who won the Year 7 race.



### Sports Hall Athletics

This term our Year 7 and 8 Indoor athletics teams competed in the Sutton Borough Sports Hall athletics championship at Sutton Grammar. The Year 7's put in some great individual performances in the track and field events and against some very talented athletes did very well to finish 2nd overall. Our Year 8's were also excellent coming either 1st, 2nd or 3rd in all of the events, they also came 2nd in the competition but were only 1 agonising point behind the winners.



### Volleyball

On the 1st of December our Volleyball team, made up of students from Years 10 to 13 had a match against Sutton Grammar. The game was very close with Sutton Grammar winning the first set, then WCGS fought back to take the second set in a comfortable manner. The third set went to deuce but unfortunately Sutton Grammar won the last two points to take the match. This was the first time WCGS has competed in Volleyball and with a game coming up against Greenshaw and a rematch with Sutton Grammar it is great to get a new sport up and running at WCGS.



### Badminton

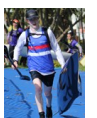
This term we have entered the National Badminton Cup in both U14 and U16 age ranges. Our U16's (Jonathan Theivendran, Dhruv Menon, Harshith Kaasam and Saket Kaila) met a very strong Trinity School team in round one and despite some excellent play from the WCGS students Trinity came out on top 4-2. The U14 team Jonathan Theivendran, Dhiyanesh Raja, Harshith Kaasam and Advik Kalikiri) have had a fantastic cup run so far. Their first round match was against Gordon's School and the WCGS team were dominant, winning the match 6-0. This set up a second match against Whitgift, in this match the WCGS again showcased their skills and cruised to a comfortable 5-1 win. The third round fixture was a long journey down to Skinners School in Kent, this was the toughest fixture so far but with great composure the WCGS boys triumphed again winning 4-2. We are now drawn against KCS Wimbledon in the fourth round, to be played in January. If the boys manage to win this match they will then be through to the National Badminton Finals day at Loughborough School in March.



### Individual Achievements



**Owen Attwood L6RU** – At the end of September Owen competed for Great Britain at the French National Kayaking Championships. He came 4th in the K2 (doubles) race and 10th out of 31 in the K1 (singles). He raced up an age group against some very stiff competition.



**Ismael Mirza 9MA** – On Sunday 14th December Ismael won gold in the British Judo championships for pre-cadets U50kg. He is now the current British Champion for his age category and weight and has been selected to be part of the England Judo team.



**Cricket Sponsorship:** WCGS would like to thank James Blackmore Electrical Ltd. Noyo Ltd. Rosebury Real Estate The Frying Squad for their generous sponsorship of WCGS cricket for the upcoming season and the 2026 Sri Lanka Tour.

