



Welcome to the WCGS Sports Newsletter. This term the wonderful WCGS students have competed in a huge number of fixtures across a great range of sports. I would like to thank all involved, especially the coaches who give up so much of their time and energy to allow our students these great experiences. I also want to say a huge well done to all the students who have demonstrated fantastic commitment and dedication to WCGS Sport. Mr D Johnson (Director of Sport)



Rugby VII's

Senior VII's



The Seniors launched their Sevens campaign with limited preparation but plenty of determination, entering the U18 Surrey Sevens tournament with cautious optimism. They made an excellent start, delivering a confident 29–5 win over Riddlesdown Collegiate. The level of competition quickly intensified, however, with tough fixtures against Whitgift (12–45) and Gordon's School (7–26). Undeterred, the squad remained resilient. A walkover in the quarter-final saw them progress to the Vase semi-final, where they battled bravely before falling 7–33 to Christ's Hospital. The season concluded at the National Sevens Vase on 23rd March. Although the team opened with a 0–22 loss to Scarborough College, their response was outstanding. Showing real character, they bounced back with a dominant 36–7 victory over Mount Kelly, before finishing in style with an impressive 21–12 win against Loughborough Schools Foundation. Overall, it has been a highly positive campaign, with the squad demonstrating resilience, growth, and the ability to compete with some of the strongest teams in the country. A promising foundation to build on for the future.



U16 VII's



It has been a stop start 7s season for the U16s this year, with bad weather and exam prep often hampering attendance to training sessions. A strong squad was named to attend the Surrey 7s at Old Reigations, however, this was unfortunately cancelled due to inclement weather. At the Rosslyn Park National 7s tournament the squad were ready to put their training into practice. This worked in the first game where the boys ran out comfortable winners beating Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi 45 - 5, with the man of the match being Dwayne Mugunthan. The second game was against St Ambrose College and was a complete reversal of the first match with WCGS suffering a heavy defeat. The third and final match was against another Welsh School and despite a huge amount of effort and a hat trick of tries from Joel Kolanchery, the WCGS squad couldn't quite get the win. We are all looking forward to seeing what these students can do in senior rugby next year.

U15 VII's



This season, the U15 7s squad travelled to Old Caterhamians RFC to partake in the annual Surrey 7s tournament. Our first two games were against RGS Guildford and Ashcombe School, both well known schools on the 7's circuit. In both of these games the WCGS boys battled hard and showed excellent determination and commitment but unfortunately the opposition's experience told and WCGS lost both games. Our final game was against local rugby powerhouse Whitgift. The WCGS squad definitely saved their best till last and dominated the game from start to finish combining excellent defence with outstanding attacking play. Superb tries from Luke Bedford x 2, Dominic Burger and Mali Amoako led to the WCGS boys beating Whitgift 22-0, finishing the rugby season on a very good high.

COMPLETED HOUSE RESULTS

Rugby Junior

Year 7– Bridges

Year 8 – Ruskin

Overall — Radcliffe



Intermediate

Year 9—Radcliffe

Year 10—Mandeville

Overall — Radcliffe



Senior

Overall - Woodcote



Table Tennis

Junior

Year 7 - Radcliffe

Year 8 - Radcliffe

Overall - Radcliffe

Intermediate

Year 9 - Woodcote

Year 10 - Woodcote

Overall - Woodcote



CURRENT STANDINGS

6th Place - Carew (58)

5th Place - Ruskin (57)

4th Place - Mandeville (62)

3rd Place - Radcliffe (69)

2nd Place - Bridges (80)

1st place - Woodcote (85)





Representative Rugby

Congratulations to Earl Flete 10MA, Dominic Burger 10BR and AJ Asamoah Djan 11CA for their continued involvement with the Harlequins developing player programme.

Old Walcountians RFC

It's been great to see a large number of boys who have been pleasing to once again see some WCGS students make the step up from schoolboy rugby into men's rugby. A special mention must go to Luke Bignell, who has represented Old Walcountians 1XV with aplomb this season - well done Luke. For those looking to represent the club next season, please speak to Mr Henderson.

Washer Cup



This year's Washer Cup WCGS Old Boys match will take place at Old Walcountians on Saturday 28th March, 12pm Kick off. Come along and spectate, it's always a great game.

Power Play Cricket Centre



On 25th March the 1st XI were invited to try out the fantastic cricket training facilities at the new Power Play Cricket Centre in Redhill. Mr Henderson and Mr Collins took the boys and everyone had an excellent time practicing their batting, bowling and fielding skills with some of the most advanced cricket training equipment in the world.



U14 VII's

After a brilliant 15s season, the Year 9 boys dove into the sevens season, taking on the task of adapting their skills from 15-a-side play to sevens. The turnout for training was brilliant, with one of the biggest groups of players keen to play out of any age group in the school. The team worked incredibly hard developing their skill set and understanding of the game. We attended the Surrey sevens tournament, where the boys were able to test their metal against a selection of very strong sides including Hampton and Ibstock Place, making it through to the Shield Knockout stages. The boys showed great courage standing up to these strong teams showing some great sevens rugby whilst on the ball. The standout player from the tournament must go to Adhvik Arun Kumar, who was strong in defence and workrate. With the U15 season coming up, we are all excited and they are already starting fitness and conditioning to prepare for success next season. Well done boys.

U13 VII's



The Under-13 Squad went to the Surrey Festival at Trinity in high spirits after an excellent 15-a-side season. The team had 4 matches against some tough opposition in St John's Leatherhead, Cranleigh Prep School, Hampton School and Dulwich College. WCGS defended superbly in their first match and eventually ran out 15-0 winners against St John's. It was a true team performance with James Malahov, Jack Zhang and Edward Mendi scoring the tries. This was followed by an even better performance against Dulwich College winning 15-10 with Chris Kone powering through the would be tacklers to score, with other tries from Henry Smith and George Ganio to finish them off. Hampton had a strong team but we worked hard to move the ball and the game was in the balance at 10-10, with tries from Chris Kone and Edward Mendi. Unfortunately, Hampton managed to get over the line just before the whistle. This also happened in the last fixture vs Cranleigh Prep with the game tied, Cranleigh attempted a cross field kick that ended up in the wingers hands meaning the game finished 10-5 to Cranleigh. It was a great day's rugby where the WCGS team showed they can compete at a high level against some of the top schools in the country!! Looking forward to seeing this team develop further at U14 level next season

U12 VII's



The U12 Sevens squad has concluded a debut season marked by immense dedication and rapid tactical improvement. Since the Christmas break, the boys have shown an impressive commitment to their training regardless of the weather, evolving from a group of individuals into a cohesive, high-energy Sevens outfit. Our campaign kicked off at the John Fisher 9s, where the team faced some of the region's strongest opposition. While the group stage results were tough losses against heavyweight teams like John Fisher and Cranmore, the experience was invaluable. The highlight of the day came in the afternoon against Reigate Grammar, where the squad played with flair and confidence, dominating the match to secure a convincing win that showcased exactly what they are capable of. The Surrey Sevens was a joyous occasion for the U12s, as they started the day in fantastic form to win their first two fixtures. Despite a few later losses to formidable opposition, they managed to secure a highly respectable 3rd place finish in the group. While the exhaustion of a gruelling schedule began to show during the afternoons 3rd-place playoffs, the boys showed incredible resilience and never stopped fighting for the shirt. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the entire U12 squad; your hard work and dedication since January have paved the way for a truly memorable debut season. You have set a remarkably high standard for the years to come. Well done, boys!



Rugby Awards Dinners

The junior rugby awards dinner was a great night that saw the school hall full of parents and students from years 7-10. It really was a great celebration of the WCGS rugby family. Congratulations to all the award winners, the main award winners are;

Nigel Hook Memorial Trophy — Earl Flete 10MA

Millwood Trophy — George Ganio 8RA

W. J. Ireland Trophy — Adam Lamy & David Lamy U6WO





Table Tennis

On the 21st of January the WCGS U13 and U19 teams travelled to Redbridge Sports Centre to compete in the London Zone Finals. The U13 team (Ethan King, Adam Raffiq, Toshiro Franklin, Samarth Choudhary and Ethan Steenhuisen) competed well in the group stages. The boys beat University College School 6:2 and FitzWimarc School 8:0 but lost 2:6 to Ilford county School. This was enough to get them through to the quarter finals where they beat JFS 5:1 and in the semi-finals they again played brilliantly achieving a fantastic win against London Academy 5:3. The final against St Paul's was nail biting with both schools playing fantastic table tennis. The match ended up 4:4. So it would be decided by count-back, they were also equal on sets but after counting all the individual points St Paul's won by 9 points. So our U13 team were the silver medallists in London. The U19 team (Chun Hei Wong, Vihan Nirmal, Hugo Rogers and Sanjay Sathish) had some close games and were pushed all the way by their opposition but with great skill and composure the boys won against Westcliff High school and Oaklands School but lost to King Edward VI in group stage. They were second in their group and through to the semi-finals. In the semi-final they played some excellent table tennis but narrowly lost to St Dominics on count back. This meant they won the Bronze medal which is a great achievement. The WCGS Boys have also competed in South London Jack Petchy individual finals

across all age groups. Best achievement was from Adam Raffiq who won Bronze in the U13 age group and Chun Hei Wong who won bronze in the U19 age group. Last week we had excellent news that our U13 boys have received a wild card entry to Nationals as the best runner up in England. Best of luck to the U13 team in the National Finals in Wolverhampton next term.



Badminton



This term, due to their success in their matches last term our U14 badminton team (Jonathan Theivendran, Harshith Kaasam, Advik Kalikiri and Dhiyanesh Raja) were through to the National Cup quarter finals. They were due to play either Wilson's School or Elizabeth School. Elizabeth College are from Guernsey and because they have to get flights to come and play on the main land it was decided to play a small triangular tournament to save them two journeys' if needed. Wilson's played Elizabeth College first and won, meaning our game against Wilson's was for the chance to get through to the National semi-finals. All the singles and doubles games were close and the WCGS boys pushed them all the way but unfortunately Wilson's got the win. The boys then played Elizabeth College and this proved to be a great game ending in a 3-3 draw. Congratulations to the team, reaching the quarter finals of a National Championship is a fantastic achievement.

Football

This term we have had three football matches against other schools. Our first match was in the U16 Sutton Cup round 1 against Cheam High. The opposition team were very strong and although the WCGS students demonstrated their usual never say die attitude, epitomised by our man of the match Lucas Alonso-Baggio, Cheam came out as victors 7-0. Our second match of the term was an U13 friendly match against Oaks Park. In this game the WCGS Year 8 students played some excellent attacking football which led to goals from Christian Takev and Christopher Kone. However, some lapses in defence meant the game finished 5-2 to Oaks Park. Our final match of the term was an U14 friendly match against Glenthorne. This was the best match so far for WCGS with the Year 9's putting in a fantastic team performance where Ayaan Bhasin scored two goals and Michael Keaveney got one, securing a 3-3 draw against a good footballing school.



Surrey Schools Cross Country

Huge congratulations to Josh McCearney 7MA who won the silver medal in the Surrey Schools Cross Country Championships.

Our Year 10/11 students (Luke Bedford, Aaron Morrell and Shiv Patel) also competed well in their age group.



Cricket Training After Easter

Our cricket fixture calendar for the 2025 season is now fully booked - all fixtures can be found on SOCS. After Easter, we will begin our outdoor training sessions, with all students welcome. Training nights are as below:

- Monday - Year 7
- Tuesday - Year 9
- Wednesday - Year 10
- Thursday - Year 8
- Friday - Senior

Training sessions will run from 3:15 - 5pm, please do remember appropriate footwear to be used in nets.



Next term's cricket season will be capped off with the tour to Sri Lanka. I would like to congratulate all the boys going on the tour for the fantastic work they have put into fundraising, they have raised an excellent amount and this sets the tour up to be a fantastic once in a lifetime experience.

Volleyball



Our Volleyball team had one match this term against Greenshaw. It was a great game and very close. Greenshaw took the first set but WCGS fought back in the second to win it with some fantastic attacking play. The third set was tense and the lead kept changing hands, it came down to a deuce point but unfortunately, the luck went Greenshaw's way and the set was lost 26-24. A huge well done to the senior volleyball players, the team and club has been started and run by the students and the development has been great to witness. Hopefully we can get more matches in the future.