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MT23 SPORTS NEWS



It is remarkable how much we fit into each half term and this one has been no exception. 120+ fixtures in ten sports we have competed in so far, plus the Aquathlon, Steeplechase and other house sports as the journey to the end of year house cup begins! We have had 450+ pupils having already played competitive sport in either block, friendly or cup fixtures is incredible. While I know I am biased, I do think we have something very special with our sport at the College. I always hope the pupils can appreciate and realise what an amazing opportunity it is to play competitive sport regularly. Ideally, we would love to see every single pupil having competed in one of our 20 sports against other schools during an academic year.

The platform of sport at the College enables pupils to achieve at the very highest level, aspire to play at ever higher levels and enables participation for all. The breadth is extraordinary and the lengths of time and effort to which staff go to, often unseen, provide the sporting opportunities which are nothing short of outstanding. I am always hugely grateful to all the directors and heads of sports and all staff along with pupils enthusiasm and engagement. For a variety of reasons, I am always constantly stary eyed and extremely proud of what we achieve and how we are always striving to improve the experience. This does not always mean winning every cup or fixture (although we do try!) but being involved in competitive sport and the feeling we hope to imbue in all pupils of how sport can play a vital part in their life and to benefit other areas. We hope they will carry this way beyond the College too. It goes without saying how incredibly honoured and proud we felt to win the Talk Education: Inspiring Sporting Activities award in September. We were on a list with some other very prestigious sporting schools and I feel, in our understated Eastbourne way, we deserved it!

My thanks to all for a superb first half of term. I hope a restful half term has been enjoyed and we look forward to the second half!

Mr Harrison (Director of Sport)

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HOCKEY

The girls hockey season, with over 50 fixtures played across 11 teams this half of term, was built on the successful preseason preparation in Holland for the juniors and the Nottingham Festival for the 1st XI squad.

The 1st XI are in the third round of the EHA U18 Cup and the third round of the plate in the U19 ISHC after half term. They play Brighton to qualify for the Regional indoor hockey finals after beating Bede's in the preliminary rounds. The 1st XI also enjoyed good wins over Bede's, Sutton Valence, Roedean and Hurst as well as competitive games against Brighton and Ardingly. The U15A play Charterhouse in their ISHC plate second round and the U14As lost narrowly to Kent Canterbury in their plate second round match but remain 50% win ratio overall. The U14Bs and U15Bs have won half of their games so far and are developing well as the season moves forwards.

The boys senior indoor squad qualified with Ardingly for the U18 Regional finals with wins over Hurst and Lancing with the the College hosting both these U18 indoor qualifying tournaments on our Olympic sized indoor pitch.

Congratulation to Sam Bordass, Will Fellows, Tom Lucus, Sophie Fellows, Bertie Cooke and Rosie Hill for their selection to the East Grinstead Hockey Club England Talent pathway squad. Congratulations also goes to Serena Patel for her selection to the EG Talent Academy feeder squad (Y9).



RUGBY

The rugby season started in the gorgeous post summer sun that graced our shores and led to some exciting rugby being played by all teams across all year groups.

Cup news first, and the 1st XV, captained by Jack Greig, have seen wins over Cranbrook, Sevenoaks and Gravesend Grammar School to progress to the Fourth Round of the National Vase Competition for the second consecutive year having played in the U18 Bowl Final the year before. The 2nd XV are impressively 3 from 3 and a 100% record; the 3rd XV have won one and lost one; and the U16s have played some exciting rugby this half term winning four out of five games and all are looking forward to continuing their fine form after half term. The U15As cup run started with a very physical fixture against a strong Cardinal Newman side and although we came second, the team had a chance to progress even further through the bowl beating Angmering in round two. The U14s have enjoyed their first season playing 15-a-side rugby with wins across the As and Bs with a game of the season contender for the 14Bs against King's Canterbury; 36-10 down at half time and inspiring half time team talk from Mr Canning brought the game back to 36-34! Overall we have had almost 35 fixtures played this half term and over 120 boys playing fixtures. We look forward to block fixtures against Worth, Caterham and Hurst when we get back and hopefully some exciting cup runs to keep the dream alive!



TENNIS

After the delights of the national finals earlier in the summer, the College tennis players returned straight into the training programme with some competing in the FAST4 Open Regional Tour Tennis Tournament on at Woking Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club. Becky Fisher (Y13), Annabel McKenna (Y13) and Ellen Steiner (Y10) all played in the women's singles event. Becky, seeded second in the tournament, had a bye the first round then went on to win the first match 4-3 (3) 3-4 (2) 11-9, despite being 5-9 down in the super tiebreaker. Becky played smart tennis and fought back to win the close battle. She then went on to win the next match 4-3 (5), 2-4, 10-5 in another close match. In the finals she fought hard once again showing the spirit which had got her here there but lost 4-1, 4-0 to a tough opponent.

Ellen lost a very close first round match in the main draw 2-4, 4-1, 10-2 but went on to win the consolation with a convincing first round win 4-2, 4-2, a bye and 4-2, 4-3 (5) to take the title. Annabel had a tough first round main draw match and went down 4-0, 4-1. Congratulations to everyone on their hard work and a great day of tennis! A special thanks to Emma Grantham (Y12) for coming along to support the team, despite not being able to play due to injury.

Next up, the National Premier League...

In addition, a group of tennis players enjoyed another annual tour and training camp in the Algarve, Portugal, at the start of half term. Good weather, great facilities and top coaching, a great combination!



SWIMMING

A busy first half term for the swimming team has seen them compete in the first two rounds of the new swimming Super League. Round one hosted at Eastbourne College and round two at Hurst, saw some excellent performances from our swimmers in Y9 through to Y13.

The inter-girls & boys and senior boys also competed in the Sussex county round of the ESSA relay trials in Horsham. Joshua Yip (Y12) beat the 50m breaststroke school record and the inter & senior boys both qualified for the National finals being held in Birmingham next half term. Huge congratulations to all swimmers and the best of luck to those swimming in Birmingham!

The swimming team were also been lucky enough to experience a master class swim clinic with retired England swimmer, Ed Baxter. This focused on technical elements of our swimmers strokes for a two hour pool session followed by a session from England S&C swimming performance coach, Rob Norman. This finished a tiring and hugely successful first half of term.



GOLF

HMC Swifts & ISGA

The HMC Swifts kicked off in style early in the term against Brighton College in the first round. Archie Shakespeare & George Shakespeare led the way in the foursomes format, closely followed by Oli May & Matteo Chu and Oliver Tutt & Andreas Photiou formed the final pairing and with the home advantage, each pair made quick work of their match and won early on the back 9. They take on Hurst next.

In the ISGA singles first round, Archie & George made light work of their opponents with Oli winning with a very good 14 foot putt on 17 to take the match 3-0 and move on to the second round.



West Sussex Invitational

On a beautiful course rated 58th best in the UK, 92nd in the world, and easily the best in Sussex, the two pairings of George and Archie, Ollie and Matteo aimed to conquer the heather of West Sussex GC. Playing the difficult foursomes format, the ultimate test of trust in your partner, George and Archie won the individual scratch prize with a fantastic gross score of 1 under par 69. Ollie and Matteo had a more difficult round but finished as friends. 18 schools such as Tonbridge, Eton, Harrow, Wellington sent teams. A great afternoon was had by all at this top 30 UK and top 100 world golf course!



OEGS

Additionally, the team also took part in an OE golf day at West Surrey Golf Club and in a Texas Scramble event on a Sunday. A great way to introduce the boys to the amazing courses and competitions the Old Eastboundians play on and in during the year.

Smarden Bell

The golf team took part in the prestigious Smarden Bell tournament and played back at original first venue for the tournament, Chart Hills. A Nick Faldo course which is having an amazing makeover and was very challenging including Europe's biggest bunker! The tournament in almost its 25th year, with Eastbourne been one of the founding members, featured some of the leading golfing schools in Kent, Surrey and Sussex. The team finished second overall behind Tonbridge with Archie Shakespeare finishing second in the individual and winning the longest drive. Our best result in the tournament for many years.



Team

1. Tonbridge
2. Eastbourne
3. Sevenoaks
4. Cranleigh
5. Epsom
6. Dulwich
7. King's
8. Reigate

Individual

1. Ed Greenslade (Tonbridge)
 2. Archie Shakespeare (Eastbourne)
 3. Oscar Lent (Epsom)
 4. Jamie McGeogh (Cranleigh)
- Longest Drive: Archie Shakespeare (Eastbourne)
Nearest The Pin: Jonny Slipper (Cranleigh)

England Golf

A special mention should be made for Archie and George Shakespeare (Pw, 11). They have been selected for the U18 England Golf Regional Squad (South East). This is an extraordinary achievement in a field of many talented golfers from around the region. The squad selection will allow them to seek coaching from experts in their field, competing in inter-regional matches, as well as receive advanced support from England Golf strength and conditioning coaches and managers. This could be a stepping stone to great things. We celebrate their dedication and hard work to date and wish them the very best, as they commence the next chapter of their golfing careers.



EQUESTRIAN

HURST INVITATIONAL - HICKSTEAD

The equestrian team competed at the Hurst Invitational at Hickstead and a qualifying competition at Felbridge earlier in the term. It is always good to be at Hickstead and this was no exception. The team of Millie Stack, Reuben Mace, Darcy Dumas and Stella Hare put in strong performances with Stella and Darcy jumping clear rounds. Felbridge provided important preparation for the National finals and saw Jack Etheridge, Reuben, Darcy and Stella in action in both the 80cm and 90cm showjumping. Particular note goes to Darcy who achieved a double clear and helped the team to 5th place the 90cm. We are also thrilled to have up and coming St. Andrews pupils competing as individuals. Special note to Darcey Walton who rode a clear round at Hickstead in the 70cm and Rosie Laffinas who came second in her class at Felbridge.

NSEA NATIONAL FINALS - ADDINGTON

The equestrian team began the half term holidays competing at the NSEA National Finals in Addington. It should be noted this is the eight consecutive year the College has qualified for the the National Finals!

Despite some challenges prior to the competition, the team showed great strength of character and team spirit, pulling together to put in strong all round performances. The weekend got off to a great start with Darcie Walton (St. Andrew's) finishing 4th (from 100 competitors) in the 70cm Jumping with Style class. Chloe Hynes (captain), Reuben Mace, Millie Stack and Darcy Dumas all put in clear rounds in the 80cm showjumping qualifier. This put them in the top 10 teams progressing to the final where they eventually finished 7th - an incredibly impressive national placing! The team rounded off the weekend with a solid performance in the 90cm showjumping. It was great to see such successful pairings of horses and riders and huge thanks go to our excellent trainer, Judi Piper-Dadswell and the parents who played such crucial support roles.



In Other News...



Badminton

In some ways a baptism of fire for the fledgling badminton team, with tough early fixtures against Tonbridge, Sevenoaks and Lancing, before a nail-biting, but well-earned win against Ardingly; certainly a confidence-booster to round off a busy start to the season. It's been great to see a wide range of participation in matches from years 10-13 and competition for team places is likely to become more and more intense, as skills develop and enthusiasm reaches new heights!

During the next half of term, we have return fixtures against Tonbridge and Lancing, and the possibility of matches for mixed pairs and juniors, all to look forward to. Plans are also being made for some masterclass coaching sessions with an ex-Olympic badminton players, as well as inter-house badminton competitions for juniors and seniors. Overall, a smashing start to the year!

Basketball

The basketball squad have started the league season very well with wins over Claremont and Michael Hall with matches against Brighton, Ardingly and Bede's in the second half of term.



Football

The football squad have played in the first rounds of the ISFA cups and while both were lost in extra time, St Dunstan's 3-4 and Reigate GS 2-4, the squad showed great resilience and teamwork against strong opponents. A great second half of term ahead and lead in to the full season next term.

Fencing

The fencing team have been training consistently hard and enjoyed a triangular competition with Worth and Tonbridge and compete against Ardingly after half term.



In Other News...

Netball

The 1st XVII received a bye in the first round of the national cup and narrowly lost 41-44 at home to a strong Surbiton High School side, which showed the strength of the squad and how well they played. The UI5A VII similarly lost narrowly against Allyn's 33-36 but again showed what great progress they have made already this year. The 1st VII and UI4A VII both competed in the national cup county tournament with both teams winning half their matches and finishing mid-table in this highly competitive and large competition. The girls playing in the adult netball league each week are hugely enjoying their experience and many girls are continuing the pre-season programme in readiness for January and the full season.



Squash

A competitive fixture against Christ's Hospital first up saw the team finish second but then beat Hurst in a mid-week friendly. Training and match play is much improved and great squash and much to work towards with more fixtures in the second half of term against Sevenoaks, Brighton and return legs against Hurst and Christ's Hospital.



OE News

Piers O'Connor (Gonville) became a centurion for the Bristol Bears last season and has enjoyed fixtures this season already as the Bears sit second equal after round 3 with two wins and late loss to Harlequins. We wish Piers all the best for the season ahead.



Seb Nagle-Taylor (Gonville) signed a new contract with Doncaster Knights for the 2023/2024 season having moved over from rivals Cornish Pirates in the Championship. We wish him all the best in the season ahead too.



Congratulations to Carina Graf (right, School House 2011) had the pleasure of competing (and winning) in the Women's Blue Boat in the annual varsity Boat Race against Oxford University and be part of the first-ever "Clean Sweep" for Cambridge since all University Boat Clubs merged. Carina is studying a PhD in developing novel techniques for Neuroimaging.



OE News

Congratulations to Tawanda Muyeye (Gonville) and Harry Finch (Craig) have both signed new contracts at Kent CCC for three and two seasons respectively. Harry is now the first choice keeper at the club and enjoying a winter of cricket in Wellington, NZ.

Our Sussex CCC OEs Oliver Carter, Jamie Atkins and Daniel Ibrahim all have current contracts running at the county too.



Kent batter Muyeye extends contract until 2025

Kent batter Tawanda Muyeye extends his contract with the club until the end of 2025.



Kent agree two-year deal with Finch

Batter Harry Finch signs a two-year contract with Kent after a successful short-term spell this summer.

... BBC Sport

Congratulations to Tom Hinley (Wargrave, on right side of trophy and batting in photo) for being part of an England XI to win the T10 European Cricket Championships beating a Netherlands XI in the final. Tom scored 71 off just 24 balls in the final!



OE News

In other news, we congratulate OE Will James (Wargrave) on completing his first Half IronMan in Cervia Italy. He completed this fantastic feat of endurance in a time of 5 Hours, 40 Minutes and 19 seconds. To put it into perspective, the half Ironman distance equates to a 1.2 mile swim, a 56 mile bike ride and a 13.1 mile run... fantastic effort Will!



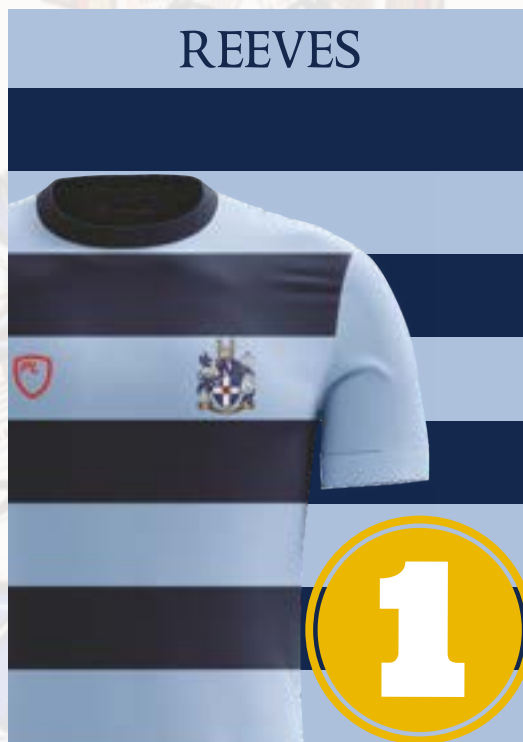
Congratulations to Hamish Reilly (Wargrave) for competing for Great Britain on the world triathlon stage in September and October. He finished 13th in the World U23 finals, and in the elite men world cup events in Tangier and Chengdu where he finished 23rd and 30th respectively. Fantastic to see Hamish competing at this elite international level and no doubt more to follow in the future as we follow his progress.



In other triathlon news, huge congratulations to our friends at Tribourne, who help run our aquathlon and steeplechase events, who not only picked up the best UK Triathlon for a second consecutive year from British Triathlon, but have also recently announced the Eastbourne event in 2024 will host the British Middle Distance Championships AND will be a standard distance age group World qualifier for 2025. Unsurprising when you see how incredible this annual event is and no doubt bigger and better things in the future too!

STEEPLECHASE

BOYS OVERALL RESULT



Junior Boys

1. Gonville
2. Craig
3. Wargrave
4. Powell
5. Reeves
6. Pennell

Intermediate Boys

1. Reeves
2. Craig
3. Wargrave
4. Gonville
5. Powell
6. Pennell

Senior Boys

1. Reeves
2. Craig
3. Gonville
4. Powell
5. Wargrave
6. Pennell



STEEPLECHASE

GIRLS OVERALL RESULT



Junior Girls

- 1. Watt
- 2. Blackwater
- 3. Nugent
- 4. School

Intermediate Girls

- 1. Watt
- 2. Blackwater
- 3. School
- 4. Nugent

Senior Girls

- 1. Watt
- 2. School
- 3. Blackwater
- 4. Nugent



HOUSE RESULTS

GIRLS HOUSE HOCKEY RESULT



Junior Girls

1. Blackwater
2. Watt
3. School
4. Nugent

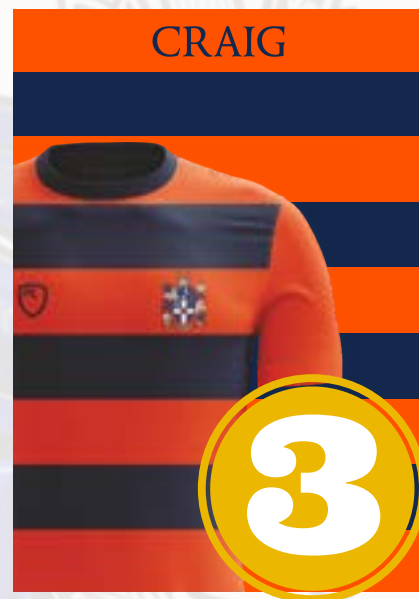
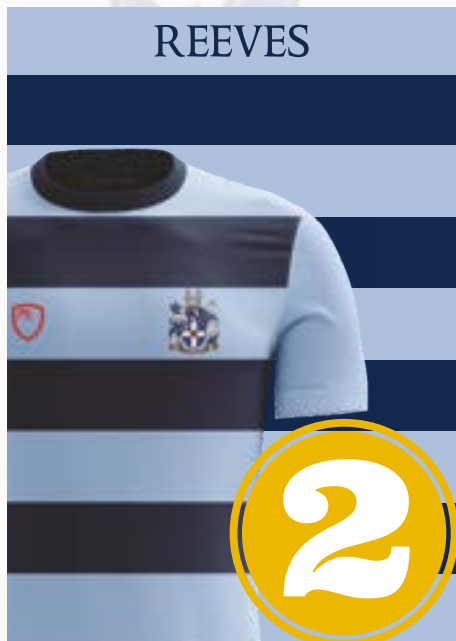


Senior Girls

1. Blackwater
2. School
3. Nugent
4. Watt

HOUSE RESULTS

BOYS HOUSE RUGBY RESULT



- Year 9
- 1.Wargrave
 - 2.Craig
 - 3.Gonville
 - 4.Reeves
 - 5.Powell
 - 6.Pennell

- Year 10
- 1.Reeves
 - 2.Wargrave
 - 3.Craig
 - 4.Powell
 - 5.Gonville
 - 6.Pennell

- Year 11
- 1.Reeves
 - 2.Wargrave
 - 3.Powell
 - 4.Gonville
 - 5.Craig
 - 6.Pennell

- Year 12/13
- 1.Wargrave
 - 2.Pennell
 - 3.Craig
 - 4.Reeves
 - 5.Powell
 - 6.Gonville

