



Welcome to the WCGS Sports Newsletter. This term the wonderful WCGS students have competed in a huge number of fixtures across a great range of sports. I would like to thank all involved, especially the coaches who give up so much of their time and energy to allow our students these great experiences. It is with sadness that this term we are saying goodbye to Mr Legg who is moving on to a new job as safeguarding lead at City of London Freemans. I personally want to thank Mr Legg for the 8 years of service he has given the school and for being a great friend and colleague. You will be missed 'Leggy' but we wish you well in your new role.



Rugby VII's



Senior VII's. The senior sevens season was a short season due to the inclement weather. The Surrey sevens had to be called off which meant going into the Rosslyn park national 7s without much game experience. In the first group game WCGS narrowly lost to Worth school 12-19. Our next fixture was against St Albans, a formidable rugby school. It proved to be very tough but WCGS showed some excellent attacking threat, unfortunately the defence let us down. The final game was a dead rubber, as with nothing to play for the boys tried to play some attacking rugby but were outclassed by Reading Blue Coat School. I can't thank this squad enough for their amazing commitment and dedication to WCGS rugby since September. All involved are a credit to the school and the Upper Sixth members of the team will be sorely missed by all.

U16 VII's. In the Surrey 7's we started strongly winning our first two games against KCS Wimbledon and Halliford and just came up short against Caterham. This meant we were second in the group and into the Plate quarter finals against Gordon's. The boys played some excellent sevens in this game winning 21-14. This set up a semi-final against our local rivals John Fisher, this was a great game but a few small errors meant we lost narrowly 19-26. In the Rosslyn Park National sevens we only had two games due to a school withdrawing. Our first match was against one of the best rugby schools in the country, Sedbergh. The WCGS students showed great courage and commitment in this game but ultimately were beaten by a more experienced and very well drilled side. The second game was a chance to finish the season on a high against a Welsh School from Gwent. The boys played some excellent attacking rugby and came out on top 30-7. It's been a pleasure to work with these talented students this year and I look forward to watching the impact they will have on the senior squads next season.



U15 VII's. Unfortunately due to poor weather and a busy term for Year 10, the U15 sevens season never really got going this year. Finding time for regular training has been difficult for staff and students and this meant that we went in to the Surrey tournament (our only tournament) a bit under prepared. Despite this the WCGS boys showed their heart and played some good 7's against some of the best rugby schools in the country losing only narrowly to Hampton, Selesian and RGS Guildford in our group. This meant we were into the bowl semi-final against our 15 a-side rivals Tiffin. This was the match of the day with both teams playing some great rugby and scoring some great team tries. The lead kept changing hands but ultimately the WCGS team couldn't quite get over the line losing narrowly by 2 points. This squad has huge potential and I am really looking forward to watching them reach that potential in Year 11.

U14 VII's. This term the year 9 team has attended two 7's tournaments. The highlights of these tournaments being some great rugby played, from dominating defence to flowing attacking rugby. This was possible from the huge commitment shown from the boys in training, working hard each week for each other and the team. Knowing this, our confidence was high going into the Surrey 7's tournament. This confidence was boosted due to winning 3 out of 4 pool stage games, with the highlight being a 25-7 win against Royal A&A. Placing second in the group allowed us to compete in the plate competition. The quarter finals saw us draw 14-14 but James Wright stepped up and won the sudden death drop goal competition to put us through to the semi-finals. After this huge battle, the boys were shattered and a well-drilled and speedy Wimbledon College knocked us out. In the National 7's tournament, where we came 3rd in our group, the highlight being a 14-12 win against a Welsh school. However, even with the results not going our way, the boys played some fantastic flowing rugby and showed great passion to fight back in all 3 games, coming from multiple scores down to make the games close. Well done boys.



COMPLETED HOUSE RESULTS

Rugby Junior

Year 7 – Mandeville
Year 8 – Carew
Overall — Bridges



Intermediate

Year 9 — Bridges
Year 10 — Mandeville
Overall — Bridges

Senior

Overall - TBC

Table Tennis

Junior

Year 7 - Bridges
Year 8 - Bridges
Overall - Bridges



Intermediate

Year 9 - Ruskin
Year 10 - Bridges
Overall - Bridges



Basketball

Overall - Mandeville

CURRENT STANDINGS

- 6th Place - Radcliffe (44)
- 5th Place - Ruskin (68)
- 4th Place - Carew (78)
- 3rd Place - Woodcote (78)
- 2nd Place - Mandeville (92)
- 1st place - Bridges (94)**





Representative Rugby

Congratulations to Tosin Ewuola 9BR, Krish Maleku 9BR and Femi Johnny 9CA who have all been selected for the Harlequins Developing Player Programme.



Old Walcountians RFC

It's been great to see a large number of our Senior rugby squad getting involved with our old boys rugby club this term. Well done boys and hopefully we can keep this trend going.



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

Tuesday - Year 7

Wednesday - Year 9

Thursday - Year 8

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.



U13 VII's

The weather has conspired against us this 7s season with two tournaments succumbing to the elements and the third played in heavy rain and sleet. This was unfortunate as the boys have worked so hard to develop their 7s skill set and their understanding of the game. The National 7s pitted us against two sides from Wales, one from Cheshire, one from Lincolnshire and one from Essex. We started well with 2 wins against sides from Wisbech and Port Talbot. It then became a total lottery as the heavy rain came, turning the rugby pitches into what resembled a scene from a wet Glastonbury festival. The boys, however, gamefully stuck at their task but unfortunately didn't manage to achieve any more wins losing narrowly to sides from Northwich, Hornchurch and Bridgend. This age group has potential in abundance and its been an absolute pleasure to coach this age group at 15s and 7s and as I move on I am sure that next year, the performances they put in will continue to get better and better.



U12 VII's

The U12 sevens squad have trained really hard this year and this has led to them developing their rugby skills immensely. They competed in three competitive tournaments this year representing the school well. In their second tournament, the London Oratory, the team showed off their newly acquired rugby sevens skills and played fantastically, managing to win their first game of rugby against New Hall. The final tournament was the U12 Surrey Sevens, which provided the chance to further build on the experience gained at London Oratory. The day started with good wins against George Abbott and The Cedars School. The weather however had a tough effect on the boys and in the afternoon saw further tough games which they narrowly lost. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank the U12's for all of their efforts in training since Christmas as this has led to a terrific inaugural sevens season.

Junior Rugby Awards Dinners

The junior rugby awards dinner was a great night that saw the school hall full of parents and students from years 7—10. It really was a great celebration of the WCGS rugby family. Congratulations to all the award winners, the main award winners are;

Nigel Hook Memorial Trophy

Timothy Mazela 10CA



Millwood Trophy

Thomas Ratoi 8RU



Badminton

This term saw the rebirth of competitive badminton at WCGS as our U14's entered the London and South East cup. Our first round fixture was away against Sevenoaks School. We went to the grand facilities of this prestigious private school not really knowing what to expect but with a nothing to lose attitude the boys did brilliantly, digging deep and winning the fixture in a sudden death playoff after everything was tied after the 8 games. In the next round we were home to Langley Park and with greater confidence the WCGS boys dominated winning the fixture 8:2. This meant we had made it through to the quarter finals. Unfortunately, in this fixture Wilson's, a school well known for its strength in badminton, proved a bridge too far but with some close games the WCGS boys should be very proud of how far they got in the competition.

Students Success Outside of School



Fraser Osborne 11BR Fraser took part in the National Finals of the British Schools Shooting competition in the Senior Category (Y11-13) at 6 yards. He scored 181/200 and in a strong field of the 18 best shooters across the UK in this age range Fraser came 1st and is now the National Schools Shooting Champion.

Sebastian Sanchez 10RU Seb did brilliantly last week in the Surrey U17 Judo tournament. Against a number of older competitors, Seb won all but one fight and due to the fast times he was able to beat his opposition he won the tournament and is now the Surrey U17 Judo Champion.





Table Tennis



Table Tennis at WCGS continues to achieve great success. In January our U19 team started their bid to become National Champions with a dominant win at the Jack Petchey London Team finals. Next up was the Regional Finals in Bristol, again the boys showed their talents and composure beating Tudor Grange, Budmouth Academy and Kind Edward VI School

to yet again be crowned the South East of England regional champions. This means they are already one of the top four teams in the country and are now training hard for the National Finals in April. On 9th February WCGS hosted the U13 South London Jack Petchey competition. The standard of table tennis by all competitors was very high, so it was a great achievement for Sanjay Sathish 8BR to win the title. Sanjay now progresses to the National Individual Finals in Wolverhampton on 22nd April (Good Luck Sanjay). There has also been great success in the U19 South London Jack Petchey Individual competition with WCGS coming 1st (Chid Egbeama), 2nd (Jacob Archer) & 3rd (OJ Borah). This means Chid will also be representing the school at the National finals in April (Good luck Chid). Jacob and OJ will join Vihan Nirmal who came 3rd in the U16 tournament at the London Finals at the University of East London later in the year.



Football

Football at WCGS has continued to thrive where possible this term. Despite some age groups having limited opportunities due to other sporting competitions or school being closed, the teams that have taken to the field have continued to show why WCGS are more than capable to compete against local schools. The U13s played Wilson's and dominated from the start, taking a 0-2 lead into the break, with goals from Sean Adewoyin and Abraham Ogundare. The second half saw WCGS continue to dominate and players were able to be moved around to allow for some to play higher up the field than normal. The score remained 0-2 with Joel Kolanchery and Sam Collett sharing the Man of the Match award. The U14s won their first match 2-3 vs Oaks Park in tough conditions. WCGS dug in deep against the elements going into the break 1-0 down. With the wind behind them in the second half, WCGS scored two goals through Malachi Ohene and Tosin Ewuola. With the game drawing to a close, a lapse in concentration allowed Oaks Park to score to make it 2-2. But with seconds to go, a deep corner eventually made its way to James Wright who drilled it underneath the keeper for WCGS to take the victory. Their second match was against Wilson's, WCGS played some great football throughout the match and despite dominating possession and territory they just fell short of putting it in the back of the net and the game ended in a frustrating 0-0 draw. The U15s played Wilson's and despite having the majority of the possession, were unable to complete the final pass and came away with a battling 2-1 loss. The goal was scored by Alberto Gansallo and the Man of the Match was Jonathan Curry. The U16s returned to Oaks Park after a confident performance against them last year, unfortunately a series of unforced errors led to a 4-0 loss but with the number of squandered chances, the score line could have been much closer. All in all, despite their being limited opportunities, we hope to continue to build on the performances and hope to be able to offer more fixtures next year.



Basketball



This has been a good term for our U12 basketball squad, for the first time in a number of years we entered into a newly formatted Surrey League. In the first round tournament the boys did exceptionally well beating Rutlish, Car Boys and Blenheim to come out on top of the table after round 1. Round two proved tougher but the boys played some good basketball beating Chessington but losing out to Rodborough and Richard Challoner. This wasn't enough for us to

qualify for the finals but the boys showed great potential for the future. Our U14 team also had a few basketball fixtures, losing narrowly to Wilson's in a local friendly and then they representing Sutton in the London Youth Games playing Harris Invictus academy, the Croydon champions. The greater experience of our opposition told in this fixture and despite scoring some great baskets we were ultimately beaten by a very good team.



London Youth Games Sportshall Athletics



The WCGS Year 7 Indoor Athletics team have done brilliantly after winning the Sutton tournament last term. In February they represented the Borough of Sutton in the London Youth Games quarter finals and with some fantastic team and individual performances came second in the tournament. This meant they had done enough to qualify for the London Youth Games finals. So on the 21st of March we made the long journey to Redbridge in North London to face off against the best in London. The WCGS boys again did fantastically well, against some unbelievably good athletes, to finish 5th in London which is a great achievement and the best WCGS has ever done in the competition.



Netball



The Netball team had two matches this term against St Celia's. The games were played in a wonderful spirit and the WCGS girls put up a great fight but unfortunately didn't manage to get a win.

