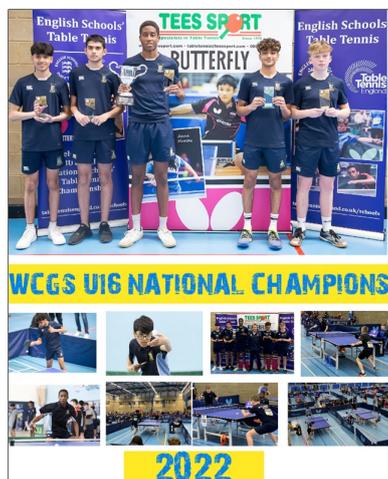




Welcome to the WCGS Sports Newsletter. This is a chance to highlight termly success along with summaries of the year. This has been another fantastic year for sport at WCGS. Well done and thanks to everybody who has helped with WCGS sport this year. Mr D Johnson



WCGS U16 TABLE TENNIS TEAM CHAMPIONS OF ENGLAND



In April this year our U16 table tennis team Jacob Archer, Ojasvii Borah, Akal Dosanjh, Chidumebi Egbeama and Sai Gandepalli made history by winning the Butterfly table Tennis U16 Schools National Team Championship. Becoming the first WCGS team in any sport to win a national title. Their route to the national finals was a dominant one with victories in the Sutton Borough tournament, the South London tournament, the London tournament and then the South East Regional finals. In the South East Regional Finals, the WCGS team won every match without dropping a set beating Bournemouth School, Dr Challoner High and Watford Grammar School 8:0. This meant they were full of confidence going into the National finals.

On Friday 2nd April the students and staff travelled up to Wolverhampton for an overnight trip to ensure that there was minimal travel and disruption on the day of Finals. It also gave the boys the opportunity to have a training session at the venue on Friday evening under the expert eye of Mr Maric (this would not have been possible without the financial support of the WCGS SLT and the Folio Education Trust, so thank you). After a good breakfast on Saturday morning we headed off to the venue. The WCGS boys were aware that they were the lowest ranking team in the tournament and that they were going to have to play exceptionally well if they were to become the best U16 side in the country. Despite this they were in good spirits and seemed quietly confident that today was the day.

The first match was a hard fought 4:4 draw against Grantham College (Lincolnshire), each game could have gone either way with both schools playing some fantastic table tennis. In their next game, WCGS went on to beat Torbay Academy (Devon) 5:3 with Jacob Archer beating the World number 5 Kacper Piwowar to seal the win. This meant that if WCGS could beat St Mary's (Hull) they would lift the trophy and become the National Champions for the first time in the school's history. The match was a nail biter with parents and staff struggling to hold in the nerves (I've no idea how the boys held it together). After the first round of games the score was 2:2 but the WCGS students managed to find some inner strength and with great courage, skill and composure went on to win the match 6:2 and claim the title of National Champions.

The commitment, dedication and effort this group of talented young men and their coach Mr Maric have put in since they came together in Year 7 is outstanding and an inspiration to other students at WCGS. It has been an amazing five-year journey; they were runners up in the National tournament at U13 Level in 2019. They achieved 3rd in the country at U16 level when the boys were actually U14 in 2020. When the boys were U15 there was no competition due to COVID. So to finish this Journey by lifting the trophy and winning the title of National Champions truly epitomises the saying 'if at first you don't succeed try, try and try again'. **By Mr D Johnson**

Cricket Season Summary

U12 Cricket by Mr Legg

The U12 cricket squad has been a great group to work with from the Academy we set up in January through to this terms matches on Saturday mornings and all the coaching in between. They have turned up with enthusiasm and a want to learn. Positivity has grown in the A team and yes, there have been a few hiccups along the way, but the team have worked hard, tried hard and given it their all. Each week positive steps forward could be seen. Led by Aryan Luthra the team have shown some real potential. Aryan has led the team well and he is the only batsman to have made 4 scores over 20 and was always reliable when coming on to bowl. Also with the bat notable mentions should go to Joshua Spink and Armaan Naviwala who both scored over 40 in different games. There is then batting support from other players. Tanmay Dhingra is capable of some big hitting, Manveer Singh Saini and Rud Marar although both powerful, possess a great sense of timing which means it's not smash and crash with them. Who can forget the Manveer square cut or the Rud and Armaan cover drives. Bowling has really been a team effort with many stepping up when required to bowl. As the season progressed the wides and no balls got fewer with the bowling becoming straighter and more potent. Saket Kaila and Hugo Rogers opened the bowling and they have forged a great partnership together. Saket has taken 10 wickets with a good economy rate. We are blessed with 2 good spinners Armaan and Smayan, both learning the dark art of leg spin and at times bamboozling the opposition. Armaan has taken 3 wickets or more on three occasions and Smayan Bhatia has done so twice. These boys have been ably backed up by Arayan, Tanmay, Ritvik, Joshua, and Dhruv who have always given the u12s a steady bowling attack. This is not just a team but a squad and the others have all played a massive part in building the ethos of how we want to play. Naoh Ghirlando, Aaron Morrell, Ashaz Malik and Thomas Corney have all worked hard in training striving to improve and securing a place in the team.



COMPLETED HOUSE RESULTS

Rugby

Junior - Carew
Intermediate - Woodcote
Senior - Ruskin

Cricket

Junior - Carew
Intermediate - Carew



Year 7 Manor Trophy Assault Course Bridges



Football

Junior - Carew
Intermediate - Ruskin
Senior - Mandeville



Basketball

Senior - Ruskin

Table Tennis

Junior - Mandeville
Intermediate - Woodcote

Rounders

Junior - Bridges
Intermediate - Mandeville

Cross Country

Junior - Bridges
Intermediate - Bridges
Senior - Bridges

Athletics

Junior - Carew
Intermediate - Carew
Senior - Ruskin



COCK HOUSE CUP STANDINGS

- 1st Place - Ruskin (141.5)
- 2nd Place - Bridges (135.5)
- 3rd Place - Woodcote (125)
- 4th Place - Mandeville (116.5)
- 5th Place - Carew (109.5)
- 6th Place - Radcliffe (106.5)



We are always looking for sponsors for WCGS school sport to give some financial support to all of our extra-curricular teams and sports, we have various levels of sponsorship available and various avenues to promote and advertise businesses. If this is of interest to you or you know of any companies who might be interested please email Mr Johnson djohnson61.319@wcgs.foliotrust.uk





U13 Cricket by Mr Mehta



The U13s have had a tough season. They started the season very positively beating Glyn & Sutton Grammar with A Unni the captain scoring an unbeaten 73 with the bat against Glyn. However, the winning streak ended as they lost to Lingfield in the next game. They bounced back from their first loss with a good win over Ewell Castle. In the first round of the SSCA Plate against Ashcombe the top 4 batted superbly leading to a dominant win. In the next round of the SSCA, they played Reigate School. WCGS set them a tough total of 117 to chase, much to the credit of George Dennis' 44 runs of the bat. Unfortunately, the opposition chased the total in 17 overs but WCGS had some half chances to get the opposition out, so it could have been a different story. The last match of the season was against the formidable opposition of Langley Park, again we set them a respectable total of 124 runs. At first Langley looked like they were going to coast to the total but the U13s changed this picture with some excellent bowling and fielding. It became very tense when the match came down to the last two balls, unfortunately the second to last ball went for 4 byes, which meant that Langley Park only needed 1 run to win off the last ball which they managed to do. The U13s finished the season on 4 wins and 5 losses. Highlights of the season have been some excellent bowling by R Dhooma. A Yusuf, A Unni. In terms of batting A Unni, G Dennis, R Dhooma, P Sarkar have been a formidable top 4 often rotating around the order to gain valuable learning points at each position. The middle order of I Bagla & R Abdul- Mughis have also chipped in with useful runs when the team have needed them. G Dennis has been immense behind the wickets and has improved greatly with the gloves taking wonderful catches and cashing in on stumping's. The likes of D Manial, N Badgi have chipped in with some important dismissals and runs throughout the season. Despite a tough season the U13s have improved, with some extra work in the off-season this team will be raring to go next summer!

U14 Cricket by Mr Collins

The U14 Cricket team have improved in so many areas and have been able to produce some excellent performances and results against some very tough opposition. The challenge now for the team is converting the narrow losses into wins through better game management. Stand out performers this year include captain Liam Reginald, who has batted superbly at the top of the order with high scores of 68 not out and 53 - winning the Batting Award. Sid Sood has again been a thorn in many oppositions' sides with superb opening and death bowling performances - earning him the Bowling Award. Zavier Jenkins has begun to feature more in the A team and has developed in all areas of the game, winning the Endeavour Award and Lakshin Wickramsekera won the Player of Year Award for his all-round contribution with both bat and ball. I have high hopes for next season for this group and look forward to seeing them continue to develop as cricketers. The U14's finished the season with 4 wins and 4 losses, the highlight of the season was playing the Hague CC a touring side from Holland and winning by 20 runs.



U15 Cricket by Mr B Flook

The U15A's have had an extremely enjoyable and rewarding season representing WCGS, which rounds off an excellent four years in Age Group Cricket. An early season outing against Glynn produced a disappointing loss, however, WCGS bounced back excellently with commanding victories over Sutton Grammar, John Fisher, Harris Purley and Langley Park. There have been a number of positives throughout the year. The opening partnership batters have provided WCGS with an effective platform, whilst the middle order have provided the necessary firepower to chase down and set some impressive totals. M Garg and T O'Mahoney both recorded 50s this season, with O'Mahoney's miraculous 52 not out off 27 balls almost providing WCGS with a remarkable victory against Emmanuel School. The depth of bowling has also been a huge strength. Emad Atif has bowled some excellent opening spells, which have been backed up by the seamers. The spin attack have bowled with flight and guile and been extremely economical. A Nazir's relentless determination to improve paid dividends; his more compact action has seen him bowl with a much better trajectory and pick up his first five-wicket haul for the School against Langley Park. The bowlers have been backed up well by wicket-keeper K Yajman, whose exponential improvement now sees him confidentially stand up to the wicket to support seam bowlers against aggressive opposition batsman. It has been a pleasure to coach this age group throughout the last four years. The development of the squad from Year 7 to Year 10 has been excellent, and it has been especially pleasing to see an increased game awareness from a number of players. I look forward to the side progressing to senior cricket in the 1st and 2nd XI's next season.

1st XI Cricket by Mr N Legg

For the first time in a long long time, it was hoped that we would get two senior XI's out. However, the fixtures that had been arranged for the 2nd XI were all cancelled mainly due to availability from us or the opposition. We are still hopeful that next year we will field a 2nd XI throughout the summer term. The 1st XI played 6 fixtures winning 3 and losing 3. A strong start against Tiffin with Ali Bokhari scoring a hard hitting 70 looked promising but in the end the home team proved a tough first fixture for us and we lost by 8 wickets. There were further losses against the 40 Club and Wilsons. The school side, however, restored the balance with wins against Wimbledon College, The Staff XI and The Old Boys XI. Christen Rudrigo and Rohan Patel shared the captaincy over the year and played some great cricket. Christen proved his talent with the ball, bowling excellently on 3 occasions, having a very good economy rate for a spinner and taking vital wickets in many games. Rohan showed his talents with the bat scoring a terrific 48 against the 40 club and a match winning 63 against the WCGS Old Boys. Overall a great season well done to all the senior cricketers for their commitment throughout their time at WCGS.



Cricket Awards Evening 2022

On Tuesday 5th of July WCGS hosted their annual Cricket awards evening and barbeque. It was great to see so many of the students and their parents enjoying the food and celebrating what has been a great season of cricket at WCGS.

The award winners for each age group are listed below;

**Cricketer of the Year
Christien Rudrigo U6RU**

U15

Bowler of the Season = K Ravindran
Batsman of the season = M Garg
Endeavour Award = K Yajman
Player of the season = R Dennis

U14

Bowler of the Season = S Sood
Batsman of the season = L Reginald
Endeavour Award = Z Jenkins
Player of the season = L Wickramasekera



U13

Bowler of the Season = R Dhooma
Batsman of the season = G Dennis
Endeavour Award = R Chaudhari
Player of the season = A Unni

U12

Bowler of the Season = A Naviwala
Batsman of the season = A Luthra
Endeavour Award = M Sing Saini
Player of the season = A Naviwala



Hobb's Trophy

Ralph Dennis 10CA was selected for the Surrey Schools Cricket Association U15 team in the annual Hobb's trophy which is played at the Kia Oval. Ralph played very well taking 2 wickets for only 12 runs (4.1 overs) . Ralph batted at 9 and demonstrated that he is a true WCGS gentleman through walking for 4 runs when he was caught after a flick down leg side. Our very own Mr Legg was also honoured to be asked to umpire the match for the 2nd



THANK YOU WCGS PTFA

Yet again we must say a huge thank you to the wonderful WCGS PTFA who have agreed to fund the vast majority of the cost of putting in brand new outdoor cricket nets. This will have a huge impact on cricket moving forwards.





**Tennis Summary
by Mr D Johnson**



Our U15 tennis team had some fantastic matches in this terms LTA Team Tennis Schools competition. Despite us rarely being at full strength due to clashes with internal exams and Wimbledon Ball boy training, the squad of Leo Stefanovski 10BR, Stefan Kowalczyk 10RU, Monty Holcombe 10RU, Samarth Suneesh 9RU, Kabishan Sasitharan 9CA and Daniil Simdyashkin 8RU combined excellently and produced some great individual and team performances. The WCGS campaign started with a convincing and powerful 12-0 win against Alleyns School. Our second fixture was against our local rivals Trinity School, this was an extremely exciting fixture with nearly every game being decided by a tie break meaning the result could have gone either way. Trinity, however, got the bounce of the balls on this occasion and beat WCGS 8-4. This meant we had to win our final fixture against Royal Russel and hope that Trinity lost to give us a chance of going through to the next round. Again the Royal Russel fixture was close and very tense but this time WCGS managed to win the tie breaks and came out victorious 8-4. Unfortunately, Trinity won their final game meaning WCGS finished second in the group. Thanks to all the boys who played some great tennis in the three fixtures.

Sports for Champions



Our Year 7 students did brilliantly and raised over £1500 in the sports for champions charity event. They had a brilliant motivational talk by Pierre Henry-Fontaine a former England basketball player and then they completed the Sports for Champions fitness circuit. Well done Year 7.

Athletics Summary by Mr D Johnson



It was great to get back to a full athletics season this year and the WCGS students did not disappoint with their enthusiasm, effort and ability. We competed in two friendly meets at Wilson's and Sutton Grammar which were great experiences for the students and were successful with WCGS finishing second in both competitions. The first round of the English Schools Championship unfortunately clashed with the Year 8 internal exams. This meant we threw our Year 7's in at the deep end and entered them in the Year 8 competition. They did brilliantly coming 7th out of 11 schools which, considering they were competing against boys a year older, was a great achievement. Our Year 10 team also did brilliantly at the ESAA round 1 beating John Fisher, Tiffin, Reeds and others to finish in 4th place, narrowly missing out on progression to the Regionals. As fate would have it, with a number of schools dropping out, our Year 7's had recorded a high enough score to get us a place in the regional finals. This meant we were able to give our Year 8 team a chance at the Regional Finals. With some great individual performances against some of the best athletes in the country the Year 8 team managed to finish 4th in the Regional finals. Another highlight of the season was, as always, the Borough championships, every one of the WCGS students put in a huge amount of effort and despite the heat there were a huge number of personal best performances. Even though our Year 9's were unable to compete due to their exams, we still managed a good medal haul with 4 Gold, 5 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. Special mention must go to our gold medal winners who were Josh Meduoye (Yr7 100m), Daniel Jeffrey (Yr7 Discus), David Encarnacion (Yr8 Triple Jump), Tosin Ewuola (Yr8 Shot Put).



Table Tennis by Mr G Maric



Through winning the South London under-13 individual tournament in February Ben Musters qualified to compete in the National Individual finals. Ben travelled up to Wolverhampton and had a great experience putting his skills against the best players in the country. Ben played some great table tennis in the group stages but with a few close results going against him he finished 3rd in his group, just missing out on getting into the knockout stages. Well done Ben.



This term several talented WCGS students qualified for the prestigious Jack Petchey London Individual tournament. There were lots of excellent results with Jacob Archer and Chid Egbeama finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively in the under-16 competition. Anirudh Gandepalli also did brilliantly finishing 3rd in the under-19 tournament with Krishna Nagarajan reaching the quarter finals of the same competition. Ben Musters also made it to the quarter finals in the under-13 tournament.



The WCGS teams have been playing in South London Schools Table tennis League throughout the 21/22 season. Again the WCGS squads have proven how dominant WCGS table tennis is in the area with the under-13 and under-16 squads both winning their leagues with 61 and 63 points respectively. Well done to all the WCGS table tennis squads I can't wait to see what further success we can get next year.

Wimbledon Ball Boy

This year has been a huge success when it comes to students from WCGS being ball boys at the Wimbledon Championships in June/July. We had 12 students this year, with many of them being involved on Centre Court and Court 1 regularly (James Higham throughout the 2 weeks) where they were able to mix with the top tennis players in the world. We also had two students (Herb Balaam and Oscar Fuah) who were selected to hold the Mixed Double Championship Trophies at the presentation. All students are enthusiastically looking forward to next year and training for the new batch will begin in early October.





Pre-Season Rugby

Each Year group will have pre-season rugby training on the dates and times below.

U13s

Tuesday 30th August;
Thursday 1st September;
Monday 5th September;
 10:00 – 12:30 @ school
Thursday 8th September;
 15:30 – 17:00 @ school

U14s

Wednesday 31st August;
 12:00 – 14:30 @ school
Friday 2nd September;
 10:00 – 12:00 @ school
Monday 5th September;
 12:30 – 14:30 @ school

U15s

Wednesday 31st August;
 10:00 – 12:00 @ school
Thursday 1st September;
Tuesday 6th September;
 15:00 – 17:00 @ school

U16s

Tuesday 30th August;
 13:00 – 15:00 @ school
Thursday 1st September;
 12:00 – 14:00 @ school
Monday 5th September;
Tuesday 6th September;
 11:00 – 13:00 @ school

Senior Squad

Tuesday 30th August;
Wednesday 31st August;
 10:00 – 14:00 @ School
Thursday 1st September;
Friday 2nd September;
 14:00–17:00 @ school
Monday 5th September;
 15:15 – 17:00 @ School
Wednesday 7th September;
 13:15 – 16:15 @ School

Cricket Sponsorship

WCGS would like to thank the Surrey Masons Sports Association for their ongoing commitment to provide financial assistance for the coming years. It will greatly help with improving equipment, facilities and aid future tours. It was such a shame that we had to take the decision to cancel this years tour to Sri Lanka due to the political unrest. It was so last minute that at least the boys got their kit which is sponsored in part by the Surrey Masons Sports Association.



Sporting Excellence Outside of School

Monty Holcombe (Year 10 Radcliffe)

This Year Monty Holcombe was selected for the England U16 Golf Team and at the end of May he travelled to Spain to compete for his country. Here is Monty's report of the trip.



The venue for the annual U16 England vs Spain match was the Centro de Nacional de Golf, right in the heart of Madrid. The Spanish team were extremely strong, with 6 out of the 8 boys and girls ranked in the top 10 in Europe. After the morning foursomes and afternoon singles of day 1 (where I played against the best U16 in Europe), the Spanish side looked in control and had a comfortable lead going into the final day. A good start from England on day 2 was promising, but the experienced Spanish team did enough and ended up with a comfortable win (19-5).

The whole experience was amazing and I, along with all the team, learnt some invaluable lessons while representing our country.

By M Holcombe

More recently Monty has done magnificently well by winning the inaugural Peter Allis Memorial Trophy (one of the best junior tournaments in the uk) at Hindhead Golf Club. This was a thrilling tournament and Monty had to dig deep to win it in a sudden death play-off. Monty and his opponent halved the first hole but on the next Monty took control with an excellent drive up the middle which led to him paring the hole and claiming the trophy. We wish Monty all the luck for the rest of the season.



Noah Findell (Year 9 Mandeville)

This term Noah represented team Sutton in the Aquathlon event at the prestigious London Youth Games Finals. After a gruelling race where Noah was constantly pushing for the lead he did fantastically well to win the bronze medal. Well done Noah.

Sports Day Summary by Mr D Johnson

Sports Day is a highlight of the WCGS calendar and with the whole school out on the field enjoying the sunshine, braving the downpours, cheering on their housemates and competing like gladiators, this year was one of the best. The individual stars were Hannah Flaherty L6WO who set a record for the girls 1500m and Tosin Ewuola 8BR who broke the year 8 school records in both the high jump and the shot put. In the Junior tournament, Carew won the Year 7 competition and Bridges won in Year 8 but overall Carew came out on top winning the Mackmin cup. In the The John Eyles Cup for Intermediate athletics Ruskin won in Year 9 and Carew and Woodcote tied for 1st place in Year 10 but with second in Year 9 and first in Year 10 Carew took the trophy. The senior competition is always the highlight with Year 11, 6th form girls and boys combining to produce three competitions. Ruskin's 6th form Boys proved the difference in this competition with Deniz Ozer leading the team to victory and claiming the Moriarty Cup. After all the results were added together it was a Carew who won the overall sports day trophy.

YEAR	BRIDGES	CAREW	MANDEVILLE	RADCLIFFE	RUSKIN	WOODCOTE
7	61	72	57	41	61	23
8	67	61	41	54	46	47
9	51	60	50	39	64	52
10	57	60	54	37	47	60
SENIOR	39	33	35	36	63	42
TOTAL	275	286	237	207	281	224
POSITION	3	1	4	6	2	5

