

Clay Shooting

Why try Clay Shooting?

Clay Shooting provides a skill which will stay with you for life. It provides an opportunity to hone competitive skills, whilst developing team and social skills in the environment of a close, successful, supportive and happy squad. Once again it is sad to say goodbye to some highly valued members of the squad but we have some real talent following hot on their heels.



Who can do it?

Clay Shooting is open to all students at Millfield, as no previous experience is necessary. You can try clay shooting with the Year 9 Activities Programme, and those who are keen and committed can compete. Students shoot every Wednesday and Saturday throughout the year with additional fixtures each term. Students will be put through a tailored Safe Shot programme as part of our commitment to ensuring safety. Our home ground is Mendip Shooting Ground near Wells who provide an highly professional level of instruction and an extensive range of traps for sporting and trap shooting.

Highlights from 2019-20

- Our season got off to a fabulous start with a wonderful trip to Scotland, hosted by the Royal Marine Commandos at County Clays in Dunkeld
- Our teams won the first three out of four of the major schools trophies and were on track to continue this trend
- Our affiliation with British Shooting saw us taking advantage of some expert tuition and team development techniques
- The closing weeks of our shooting saw an upsurge in the number of girls getting involved

Looking forward to 2020-21

- Our home ground Mendip Shooting took the opportunity offered by lockdown to enhance and extend their stands, so we look forward to the extended training they will offer and getting back into competition
- Consolidating the strength we have nurtured in our squad over the past few years, with students who have been with us from Year 9

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High performance

This year we determined to work with smaller group sizes to concentrate the coaching experience of each student. This improved focus and involvement will mean all shooters can learn from each other and interact with the coach to analyse targets encountered and their own individual styles.

Will Mallows has had a very successful second year as Captain and will be missed by staff, students and coaches alike. Our new Captain Myles Cullen is ready and able to take up leadership of the squad.



Success stories and future stars

It is hard to name all of our success stories and stars this year, as so many have begun or continued to shine. Successful individuals have worked effectively within their teams to make team selection a constant headache. Ivor Fothergill (Year 10) was new to the squad, but always challenging for the high gun position is Boris Findlay (Year 11) who is consistent in his calm and efficient execution of his job. Our Year 9 students, including George Counsell, Louis Watkins, Teddy Hutchison and Jimmy Ji, are forming another exciting bedrock to our growing squad. Xanthe Clothier (Year 10) continues to be our leading light in our ladies section, which is soon to be joined by some keen and able new recruits.

