



Welcome to the Autumn sports newsletter 2020. In these unprecedented times that we find ourselves in I have to start by thanking all the PE staff, Games staff and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to ensure that we have been able to run our PE/Games lessons and our extra-curricular clubs whilst abiding by the varied coronavirus restrictions that surround each sport. I would like to publicly say a big thank you to our new PE technician Mr Beales who has been a superstar in keeping up with the 'COVID cleaning' schedule and making sure all our equipment is safe for each class/team to use. I also need to thank the senior leaders and the Governors at WCGS for paying for extra cleaning staff to ensure we can keep using the changing rooms which has really helped in keeping things as normal as possible down in the PE department.

However, most of all I need to praise the students. Their levels of commitment and resilience has been outstanding, their ability to empathise with the current situation and stick to the new rules and procedures has enabled everything to run smoothly. The enthusiasm for sport at WCGS has never dwindled and watching so many boys outside or in the sports hall thoroughly enjoying their sport and positively engaging with their peers in the sporting context has been a joy to witness. Hopefully as we move through this academic year things will start to get back to some form of normalcy and I am sure that when that happens the students and staff at WCGS will be ready and our sports teams will be raring to go. **Mr D Johnson (Director of Sport).**

House Cross Country



One of the events of the year for houses to start earning valuable points towards their chances of winning the Cock House Cup is the House Cross Country. Luckily, all students in all year groups had good weather for running with little rain and even a bit of sunshine. In their first house event of the year, the Year

7's set out on the course with Mr Hennah as the hare, it was fantastic to see the great determination and courage that the 143 Year 7 runners demonstrated for the good of their houses. First across the finish line was Dron Manial for Bridges in an impressive time of 10mins 17secs with Krish Maleku (Bridges)(10.27) and Aren McCarthy (Ruskin)(10.31) finishing close behind in second and third. Once all of the finishers positions were added up Ruskin came out as overall Year 7 winners. In the Year 8 race, again all the runners put in great amounts of effort over a slightly longer course. There was a great battle for first place between Oscar Stephenson (Mandeville) and Herb Balaam (Bridges), Oscar managed to get to the line first with a slightly stronger sprint finish. Elroye Dermollo (Mandeville) finished third in his first house cross country race. With five runners finishing in the top 10 Mandeville were clear winners overall in the year 8 race. However, with a first in the Year 7 and third in Year 8, the winners of the Richard Meller Cup for Junior House Cross country was Ruskin with Bridges in second, Mandeville third, Carew fourth, Radcliffe fifth and Woodcote sixth.



In the Year 9 race the top three finishers were Noah Findell (Mandeville) 1st, Ralph Dennis (Carew) 2nd and William Frost (Woodcote) 3rd. Woodcote took first place overall with a strong team performance. Mandeville again had the first place individual with a strong run from Joe Gambie (17 mins 21 seconds) leaving almost two

minutes between his winning time and second. However it was Radcliffe's impressive team run which saw them take 1st in Year 10 with Woodcote and Ruskin finishing in second and third respectively. Overall in the winners of the Ruskin Cup for Intermediate House Cross Country, was Woodcote with Ruskin in second, Radcliffe in third, Bridges in fourth, Carew in fifth and Mandeville in sixth.



In the senior and Year 11 races the older students really demonstrated the passion they have for the houses system at WCGS, there was great effort and determination from all the students who took part. The top three individuals in Year 11 were Luis Rodriguez 1st (Carew), Jos Elwine 2nd (Woodcote) and Deniz Ozer (Ruskin) but with another good team performance Bridges won the overall Year 11 competition. The socially distanced senior saw Joe Seal (Mandeville) taking first place after a great battle with Nick Marshall (also Mandeville) who finished second, Oliver Anderson finished in Third for Radcliffe. Mandeville took the overall title in the senior competition. However, it was Ruskin with 2nd place finishes in both Year 11 and 6th form who won the Bruce Foster Cup for Senior Cross Country which goes to show that team work and strong team finishes makes all the difference in the overall standings!



COMPLETED HOUSE RESULTS

X-Country

Year 7 - Ruskin

Year 8 - Mandeville

Junior Winners - Ruskin

Year 9 - Woodcote

Year 10 - Radcliffe

Inter. Winners - Woodcote



Year 11 - Bridges

6th Form - Mandeville

Senior Winners - Ruskin

Football

Year 7 - Bridges

Year 8 - Ruskin

Junior Winners - Woodcote

Year 9 - Carew

Year 10 - Radcliffe

Inter. Winners - Woodcote

Year 11 - Mandeville

6th Form - TBP

Senior Winners - TBC

WCGS Year 7

Assault Course

- 6th - Mandeville (1881 pts)
- 5th - Radcliffe (1540 pts)
- 4th - Carew (1451 pts)
- 3rd - Woodcote (1411 pts)
- 2nd - Bridges (1359 pts)
- 1st - Ruskin (1188 pts)**

Current Cock House Cup

Standings

- 6th Place - Radcliffe (18)
- 5th Place - Mandeville (19)
- 4th Place - Carew (23)
- 3rd Place - Woodcote (26)
- 2nd Place - Bridges (27)
- 1st place = Ruskin (34)**





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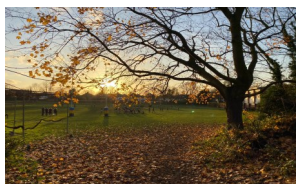
WCGS would like to thank the Surrey Masons Sports Association for their commitment to provide financial assistance for the coming years. It will greatly help with improving equipment, facilities and aid future tours.



Looking Forward



Looking ahead to next term, at the time of going to press, I am delighted to announce that we will be having a few competitive rugby fixtures (played under the RFU's Coronavirus restrictions) against other schools. Dates, Times and Opposition are still to be finalised. We are also looking into when we can start competitive Table Tennis, Handball, Basketball and potentially a few other sports (time, staffing and Coronavirus restrictions allowing). We are planning for a full Cricket, Tennis and Athletics seasons in the summer term.



WCGS Year 7 Assault Course

On the last day of the first half term, all houses in Year 7 competed in their second house event, the legendary WCGS Assault Course. Despite a forecast for heavy rain all the students were excited to get underway, with staff and parents there to support them through a challenging course around Beddington Park. After a rousing speech and the war cry of 'Per Ardua Ad Summa' from Mr Bean the boys set off. Mr Robinson was the hair for the course but underestimated the quality of our year seven runners and he was quickly told to speed up by Krish and Dron. Mr Bean ran at the back of the pack motivating all the students to keep pushing themselves even when they were jumping in and running through the river (sometimes falling in) at various different places. At the end of the race, although very wet and tired, every student finished with a smile on their face and a great feeling of self satisfaction and pride for their efforts. This was mirrored by the great support the students received from their peers, teachers and parents. There was a reversal of the top two finishers from the Cross Country race with Krish Maleku taking first place to Dron Manial close behind in second, Aren McCarthy was again third. I am looking forward to watching these three talented runners having great battles in their future Cross Country races. As the race came to a close with the final results being inputted into the leader board, there were very close finishes between Carew, Woodcote and Bridges but with all the boys in Ruskin working extra hard for each other, it was Ruskin who this year won the Manor Trophy. The final standings were



(lowest points wins); 6th – Mandeville (1881 pts), 5th – Radcliffe (1540 pts), 4th – Carew (1451 pts), 3rd – Woodcote (1411 pts), 2nd – Bridges (1359 pts), 1st - Ruskin (1188 pts). Congratulations and well done to all those who ran and showed great courage in putting in maximum effort for their houses.



House Football.

The latest house competition which has taken place is house football with Years 7, 8 and 9 fielding two teams because of the large amount of interest and enthusiasm from the lower year groups. As expected with football, it was a house competition like no other with lots of goals, heartbreak and celebrations for all. In the Year 7 fixtures there was big wins from bridges including a 3-0 win over Ruskin and a 2-0 victory over Radcliffe which led to them take first place even with a tight 0-0 draw in their last match against Woodcote, who finished in second place.

In the Year 8 set of fixtures, Ruskin managed to scrape first place with one point between them and Mandeville in the A teams and another close one point lead saw victory for Woodcote over Mandeville in the B teams. This Victory for Woodcote pushed them up to third place overall in the year 8 competition and therefore, with a third and first place finish, Woodcote came out as the Junior House champions!

Year 9 house football saw Carew win the A team league with wins over Radcliffe, Ruskin and Mandeville finishing the league undefeated! However in the B league, wins over Ruskin, Radcliffe and Bridges saw Woodcote win their league. However, with a strong second place finish in the B league as well as being league A champions, it was Carew who were the overall Year 9 winners. In Year 10 and picking up points in every game they played it was Radcliffe who finished in first place with 17 points. With a close 2nd place finish it was Bridges who beat Mandeville on goal difference with both teams finishing on 12 points. After putting all of the Year 9 and 10 results together, Bridges, Carew, Radcliffe and Woodcote all tied on points for the Intermediate House trophy. Therefore the placings had to be decided by points difference across the three tournaments. Woodcote came out on top with a +7 goal difference across the tournaments and claim the trophy for another year.



Lastly, to the senior house football competition, where the Year 11 title was also clinched by only one point. Close wins over Woodcote (2-1), Ruskin (1-0) and Bridges (2-0) saw Mandeville become winners of the Year 11 league, finishing on 17 points with Bridges coming a close 2nd place on 16 points and Carew in 3rd with 12 points. Mandeville's 0-0 draw with Carew on the last game of the matches saw a Carew disallowed goal and a last minute penalty save from Mandeville to share the points between the teams in the highlight of the matches. Due to a number of factors including students isolating, the 6th form competition has been postponed until next term when we will find out who will win the Selby Cup for Senior House Football.