



Welcome to the Autumn sports newsletter 2018. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students, parents and volunteers for their hard work, commitment and dedication to sport at WCGS. In this newsletter we as a sports department are proud to showcase the commitment the students at WCGS have to sport at the school and the many successes the students have had in a number of different sports at all levels. Mr D Johnson (Director of Sport).



WCGS Rugby



The U12's have had a season of highs and lows. Many of our new intake will not have played the game of rugby before, and the opportunity to do so is always very new and exciting. The students fostered a great internal coaching and learning environment, and this has played a huge role both in their personal and rugby development throughout the autumn term. Participation levels were



exceptional, with boys desperate to represent their new school, meaning that we have regularly been able to field teams at A, B, C & D team level. Special praise and congratulations must be reserved for the A & B teams, where students have freely interchanged between squads, so fierce has the competition for places been. All boys have been under pressure to perform to keep their place, or have been rewarded for their development with promotion. The A team achieved a memorable win against Glyn and refused to give up against St Dunstan's College, where despite being 2 tries down in the second half, still fought back to win the game. The B team were also victorious against St Dunstan's College which was rich reward after refusing to be down heartened after 4 tough games in a row against formidable opponents. With over half the year group having represented the school so far, there is no doubt that the future is bright for the current year 7, and we look forward to seeing even more players improve their skills and embrace the game next year.



This term the U13 rugby squad has gone from strength to strength. The commitment from all of the students has been amazing with us regularly having enough students at training to field three strong squads of boys. It has been a shame that we have been unable to play more C-Team games but a huge credit to those boys who have attended training regularly to develop their skills and to fight to get places in the B or A-Teams. This competition for places has helped the students to



really focus in training and the improvements in the knowledge of the game and the skill levels have been huge. The B-Teams highlights have been wins over Reigate, Glyn, St Dunstan's College and Halliford as well as a draw against Wimbledon College. The A-Team have also had a fantastic season winning over 72% of their games with a positive points difference of 195 for the season. Two of their highlights have been a fantastic 35-15 victory over Reigate (a reversal of a 25-15 defeat last season) and a phenomenal come back against John Fisher. In the Fisher game WCGS were on the wrong side of a 20-5 score line at half-time but with a never say die attitude, WCGS scored 6 unanswered tries in the 2nd half to beat John Fisher 35-20. The U13A's saved the best for last with their most complete performance of the season coming in their last game against Ravenswood. With a huge defensive performance and immense pressure on their opponents at the break down, the boys laid a platform for some great handling and powerful running to beat Ravenswood 35-5. This really showed how far the squad has improved as this was a reversal of a 45-20 defeat to Ravenswood last season. I am really excited to see what this talented group of players can do during next terms sevens season and beyond.



This has been a good year for the U14's. Not just because of the results but in the competition for places that has arisen within this age group. The B squad have risen to their task admirably putting in some great individual and team performances. This has been rewarded by 6 of the boys gaining a place in the A team and then performing well in the higher team. This has acted as an incentive to boys in the A squad to play harder and better as the "threat" to places became a reality. The U14's have a

collective record of: played 25; won 15; drawn 2; lost 8 (675pts for, 365pts against). That is a win percentage of 60% and an average of 27 pts per game. For the A's, some of the highlights were the wins over Tiffin and Glyn with brilliant performances in both games by George Orji helping the team to secure good victories. Also going to Dartford with just 15 boys and battling hard in a draining and arduous 7-7 draw against a big and aggressive team was an achievement, led excellently by Zak Khan with a true captain's performance. We then had a gruelling battle in the mud of Clockhouse with Wimbledon College and although we lost we gave the unbeaten College team a very close run. This game our defence and in particular Gabriel Collins came to the fore. For the B's Nathan Aziba's relentless try scoring keeps helping them to rack up points against many of the teams they have played. The wins against Tiffin, Reigate and Langley Park are probably the pick of their victories with Samad Tahir, Henry Atkinson and Veneka Musabaike leading the performances in those games respectively. Thanks for a great season.



COMPLETED HOUSE RESULTS

Rugby

Year 8 - Radcliffe

Year 9 - Bridges

Year 10 - Woodcote

Inter. Winners - Woodcote



X-Country

Year 7 - Woodcote

Year 8 - Bridges

Junior Winners - Bridges



Year 9 - Carew

Year 10 - Radcliffe

Inter. Winners - Radcliffe

Year 11 - Radcliffe

6th Form - Mandeville

Senior Winners - Mandeville

WCGS Year 7

Assault Course

Thank you to all staff and students that helped marshal the event, as well as all the parents that came along to support this fantastic house event!!

Year 7 Assault Course

- 6th - Radcliffe (1837 pts)
- 5th - Mandeville (1815 pts)
- 4th - Ruskin (1632 pts)
- 3rd - Bridges (1529 pts)
- 1st = Carew & Woodcote (1409 pts)**



Current Cock House Cup Standings

- 6th Place - Mandeville (20)
- 4th = Place - Carew (23.5)
- 4th = Place - Radcliffe (23.5)
- 3rd Place - Ruskin (30.5)
- 2nd Place - Bridges (33)
- 1st place - Woodcote (37.5)**





Surrey Rugby Representatives

Congratulation to the following individuals who have all represented Surrey Rugby. Benjamin French and Damola Olawumi both U18. Owen Hanford U16, Yanni Konstantinou U15 & Zak Khan U14.



Netball



The girls teams for 2018-19 have been selected and we have already played two fixtures!



The girls commitment to improving their fitness and skills during the Wednesday training sessions has been commendable. Our first fixture was against Wally Girls and our second against Trinity. Both A and B team matches gave the girls a chance to work together as a team and even though we didn't manage to grab a victory the improvement in the teamwork, skills and tactical awareness was great to see.

The girls really enjoyed both matches playing really well together and they are looking forward to our next fixture in January!



Rugby Continued



The U15As have had another fantastic season to date, winning some games by large margins and also losing valiantly to a few teams who beat us comprehensively last season. Standout performances have come in the victories over Tiffin and St Olaves schools, whilst the boys were outstanding in their performance against St Dunstons. However, the highlight was the thumping of Dartford Grammar, who beat us 47-3 last year. The performance in this year's 34-14 victory was at the level that the team has been trying to achieve over the past two years and these improvements have been driven by all of the players, but

standout performers include the towering stand-off Daniel Watkins, the indomitable Yanni Konstantinou at Number 8 and the barreling full-back Seb Ruiz, who has scored two exceptional individual tries this season. Matteo Marthoz, Anthony French, Sven Anderson, Bhavya Ghandi, Abs Fatah, Harry Sanders and Andy Muirhead have also been outstanding whilst Joe McCart, Finlay Rowe and Sam Beaufort-Cotter have been the most improved thus far this season. Zach Rivai's transformation from flanker to centre/winger has also been impressive.



The U16 rugby squad have had a tricky season this year with a number of issues surrounding availability of players for training and matches due to injury, academic work or students being selected for the senior sides. However, the enthusiasm from the core group of players has been outstanding and the work of parent volunteers, Nick Mogridge and Stuart Brown, in keeping the squad together and improving their performances has been fantastic. Highlights of the season have been good wins over Dartford Grammar, Riddlesdown Collegiate and Glyn, with the boys really showing the skill level and rugby knowledge that they are capable of when they play as a team. It is credit to the students that a large number of this age group

have been selected early for the 2nds and 1sts this season and the experience they will have gained from playing up an age group should really help them next season and beyond. As a department we are really excited to see the progression this age group will make when playing senior rugby next year.

The 2nd XV this year have had an enjoyable year and we have seen many positives along the way. The year started slowly with several matches being postponed due to university visits, meaning many of the boys having to play in the 1st XV. The season eventually started against a very powerful Dartford side and a well drilled Langley Park side, both games ending in defeat. With numbers a little on the low side, the U16s have stepped up and added a huge amount of aggression and ability, which helped the 2nd XV win their first game of the year against Ewell Castle 1st XV, the final score being 14-12. A few weeks later, the 2nd XV won again against Sutton Grammar 1st XV, 26-15, with the team finally showing their true potential. Recent results against John Fisher, Halliford and Royal Albert and Alexandra have all ended in defeat but WCGS showed true heart and commitment and never gave up until the final whistle. It has been amazing to see so many of the U16s experience Senior Rugby this year and no doubt this type of opportunity will help them prepare for next season for sure.



The 1st XV have had a strong season winning 9 out of 15 fixtures; an excellent achievement from all concerned. Selecting a starting XV this year has been particularly tough and competition for places has been fierce, leading to healthy rotation of the squad. A highlight of the season was a fantastic win over Langley Park in difficult circumstances. Our Natwest Vase run was ended at St Georges Weybridge, who went on to reach the quarter finals of the competition. The quality of opposition has been mixed this year and we have managed to win some games in superb fashion. However, the 1st XV victory against Wimbledon College will go down in Wallington folklore as one of the greatest achievements

ever. Despite hurricane-esque weather, the team fought heroically and battled hard from first whistle until last, ending up on the right side of a 10-7 score. The aforementioned Wimbledon College side have been particularly strong this year and managed to reach the 4th round of the Natwest National Cup. In spite of this, and though missing a number of key players, it was classic Wallington commitment which allowed them to clear this massive hurdle. The passion for the game in this squad can never be questioned, and their willingness to put their bodies on the line to support one another has always been a major strength of this collective. They stuck together when times were tough, and this is in no small part down to the leadership and captaincy of Ben French and Frank Panton, who both combined to maintain a fighting spirit in the squad at all times. Mr. Mehta would like to extend a special thank-you to all senior players who have shown such courage this season. Whilst we are sad to see our Upper Sixth leave at the end of the year, we are grateful for all they have given to WCGS rugby and we wish them a long, continued and successful playing career in the game, wherever they go next.



We are always keen to receive parental views. Any suggestions for improvement, ideas for implementation or comments on what we have done well, please email Mr Johnson on djohnson61@suttonmail.org.



Handball

Our Year 10 GCSE students completed this term in the Sutton Borough Handball tournament. They played two



matches in a round robin competition. The boys came out of the blocks quickly and won their first game, beating Carshalton Boys 9-5. After a short break in between matches WCGS met Glenthorne in their 2nd match. This was a much closer game but even though the Wallington students finished the game strongly they couldn't quite find that final equalising goal and lost the game by the narrowest of margins 6-5. Well done boys, 2nd in the Borough is a great achievement.

Wimbledon Ball Boy



Over 40 Year 9 and Year 10 students showed interest this year for the Wimbledon Ball Boy scheme and after several weeks of hard work with completing modules online, early morning training at school on a Wednesday and taster sessions at the covered practice courts in Raynes Park, the final 8 students have been nominated to go through to the selection process in January. Well done to boys. A huge thank you also goes to the students who have already been ball boys and have applied to be part of the competition again this year, who came down to help the boys on the Wednesday mornings, giving valuable advice and support in every area of the process.

WCGS Sports Website

All information about WCGS sport can be found by visiting <https://wgsacademytrust.fluencycms.co.uk/> and clicking on the Sport Tab at the top of the page

Cross Country



In the Borough Championships the WCGS teams showed yet again how hard our students are willing to work for each other

and the school. Our Year 7 team came 3rd (only 1 point behind 2nd place) with Noah Findell and Leo Stefanovski finishing in the top 10. Our Year 8/9 team went one better finishing in 2nd place with Dan Levine winning the



race and Jos Elwine and Adam Mercer also finishing in the top 10. Our Year 10/11 team finished 4th, Joe Levine our highest finisher in 7th Place. Our senior team also had a good day with Sam Sheppard and Henry Silverstein finishing 1st and

2nd respectively but as a team WCGS finished 2nd in the senior event. Special mention must go to Hana Fatah who was the first female student to compete in Cross Country for WCGS. With all of the team results combined WCGS finished joint 3rd in the Borough.



In the English Schools round 1 the WCGS cross country teams again competed very well. James Higham was our highest finisher in the junior boys competition with the team finishing 9th. Our intermediate team equalled this also finishing in 9th place with Dan Levine again showing his talents finishing in 9th place.



Basketball



We have competed in both the U14 and U16 Borough Basketball tournaments this term. Our U14's experienced their first ever competitive basketball matches and even though they didn't manage to get a win in their tournament the enjoyment and improvements made were a pleasure to witness. Our U16 team did slightly better beating Wilson's 17-10 but unfortunately lost their next two matches in the tournament finishing 3rd in the Borough. Our senior basketball team also had their first match of the year against Greenshaw, it was a very competitive affair that saw the lead changing hands repeatedly over the 4 quarters. With some



excellent shooting by WCGS's MVP, Victor Makene, WCGS just managed to scrape the victory 40-39 in overtime. More basketball to come next term, well done boys.



Student Success Outside of School Sport



Noah Findell 7MA achieved a fantastic eleventh place in the British Modern Biathlon Championships in Leeds. Well done Noah.

Table Tennis

The WCGS table tennis teams have had great start to the 2018/19 season, as a collective they have currently won 75% of their games in the South London table tennis league. Both the Under-13 and Under-16 squads have won their respective Sutton borough tournaments.

The Under-13 team (Jacob Archer, Ojavii Borah, Chid



Egbeama and Sai Gandepalli) displayed incredible skills during the Jack Petchey South London schools tournament only dropping one set in the whole tournament beating Hampton 8:0, Wilson's 8:1 and

then played some sublime table tennis in the final dispatching Tiffin 8:0 to win the trophy and secure their progression to the prestigious Jack Petchey London Finals.

In November WCGS hosted the Under-16 Jack Petchey South London team tournament, where the best 8 schools in South London were set against each other. The WCGS team of Krishna Nagarajan, Zeron Francis, Anirudh Gandepalli, Rayyan Hossenbux and Ben Hansen played some great table tennis reaching the final with relative ease. The final was a close contest with 8 of the best table tennis players in the area battling hard, unfortunately for WCGS the Whitgift team won the trophy this time but the Wallington students still played well enough to be invited to the London Finals where they might get a second crack at beating Whitgift and still have a chance of making it to the National finals.



Our Under-19 team also qualified through the Borough cup competition and also played in the Jack Petchey South London finals. Brilliant efforts and performances by Ivan Wong, Arjun Pereira, Rayyan Hossenbux and Krishna Nagarajan meant that yet again WCGS made it to the final but were unfortunate to lose a close contest against Whitgift to finish up as runners up on the day. They did do enough to secure a place in London finals, where they will be competing against the best schools in the London area. We wish all three WCGS teams the best when playing the in the London Finals next term, fingers crossed we can get through to another National Final.

Sportshall Athletics



The WCGS year 7 and 8 students competed very well in the Borough Sportshall athletics championship. Some great individual performances, especially in the distance races meant the Year 7's finished 4th in the Borough. Our Year 8's however did brilliantly dominating the relays and jumps but unfortunately it wasn't quite enough to secure first place finishing in 2nd, only 4 points behind progression to the London finals. Great efforts by all the boys.