



Welcome to the Autumn sports newsletter 2021. 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. It has been great to get back to fully competitive extra-curricular sport and yet again the WCGS students have risen to the challenge and with over 300 students across all age groups representing the school in 7 different sports. I can proudly say that sport is strong and growing at WCGS. Mr D Johnson (Director of Sport).



## WCGS Rugby



The U12's have had a tough season. 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 created and nurtured 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 memorable wins against Glyn and St Olaves. The B team were also victorious against St Dunstan's College, St Olave's and Glyn. 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.



The Under 13A team have had a great season of learning and progressing, achieving some notable wins along the way. The highlight of the season was certainly the statement 25-5 win against Glyn where the boys demonstrated all the heart, determination and dogged defence that was absent at some points early in the season. There were further excellent performances against St Olaves and St Dunstons, both of who were put to the sword in one sided

affairs. The boys' performances improved vastly after the Surrey Festival, which should be seen as a turning point in their season; they avenged an opening day of the season loss to Tiffin before winning games against Richard Challenor and Rutlish, and losing valiantly to Whitgift. Standout performances have come from the impressive Tosin Ewoula who has scored over 20 tries, as well as Denis Yorke whose fast feet have seen him skin defenders for fun and score some unbelievable length of the field tries. Krish Maleku has been powerful in defence and scored a hat full of tries himself, whilst Raiyaan Abdul-Mughis, David Encarnation and Dron Manial have added finesse and footwork. The forward powerhouses of Shaheer Sami, Rakin Ahmed Begum, Rayhaan Dhooma and Matthew Hywot have very much formed the engine room of the team and will be the basis of a strong pack of forwards as the team move on to 15-a-side rugby next season, where lots more wins await. The commitment from the U13 B-Team has been great to witness, they managed to get 3 wins during the season and have all worked hard on playing as a team and the improvement has been huge. Well done boys.



The U14's have worked hard in training at the drills and skills that have been put before them and each week you can see the signs of improvement showing through in their game play. Admirably led by Tim Mazela the team have shown in each game the talent they possess with some lovely phase play. The scrum has been dominant in most games and with the likes of Alberto Gansallo, Darcy Main and Chinedum Achu outside the forwards, we have the potential to be destructive. The tackling of Jonathon Curry and Henry Finnegan has been brutal at times. The U14A team have had 5 wins throughout the season with their best performance being a dominant win against a strong Glyn side. The B-Team has also put in excellent effort levels and although the most results have not gone their way their 45-15 win over Glyn demonstrated the improvement the team have shown through the season. In the loose play we have to become more rugby aggressive to look for the ball and to work hard at the competitive attitude at the breakdown. This is work in progress and I have no doubt the team will get there, I have high hopes that season 2022 will bring more consistent results to match the effort put in by the whole squad.



## **COMPLETED HOUSE RESULTS**

### X-Country

Year 7 - Bridges

Year 8 - Ruskin

### **Junior Winners - Bridges**

Year 9 - Bridges

Year 10 - Bridges

### **Inter. Winners - Bridges**

Year 11 - Bridges

6th Form - Woodcote

### **Senior Winners - Bridges**

### Football

Year 7 - Carew

Year 8 - Ruskin

### **Junior Winners - Carew**



Year 9 - Mandeville

Year 10 - Ruskin

### **Inter. Winners - Ruskin**

### WCGS Year 7 Assault Course



6th - Radcliffe (1674 pts)  
5th - Woodcote (1348 pts)  
4th - Mandeville (1223 pts)  
3rd - Ruskin (1125 pts)  
2nd - Carew (1020 pts)  
1st - Bridges (910 pts)

### Current Cock House Cup

#### Standings

6th Place - Radcliffe (25)  
=5th Place - Mandeville (28)  
=5th Place - Carew (28)  
3rd Place - Woodcote (29.5)  
2nd Place - Ruskin (35)  
1st place = Bridges (43.5)





## Rugby Continued



The 2nd XV have had excellent numbers all year, at training after school and for mid-week & weekend matches, which has really allowed the team to develop and thrive against some tough opposition. Main highlights this season include a 22-25 win vs Tiffin, where the boys battled back from 22-10 down in torrential rain, a 17-14 win vs Ewell Castle's 1st XV, a comprehensive win vs Claremont Fan Court 24-12 and another fight back victory 20-15 vs Ravens Wood. It has been difficult to pick a stand out performer but key players that have helped with the organisation have been Rohan Patel, Robert Popa and Igli Lico. I am very much looking forward to next year with the current U16s having shown excellent commitment. This will help when it comes to competition for places within both Senior teams and should only enhance the level at the top end of the school.



## Representative Rugby Players

Well done to Adam Dean, Terence Dzanta and Marcus Hallam who have all been selected for the Under-16 Harlequins development player programme.

Congratulations also to Sven Andersson and Andy Muirhead who represented Surrey Under-18's this term.



## Rugby Continued



The U15 rugby squad has had a varied year in terms of results but it has been good to watch the players develop. There is a good squad of players with a number of boys fighting for positions and a lot of boys who have shown an improved degree of interest, stepping up to the mark consistently. The student's eagerness to learn and improve has been commendable. The vast improvement all the boys in both the A & B squads have shown this season compared to last is a huge credit to them for their commitment and effort in training. The performances from the U15A have certainly shown how well the boys have progressed, demonstrating strategic and tactical knowledge, adding in set plays at the right times in games. They have also grown in their ability to work together as a team and coach themselves while supporting and encouraging one another to do the right thing. The A Squad have brought good aggression and skill to matches winning more than half of their games this season. The historical slow start they have shown seems to be becoming a thing of the past and Schools who have beaten us by far bigger scores in previous years have been made to fight hard for close fought victories against us this year. I would say the best performances were a fantastic 19-7 win over very strong Wimbledon College side and taking Langley Park right to the wire with a one score defeat, considering Langley scored 40 points against us last time out to push them so close shows the vast levels of improvement this squad has made. The B-Team have also shown great improvements this term and it has been great to see 35 players lace up their boots for the B's. The team's best result came in the middle of the season where they had a string of four good wins in a row.



The U16 rugby squad have again had a fantastic season, winning seven matches, drawing two and only losing one game all season. They were caught cold in the first fixture losing to a good Tiffin team. However, since that game they have gone from strength to strength, improving their skill levels and tactical knowledge week on week. There have been many highlights this season but they undoubtedly saved their best performances for

their last two games with a dominant win over John Fisher and a free flowing win against a strong Ravens Wood team, with the tries being shared by props, wingers and centres it really was a total rugby performance. The team has been well lead by top try scorer Adam Dean but he has been ably supported by a strong leadership team of Sam Witham, Terence Dzanta, Matt Jefferys, Emad Khan, Marcus Hallam and Benji Mitchell who have all helped to steer the ship at different times. The beauty of this team is the range of skills and athletic ability across the team that ties everything together. As a squad they have been fantastic to coach, their levels of commitment, dedication and teamwork are second to none making every training session enjoyable and productive. It has been really unfortunate that the B-team only had four fixtures this season (with four schools cancelling on us) but it is a real credit to them that they have always had good numbers at training and that they have kept pushing each other to improve, their highlight of the year was a thrilling, high scoring 52-50 win over Reigate Grammar. I am looking forward to the impact this talented squad of players can have on senior rugby at WCGS over the next two years.



The 1<sup>st</sup> XV have had an exceptional season, winning thirteen out of fifteen fixtures. Following a very successful pre-season they started the season with an emphatic win against Tiffin and Harris Academy. The only loss coming against Reigate Grammar early on, this was a massive turning point for this group of players. They shifted their ideas, behaviours and challenged themselves to become better rugby players. The spirit within the team was shown against Dartford grammar and Langley Park by following the right process and mastering the set-piece which propelled them to be victory. This has translated in to the National vase where the boys managed to reach the quarterfinals of the competition. They have been resilient and determined in this competition narrowly beating Worthing College and having a 'Wallington Wolfpack' mentality against Millhill meant they reached this stage in the competition for only the second time in the schools history. A special mention should go to the leaders of the 1st XV, in Daniel Watkins, Sven Andersson and Abderahim Fatah but also the two top try scorers of Andy Muirhead and Juan Cabeza-Sisa who have had fantastic seasons. Mahir Chowdhury, Anthony French & Bhavya Gandhi have been our enforcers with fierce tackling and rucking from them. Josef McCart has also excelled being one of the best lineout specialists in attack and defence. The back line including Simi Bejide, Zach Rivai, Finlay Rowe, Seb Ruiz have been resolute and assured this season, allowing us to counter attack and force mistakes from the opposition. The lower sixth have played an important part in helping the 1st XV this season Zak Khan, Junior Armah, George Orji, Leo Cooper, Quincy Quainoo and Samad Tahir have made the step up to 1st XV seamlessly. They will continue their development and be a real force next season. The 1st XV still have a few more fixtures after christmas which no doubt will be tough games against John Fisher and Wimbledon college. Whilst we are sad to see our Upper Sixth leave at the end of the season, we are grateful for all they have given to WCGS rugby. We wish them a long, continued and successful playing career in the game, wherever they go next. They have left their Legacy at Wallington for many generations.



**WCGS Sport on Twitter:** WCGS Sport is now on Twitter. You can follow us @WCGSSport to receive updates on fixtures and results and general information regarding Sport at WCGS. There will also be the occasional tweet during tournaments to keep everyone up-to-date, whether you are at work or at home. Follow us today!!







## Handball



As part of their GCSE practical assessment, WCGS hosted Glenthorne in their first handball match of the year. Both teams were relatively new to the sport and managed to produce some excellent patterns of play. The game was in the balance for the majority of the match, but WCGS managed to pull away towards the end winning 9-5. Well done to all the boys involved and we look forward to a rematch in the New Year.

## Wimbledon Ball Boy

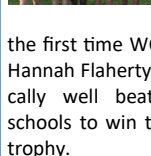
Students have attended early morning sessions and have been superb at showing the high level of concentration and focus that is required to become a Wimbledon Ball Boy. It really did come down to the fine margins with the following students being put through to the next stage. Y9 - Herb Balaam & Samarth Suneesh. Y10 - Matthew Hodgson, Jack Simpson, Oscar Fuah, Stefan Kowalczyk, Thomas Jerrom, Andrew Twomey. We also have several recalls returning to the courts this summer so keep your eyes peeled!!



## Cricket

We are already looking towards the season for summer 2022 and the fixture card is filling up already. The year 7s will definitely be having after school nets on a Monday from January for a selected group from the trails we have been having this term. Other age groups will hopefully be able to get some nets in around the other usage of the sports hall. We are also building towards getting more fixtures for the senior teams and running a 2nd XI for the first time in a number of years.

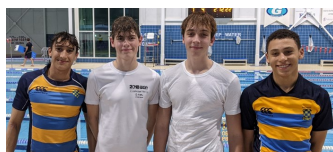
## Cross Country



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 8<sup>th</sup> overall with Krish Maleku our highest finisher. The Year 9/10 team also did well coming 6<sup>th</sup> overall, Noah Findell was our highest finisher. In the Borough Championships our Year 7 team came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Borough, the Year 8/9 team came 7<sup>th</sup>, Our Year 10/11 team and our sixth form boys teams both came 2<sup>nd</sup>. For the first time WCGS managed to put out a senior girls team Hannah Flaherty, Mia Chadwick and Sarah Curry did fantastically well beating all the girls' schools to win the Sutton Borough trophy.



## Swimming



For the first time in a number of years WCGS entered a competitive swimming Gala with our senior team of Andrew Twomey, Sachin Mahendrakumar, Alex Geykhman and Martin Van Domselaar taking part in the Surrey Relays in September. The boys did fantastically well coming 4<sup>th</sup> in the Medley relay and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Freestyle relay, narrowly missing out on a place in the National finals. We are keen to try and enter more of these type of swimming competitions in the future so if you are a competitive club swimmer, please come to the PE department to let us know and we will try and build a Wallington swim squad.

## Basketball



This term WCGS entered the Surrey Cup Basketball tournaments at U16 and U19 levels. Both age groups put up a great fight and demonstrated some individual brilliance but ultimately the team organisation and playing experience of our opposition told and the teams were beaten by Wimbledon College and Sutton Grammar respectively. The U14 team had their first experience of competitive basketball in the Borough Tournament and surprised even themselves with how well they played in all their matches. They had a fantastic 12-0 win over John Fisher and nearly caused an upset against Car Boys and Greenshaw, losing both games by only one basket. With the early morning basketball sessions growing in popularity, I will be looking to arrange more basketball fixtures in the future.



## Table Tennis



The WCGS table tennis teams have made a very good start to their South London League campaign with both our Under-13 and Under-16 Teams sitting on top of their tables having won all of their games so far. The Under-19 team are also lying in first place in their league by winning their first League match against Kings College 8:2. The Under-13 and Under-16 teams also played brilliantly in their Sutton Borough tournaments, winning every match to take both titles.



In the South London Jack Petchey Team competition our Under-13's (Sean Leahy, Ben Musters, Riccardo Fuschini, Henry Ng-Zeederberg, Darek Okechukwu and Dron Mani-al) played some great table tennis and winning the competition. The under16 Team (Ojasvi Borah, Jacob Archer, Chid Egbeama, Sai Gandepalli and Akal Dosanjh) again demonstrated their skill and competitiveness winning the tournament without dropping a set. The under-19 Team (Krishna Nagarajan, Anirudh Gandepalli, James Bolton and Nasir Baba) also did brilliantly securing a strong second



place which will hopefully be enough for them to get a place in London finals in January.

Our Year 7 boys from the development squad are already making an impact and will have the opportunity to represent school in the near future.

## Netball



The numbers at Netball training on Wednesday afternoons this term have been lower than usual but we have made the most of the opportunity to go to Coombe Wood School on several occasions to join their 6<sup>th</sup> form netballers for training sessions. In their fixtures so far

the girls have shown skill, adaptability and resilience. To date they have beaten Greenshaw at A-Team and B-Team levels but have lost to strong teams from Royal A&A and Reigate College. Special mention should go to Hannah Flaherty who has been the stand out player this term and Rosemary Ritson who's performances, communication and organisational skills have helped the coaches and the squad in numerous different ways.



**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.

