



Eastbourne College

Sports
awards

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Eastbourne College offers sports scholarships to boys and girls with outstanding sporting talent.

In line with most top independent schools, the great majority of sports awards given at Eastbourne College are between 5% and 20% of the day or boarding fee but more may be offered in exceptional circumstances (up to a maximum of 50%). In addition, the Peter Bibby Award is available for a cricketer offering real talent and potential.

Sports awards may be supplemented on a **means-tested** basis and in exceptional circumstances this means-tested funding may extend to 100% of the fee.





The College has a sporting tradition and reputation which is second to none in Sussex and its sporting excellence is based on a number of key factors:

Top quality coaching teams led by

- Athletics** Robin Giles
- Cricket** Matt Banes (Kent CCC, ECB qualified coach),
Andy Waller (Zimbabwe, ECB Level 3),
Min Patel (Kent CCC and England)
- Hockey** Dusty Miller and Ian Sands
(county, divisional and national coaches)
- Netball** Jess Simmonds (regional selector)
- Rugby** Robin Giles (RFU level 3 coach, RFU trainer,
regional coach) and RFU coaching centre
- Tennis** Mark Wilders (LTA qualified coach) and LTA
coaching centre

and supported by more than 30 talented coaches involved in training and developing the teams playing 'major' sports.

Dedicated time to train, practise and improve

- a school week which timetables sport on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
- county, regional and national competitions on Wednesdays and Sundays
- pre-season and 'off season' coaching, training and development programmes
- each major sport undertakes an overseas tour on a three yearly rota:
 - girls and boys hockey to South Africa (July 2009)
 - girls and boys netball and cricket to Barbados (March 2010)
 - pre-season girls hockey tour to Holland (August 2010 & 2011)
 - girls tennis camp to Majorca (October 2010)
 - rugby to Argentina and Chile (July 2011)



High quality grounds and facilities include

- five cricket grounds with grass wickets prepared by a team of grounds staff
- seven rugby pitches
- six netball courts
- College fitness suite
- two top class astroturf hockey pitches with access to three other local astros
- 28 tennis courts and access to grass courts at Devonshire LTC
- purpose-built dance studio

A whole school culture and ethos which encourages participation in sport for all

A programme of fixtures against Sussex, Kent, Surrey and London schools and international touring sides for

- 10 cricket teams
- 11 girls hockey teams
- 14 boys hockey teams
- 14 netball teams
- 16 rugby teams
- 12 tennis teams

Teams also represent the school in: athletics, cross country, fives, squash, football, golf, rowing, swimming, rounders, sailing, biathlon and triathlon.

There are also opportunities for girls and boys to gain coaching and refereeing qualifications – recently, nine students passed a level-one hockey umpiring course, seven gained the LTA Level 1 tennis coaching qualification and five passed the Rugby Ready coaching course.

A special programme of support and tutoring for sports scholars

This is directed by Robin Giles (Director of Rugby) and includes sessions on diet, training methods, leadership skills and the psychology of success in sport. The College is also in partnership with the Bodyworks XTC team based at Brighton University, a triathlon and cross-training club who offer expert advice on individual core fitness and training schedules.

At the nearby university we also have access to Sportswise, one of the leading sports injury clinics in the country. Special sporting events regularly take place such as coaching sessions by elite sportsmen and women.



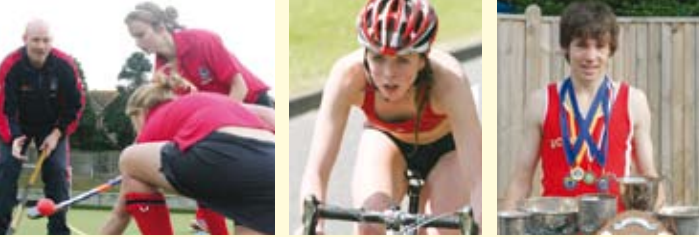
Opportunities to play representative sport and achieve at the highest level

Generations of Eastbournians have played and continue to play a wide cross-section of sports from county through to national level. Within our ambitious and competitive 'programme for sport' environment, boys and girls are encouraged to challenge themselves and fulfil their ambitions. Recent College achievements include:

- National Schools Junior Boys Biathlon Championships and one individual bronze medal awarded
- England U16 boys hockey goalkeeper
- Sussex boys & girls hockey champions at either U14, U16 or U18 level every year for the past ten years
- winners of the Blackshaw Bowl and Langdale cricket trophies
- a number of pupils playing cricket for Sussex CCC age groups and two boys involved in England training camps
- Sussex rugby champions (U16) two years in a row
- three divisional hockey players
- over 30 boys and girls competing for the county
- junior finalists at English Schools Swimming National Championships
- winners of the swimming Dunelm Medley and Aldenham Cups
- a pupil being invited to join the England Gifted and Talented development programme for swimming
- U16 SISNA girls netball silver medalists
- singles and doubles champions at the National School Girls Rugby Fives Tournament
- in rowing, winners of the Novice IV category at the Barnes and Mortlake Regatta
- representing England in the senior handball team championships in Ireland

A recent example of an Old Eastbournian who has reached the highest level in his sport is Hugo Southwell who has won over 55 international rugby caps playing for Scotland.

The College now plays in the Cricketer Cup – a competition for the old boy sides of elite cricketing schools.



Recognition and responsibility

Sports scholars are recognised as key individuals and with this recognition comes an expectation that they will set high standards in the way they conduct themselves around the school and on the sports field.

The example they set should mark them out as leaders and we hope they will both enjoy and make the most of this responsibility. We are looking for sports scholars who will act as 'yeast', enabling others around them to 'rise'.





We expect our sports scholars to

pursue
excellence

You try to do the best you can

We help you to achieve more
than you believed you could

participate
and be a real
team player

You enter fully into the life of
the school

You encourage, enable and
enrich others in sport and in
the wider community

display
integrity

You keep going when the
going is tough

We help you learn to take
responsibility for your
decisions



An Eastbourne College sports scholar will be challenged, inspired and engaged in sport, in the classroom and beyond

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