Cricket

Why try Cricket?

Students should try cricket for the individual and collective challenges it presents. The sport will help develop their mental, physical, technical, tactical and lifestyle skills, as well as how to socially interact.



Who can do it?

Boys and girls of any age have an opportunity to participate in the various programmes provided by cricket throughout the year. Students can access coaching expertise and guidance from the coaching team throughout the majority of the year in 1:1 sessions, small group sessions, the Millfield Activities Programme (both girls and boys) and additional lunchtime sessions. The summer term fixture card provides competitive challenges for pupils of all abilities, and has the intention of stretching those who have high cricketing aspirations, whilst providing fun and enjoyment for all.

Highlights from 2019-20

- U18s finished runners up in the National T20 Competition – Regional Champions
- Millfield's new state-of-the-art Indoor Cricket Centre opened
- Kamran Khanna was named as the country's most promising spinner at the Brian Johnstone Memorial Dinner, held in the Long Room at Lords. He was presented the award by Old Millfieldian, David Graveney
- OMs Samuel Young, Kasey Aldridge and Lewis Goldsworthy all played for England U19s at the 2020 ICC U19 World Cup with Lewis being named in the Team of the Tournament
- Dominic Kelly became the second youngest cricketer ever to be awarded a County Academy contract when he joined the Hampshire Academy in September 2019 Dominic joins Kamran Khanna and Josh Croom on the Hampshire Programme
- Ned Leonard and Jamie Baird are also on the Somerset CCC Academy Programme
- Dominic Kelly travelled to South Africa to become our inaugural exchange cricketer with St Stithians College in Johannesburg, where he spent eight weeks at the school and registered his maiden century whilst in South Africa
- Millfield reached the Finals Days in the following competitions: Boys U18 T20, Girls U15 T20 and Girls U18 T20



High performance

We have a holistic approach to cricket, developing students over the course of the year with outstanding facilities, a world class coaching team, a specialist performance analysis system, strength and conditioning expertise and a competitive fixture card not seen in any other school in England.



Looking forward to 2020-21

- We are playing both external and internal matches in September, launching the Millfield 100 Franchise competition which will run through to the October half term. 64 boys and girls feature across our 4 franchises (Chargers, Hurricanes, Royals and Titans) playing 9 league matches before the play-offs in mid-October
- We host Somerset Academy, Clifton College, Hampshire Academy and the SW Academy T20 fixtures during the first three weeks of term
- Teachers and students will once again be accessing the Stage One ECB Coach Education courses

Success stories and future stars

Josh Croom has recently played a key role in Australia's preparation for the ODI and T20 series vs England. Hampshire Academy star, Josh has been living with, practicing with and playing alongside the likes of Steve Smith, David Warner, Pat Cummins, Mitchell Stark and Glenn Maxwell in their 10 day preparation bubble at the Ageas Bowl.

Gabriel Gallman-Findlay (Millfield & Scotland U19). Gabriel joined us in Year 10 as a very keen but inexperienced cricketer from Scotland. Gabriel has thrown himself into everything at Millfield and is excelling in art and his studies as well as on the cricket field. Gabriel's commitment to his practice, his fitness and his ability to ask questions of his coaches has led to an incredible leap in his development curve. His ability with the gloves and bat have now been noted by Somerset as well as back home in his native Scotland. Gabe has been involved with Somerset's summer programme after scoring runs at the top of the order for Taunton Cricket Clubs Men's 1st XI during the shortened 2020 season. Gabriel has embraced the training opportunities, the increased level of internal competition and learnt well from both peers and coaches in his first two years at the school. This has been the catalyst for his rapid development in the game.