



Welcome to the WCGS Sports Newsletter. This term has again been a busy one for the PE department, coaches and students. We have been successful in a variety of sports and witnessed some outstanding individual and team performances. This newsletter is a chance to highlight success and celebrate the sporting achievements of the tremendous WCGS students!!



Rugby VII's



The senior sevens season started with a tough group in the U18 Surrey tournament. WCGS did not manage to get a win in the pool stages losing against the formidable opposition of Eton College. The second tournament was the Rosslyn Park National sevens. In the first group game WCGS won comprehensively against Queen Elizabeth, Kirkby Lonsdale, Simi Bejide scoring 2 tries and driving the opposition at the ruck meant we turned the ball over and scored some well worked tries. Our next fixture was against Trinity Sevenoaks. With outstanding defending and a determination not to give up, the squad managed to beat them 22-5. Onto the showdown to decide who would win the group and progress to the next day. That opponent, Reigate Grammar school, who beat us in the normal season. With this in mind Wallington was out for revenge. You could cut the tension with a knife but some calm heads in the first half meant Wallington were up two tries to the good, but Reigate managed to catch us napping and scored in the last play of the first half. With everything on the line and the substitutions ready to get in on the action it meant for a thrilling half of rugby. Reigate managed to pass the ball to the wide channels but was not able to break the solid defence, this resulted in a turnover and Abderahim Fatah scoring early on. Reigate managed to regroup and score which meant the score was 17 - 14 with only minutes remaining. Wallington managed to break the defence of Reigate and score, however due to an over the top celebration the Referee disallowed the try and sin binned one of our players. We were then down to 6 on the field defending for our lives and Reigate had an opportunity to score but the ball couldn't quite find their hands after an offload and this meant Wallington were victorious 17-14. Wallington were drawn against Norwich School in the next round but the efforts against Reigate took its toll, which meant we lost 24-12. This meant we progressed to Day 2 in the bowl competition. Day 2 started off amazingly well beating SEEVIC College in the first game of the bowl pool stage. A team that defeated them 24-14 in the Surrey competition. This meant a show down to St Edwards Oxford to determine if we could progress into the quarter final of the Bowl. The opposition however proved a tough challenge. With a tight first half only a score down meant we had to try and get a score to turn the tide, however this proved tough and St Edwards were able to take advantage of players being isolated and then scoring a couple of tries early on in the second half. The team rallied hard and managed to score in the last play of the game but losing 31-14 meant the team were relying on SEEVIC to beat them. With this being St Edwards first game of the pool they had a freshness about them and they managed to beat SEEVIC comfortably and ending our hopes of progressing to the quarter final. I can't thank this squad enough for an amazing season and it really was fitting to end it by making school history. Those involved are a credit to the school and the Upper Sixth members of the team will be sorely missed by all.



U16 VII's



The U16 squad were drawn in the group form hell in the Surrey 7 a-side championships but with two hard fought loses against the rugby power houses of Whitgift and Eton College and two good wins against Emanuel and KCS Wimbledon they came out of the group in third place and entered the plate competition. With all the learning in the pool games they brushed aside Epsom College in the semi-final and then Smashed St Paul's 31-7 in the final to win the Surrey under-16 Plate. In the Rosslyn Park National sevens tournament the boys again performed brilliantly beating The Coopers Company and Coborn School 28-7, Prince Henry's Grammar School 22-7 and Bryngwyn School 26-21 to win the group. This put us through to the last 16 and the knockout stages. Unfortunately, this proved to be a game too far and with very tired legs the boys put up a very brave fight against a quality Kings College Taunton side but couldn't get the win. It has been an absolute pleasure to coach this talented squad since year 8 and they must be praised for their fantastic attitude throughout all training sessions and matches. I am really looking forward to seeing the impact they are going to have on senior rugby for the next two seasons.

COMPLETED HOUSE RESULTS

Rugby

Junior

Year 7- Carew

Year 8- Bridges

Overall- Carew



Intermediate

Year 9-Bridges

Year 10-Woodcote

Overall-Woodcote

Senior

Overall - Ruskin

Table Tennis

Junior

Year 7 - Mandeville

Year 8 - Ruskin

Overall - Mandeville

Intermediate

Year 9 - Woodcote

Year 10 - Mandeville

Overall - Woodcote

Football

Junior

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Year 8 - Ruskin

Overall - Carew

Intermediate

Year 9- Mandeville

Year 10 - Ruskin

Overall - Ruskin

Senior

Overall - Mandeville

Basketball

Overall - Ruskin

CURRENT STANDINGS

6th Place - Carew (52)

5th Place - Radcliffe (58)

4th Place - Mandeville (69.5)

3rd Place - Woodcote (71)

2nd Place - Ruskin (81)

1st place - Bridges (88.5)





Representative Rugby

Congratulations to Terence Dzanta, Adam Dean, Marcus Hallam and Benji Mitchell who have all been selected and have played for Harlequins U16 this term.



Henry Finnegan in Year 9 has also done brilliantly and has been selected for the Harlequins Developing Player Programme.

Senior & Junior Rugby

Awards Dinners

Both the senior and junior rugby awards dinners were great nights. This year the senior dinner was hosted at our Walcountians sports club which going forward will help strengthen the link between the school and our old boys sports club. The junior dinner was hosted in the schools main hall with the Gold leaf on show for the younger students to aim for. Congratulations to all the award winners, the main award winners are;

Bill Ireland Trophy & 1st XV Players Player =

Andy Muirhead U6MA



Nigel Hook Memorial

Trophy =

Timofe Ogunleye
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Millwood Trophy =

Rakin Ahmed Begum 8CA

U12 VII's

The U12 team has trained really hard this year. Through this training they have developed their rugby skills immensely. The U12s competed in three tournaments this year. The first tournament they played in was the John Fisher 9's. They did thoroughly well beating the likes of London Oratory and Wimbledon College who they lost heavily to only 12 weeks ago. The second tournament they played in was the Dulwich Prep tournament. This is where the students showed off their sevens skills and played some fantastic rugby and managed to draw against Dulwich college and Bishop Stortford. The final tournament was the U12 Surrey sevens, this was a chance to showcase some of the skills they have developed in training. We drew our first two matches against Wimbledon College and Claremont. We narrowly lost to Carshalton Boys Sports College but managed to recover in the next two games beating Royal A&A and Dulwich College. This put us second in the pool meaning we played two fixtures in the afternoon against the other second pool oppositions. The U12 galvanised by their win against Dulwich meant we thrashed St John's Leatherhead 25-5 with some terrific attacking play and solid defensive efforts. Our last game of the season we played against Caterham who looked very good with ball in hand, however we managed to catch them off guard and scored two quick tries to put us ahead. We managed to keep them at bay to win 20-10. I would like to thank the U12s effort in training this season as this has led to them having a terrific sevens season.



U13 VII's



This 7's season has been a short one but it's been a great season for all involved within the squad. The season began with a tournament at Trinity, this was the U13's first taste of 7's rugby and the learning curve was large, resulting in a draw against Tiffin. The team could have easily given up and decided that would be the end of their season, but with the belief they could improve as a collective they pressed on and didn't let the loss dishearten them. Our second tournament was at Dulwich Prep on a Saturday morning.

However, the results again sadly didn't reflect the U13's brilliant rugby and massive improvements. This tournament showed the team and myself that the quality of the side was there, they just had to believe in themselves and in their teammates. At our final tournament of the season, the National school 7's, the side exploded into action and played some unbelievable rugby. At the National 7's we won 4 games and only lost 1. These great results came against some strong opposition such as the City of London Freeman's, and The Red House School. The National 7's was a huge success and was the reward for lots of hard work throughout the season to help turn around results from previous 7's tournaments, showing the boys the importance of never giving up. Thanks must go to the 18 boys who regularly turned up to training and put 100% effort into the training sessions which helped the team to develop and improve considerably.

U14 VII's

The U14's squad trained hard to get ready for the two competitions this year, with 16 boys regularly turning up to training. The Surrey 7s at Esher RFC was the first competition that the boys played in, starting off brilliantly with a good win against a physical and strong Richard Challoner team. Through using the whole width of the pitch the boys worked the ball well to score 5 excellent tries. This included one try scored by Tim Mazela, which displayed team rugby at its best, and was almost certainly one of the best tries of the day. Following on from this the boys showed real determination, with a gritty win against Howard of Effingham school, snatching the victory at the last second with last play. However, close losses against Whitgift and St Paul's school sadly ended our time in the competition. Nonetheless, the boys learned some extremely valuable lessons to take forward to the next tournament. The National 7s at Rosslyn Park was always going to be tough. The U14's were drawn into a pool with 3 independent schools (Gresham, Kings Taunton and Sedberghall), all of which have a deep history of rugby. The boys put in a Herculean effort and although the results didn't go our way they showed brilliant team spirit and a desire to perform to the best of their ability whatever the situation. This was echoed in the praise the boys received from the Sedbergh rugby coach (the eventual winners), in that he admired the tenacity and grit of the WCGS boys. Overall a great season, well done boys.



U15 VII's



Our Surrey sevens tournament began with a difficult start, with our group playing against two strong sided schools—Dulwich and Weydon, both of which resulted in narrow losses. However, the boys did not let this dishearten them, with our last game against Claremont ending 26-19 to WCGS. Throughout this game the boys showed massive improvements, resulting in a well deserved victory. This win against Claremont ensured us a place in the Knockout stage, with our first game against Wimbledon College. The boys went into the game with high spirits and managed to play some brilliant rugby, only just marginally losing with a last minute try against us. The boys should all be very proud of their achievements and displaying amazing determination. A special mention goes to Tim Ogunleye for scoring 6 tries in the tournament, as well as Corban Yawson and Ralph Dennis for stepping up and demonstrating how far they have improved in their rugby this season. Well done Gents.





Table Tennis

Table tennis at WCGS continues to go from strength to strength. In January we had three age groups compete in the Jack Petchey London team finals. Our U13 team put in a great amount of effort and although they didn't make it out of the group stage with only one win, they learned so much and look good for the future. Our U19 team produced some great results and were only narrowly beaten in the semi-final, they finished the day with the bronze medal. Our U16 team again showed their talent and determination and dominated the tournament taking the gold medal and progression to the Regional finals.



At the Regional finals the U16's again showed their class by winning the tournament beating Dr Challoner's High School, Bournemouth School and Watford Grammar School for Boys without dropping a set (8-0 in every match). This has put them in the top four teams in the country and on the 3rd April they will be competing in the National Finals in Wolverhampton. They have a great chance of winning a medal and who knows, the title of National Champions is not out of their reach.

In the South London Individual Jack Petchey tournaments, the WCGS students again demonstrated the quality of table tennis at the school. Ben Musters played some brilliant table tennis to win the U13 South London Title, he has progressed to the National Finals being played on the 2nd April. At this age group we also had another seven boys (mostly Year 7) playing, of which Thomas Ratoi and Ayomi Oginni reaching the quarter finals. The U16 tournament saw Jacob Archer finishing runner up with fellow WCGS students Chid Egbeama and OJ Borah finishing 3rd and 4th respectively (It took Mr Maric's son to beat them to 1st place), all three boys progress to the London Finals. In the U19 tournament, Krishna Nagarajan finished in 2nd place and Anirudh Gandepalli finished 3rd, both boys progress to the London Finals.



London Youth Games Sportshall Athletics



On the 1st Feb our Yr 8 and our Yr 7 Sportshall Athletics teams competed in the Borough tournament. All the athletes put in a great amount of effort and there were some outstanding performances. The Yr 8's secured 2nd place but the Yr 7 team went one better and came 1st. This meant they progressed to the South London Regional Qualifying tournament, again the WCGS students did exceptionally well and finished in 2nd place overall. This was enough to qualify for the prestigious London Youth Games Finals. So on the 22nd March the WCGS team, Thomas Ratoi, Joshua Meduoyo, Jonathan Ekpo, Aaron Morell, Isiah Brooks -Gilzaene, Siping Pousseu, Jakub Winciak and Joel Kolanchery, travelled to the Redbridge Sports Centre in Ilford. It was a great experience and yet again the boys performed brilliantly against the best athletes in London and managed to secure 6th place in the whole of London.



Football

This year saw the return of some local friendlies in the Spring term and despite the U12 game being moved back until after Easter, all age groups produced some excellent performances. The U13 team came away with a 5-2 win vs Wilson's U13B, with James Wright scoring a hat-trick and George Claxton-Sasse saving a second half

penalty. The U14 team played Wilson's U14B team and came away with a well earned 2-0, pick of the goals being from Alberto Gansello. They also played Oaks Park U14B team and worked hard for their 2-1 win. The U15 team played against Wilson's U15B and came away with a 9-1 win. Monty Holcombe scored a fantastic long range effort and Peter Skorodelov hit the top corner from outside of the box. The U16s also played Oaks Park and drew 1-1. Well done to all players involved this half term



Netball

This term has been quieter in terms of fixtures, however every single one of the fixtures that the girls have played has really seen them work brilliantly together and grow as a team. They have all demonstrated great levels of fitness, good communication and great team spirit, which has made coaching them a complete joy.

This term has seen Hannah Flaherty perform outstandingly at every match and going forward next year I'm sure that she will play an integral role in the team and in Netball overall. Looking forward to more fixtures coming and hopefully some more wins!!!

Cricket

We have a full fixture card for the upcoming summer season with fixtures at the moment for As and Bs at U12's, U13's, U14's & U15's as well as 1st XI and 2nd XI. After School Training nights will be as follows;

Monday - Year 10 - Mr Flook and Mr Legg

Tuesday - Year 7 - Mr Legg, Miss Hendra, Mr Ford & Mr Cole

Wednesday - Year 9 - Mr Collins, Mr Avis & Mr Legg

Thursday - Year 8 - Mr Mehta, Mr Togbolah, Mr Hennah & Mr Legg

Seniors also have training on Monday nights.

All are welcome to attend on your age groups night and training will run from 3:30 - 5:15.

As many of you will be aware 21 students from years 11 & 12 are touring Sri Lanka in July and they have been preparing with winter nets on Sundays. If you have any old cricket kit (equipment or clothing) that is no longer required, please bring it in, as we will send it through a charity to underprivileged children to make use of in Sri Lanka.

The department and all the students would like to say a huge thank you to an old boy of the school, Muhammad Jaffer, for his very generous donation to cricket.

THANK YOU!

The PE Department and all the students at WCGS would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA.

The continued support the PTFA give for school sport is fantastic and all sports will benefit from the new Veo sports analysis camera that the PTFA are funding.



Cricket Sponsorship: 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.

