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**Independent Schools of  
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## DOWNSEND SPORTS BULLETIN

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### Welcome from the Sports Department

Please continue to send your children's personal sporting highlights out of school. As ever we are keen to celebrate all their successes. Please email details and any images to [editor@downsend.co.uk](mailto:editor@downsend.co.uk).

Please keep an eye on [www.schoolssports.com](http://www.schoolssports.com) for team sheets and match results. Follow us on Twitter [@DownsendSport](https://twitter.com/DownsendSport)

*The Sports Department*

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## Message from The Head

It has been a fantastic sporting week, with successes at cricket and athletics, as well as some wonderful Sports Days. I am grateful to the staff who have organised events and inspired our pupils throughout the year, culminating in their deserved Award nomination last week. I am delighted to inform you that, in September, **Mr Craig Moore** will join that team, as a Teacher of PE & Games with the oversight for cricket. Educated at Caterham School, Mr Moore went on to teach there, before moving to Bromsgrove and then more recently, Sevenoaks. He is extremely well-thought of at all three schools and is thoroughly looking forward to joining Downsend at this exciting time. He has already met his Year 7 Form Tutor team and will be a welcome addition to the Common Room here.

*Ian Thorpe*

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## Match Results

All match results can be also be viewed on Schoolsports.

### Boys Cricket

U11A	Rokeby	Won
U11B	Rokeby	Lost
U11C	Rokeby	Lost
U11D	Rokeby	Lost

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## U11A Cricket Team win the prestigious Surrey Verney Cup Competition!

On a hot Tuesday afternoon the U11 A cricket team played back to back matches to win the prestigious Verney Cup Competition. Playing in the semi-finals against Rokeby at 12.15pm, we won the toss and batted first. Getting off a strong start we scored 107 off 16 overs against a strong Rokeby bowling attack. Special mention goes to Alex D who scored 40 runs and Louie L who was unbeaten on 30 not out. Ralphie A and Zac S struck the ball well, finishing the game with a 6 from Zac. In return Rokeby started very well and at one stage we were struggling to cope with their aggressive hitting and running between the wickets. Luckily for us the boys stayed focussed and Isaac R managed to turn the game with a spell of 4 wickets in 3 overs, including some outstanding fielding by all. Zac taking 2 wickets and Ralphie 3 in their respective overs completing the game with Rokeby stranded on 67 out all. A thoroughly convincing performance, where

teamwork, focus and determination were exceptional. Having already played 32 overs, our final was against the very large boys only school of Kings College Wimbledon, who arrived fresh for the final having secured their place last week. We lost the toss, but were happy to once again bat first. Unfortunately we knew that KCS's bowling was very strong and we didn't quite apply ourselves early on. Within 8 overs we were 5 down for only 35 runs and facing a very difficult situation. This was until Sam B, Jack M and Luca C-S demonstrated that we are a true team and all our boys can bat and bowl! Sam scored an invaluable 28 Not Out, brilliantly supported by Luca who scored 19 runs, before Charlie K hit three 4's in a row off the final over. We completed our innings on a very impressive 107 again and felt confident we had a chance of the win. A great start by Alex and Isaac (3 wickets) with the ball, followed by tight bowling by Jack M and great fielding by Angus W, Ralphie A, Harrison G-S and Charlie K was too much for KCS. The catch of the session by Luca behind the stump (one of 3 as wicket keeper!) enabled us to take the price wicket of Max from KCS and in doing so the game. KCS finished on 62 and the Cup was won! To have been in such trouble yet come through and pull together again was amazing to watch. Having worked with these children since I started at Downsend and to see them dominate the surrey circuit has been a really privilege for me and one I am incredibly proud of. Well done to all the team, including the injured Curtis T who couldn't play in the semi or final, so assisted as manager!



Team: Ralphie A, Alex D, Sam B, Isaac R, Zac S, Curtis T, Jack M, Charlie K, Luca C-S, Angus W, Harrison G-S, Louie L.

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## National Athletics

Following their success in the regional qualifying event last month, two Downsend athletes travelled to the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham on Monday to take part in the National Prep Schools' Athletics Finals.

Matthew Y (Year 8) and Emerson N (Year 7) competed in the javelin and shot put respectively. I am pleased to report that in the face of great competition, both children finished in the top 10 in the country, Matthew in 10<sup>th</sup> and Emerson 7<sup>th</sup>. Both pupils competed to an excellent standard and should be proud of taking part in this elite event at the home of British athletics.

Well done to both pupils for this fantastic achievement at the end of a very busy term.



*Marie Seivewright*

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## Year 3-5 Girls Athletics Meeting

On Saturday morning 24 girls from Years 3, 4 & 5 took part in our Junior Athletics Meeting here at Downsend. Local school's CLFS, St Teresa's and Notre Dame joined us for an action packed morning.

All girls from Years 3, 4 and 5 competed in a sprint, a distance run, long jump and the ball throw. Each of these events culminated in a relay race at the end.

It was great to see nearly 100 girls competing and enjoying their sport on a glorious summer's morning. Well done to all the schools who took part and we look forward to seeing you all again at future events.

All the girls performed exceptionally well, whilst trying to remain hydrated on what turned out to be the hottest day of the year so far! The overall results were read out and it was great to see we came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in every age group.

Thank you to the Year 7 & 8 girls who helped us on the morning, it was great to see these girls show good leadership and initiative throughout the morning, whilst providing great role models for our younger girls. Not an easy thing to do after a week's residential but your support was invaluable. Thank you also to the staff and parents for your help on the day.



*Marie Seivewright*

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## Other Sporting News

Huge Congratulations to Ralphie & Alex in Year 6 who have been selected to represent Surrey County Cricket Club this Sunday versus Kent. These boys have played cricket together since they were 3 years old at Mini Crickets so it is fantastic that they get the opportunity to represent Surrey & Downsends School this weekend together. Good luck boys- Mr Albert will be there to cheer you on!



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Congratulations to Summer, Bella & Jessica Jane in Year 4 who took part in the Magic Netball Tournament in Sussex on Sunday representing Ashtead Allstars. The U9's came 2nd! Well done girls and Good luck in your tournament this Sunday!



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Lucas R in Year 5 recently completed his Tora-Kai judo grading and is now a green belt. His 5 years of dedication are paying off. Well done Lucas!



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Thomas D in Year 5 has completed his PADI Open Water Referral course which is the first step to becoming a qualified PADI Open water diver. All Thomas has to do now to become a fully certified PADI is to complete four open water dives. All of Thomas' training has been done through Downsend Plus. Great job Thomas, and what a fantastic photo!



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Well done to Oscar W in Year 3, who last Saturday competed in the Human Race Banana Event Scootathlon (Scootathlon, bike, run) at Dorney Lake winning his age category. Pictured here on the podium with his Uncle Chris (an ex Downsend Pupil) who came second in the triathlon team relay.



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## Surbiton Hockey Club Gold Medal Camp

The Gold Medal Camp is aimed at school years 1 - 11 and will include coaching from Argentine superstar and Olympic Gold Medallist Gonzalo Peillat as well as GB superstar and Olympic Gold Medallist Giselle Ansley - without doubt two of the biggest superstars in world hockey.

### **Gonzalo Peillat**

Olympic Gold Medallist, World Cup Bronze Medallist and leading drag flicker in the world will be coming Surbiton. Gonzalo is a former FIH International Rising Star of the Year winner and has played at both London and Rio (Gold). He also won a bronze medal at the 2014 World Cup in Breda where he was top goal scorer with ten goals. Gonzalo was also hugely influential in Argentina's gold medal success at Rio finishing the top goal scorer in the competition with 11 goals.

Gonzalo has scored a staggering 176 goals in 153 appearances for Argentina and he's still only 26.

We are delighted that we can welcome Gonzalo to SHC on the 22/7 as there really is no bigger star in men's world hockey at the moment!

### **Giselle Ansley**

Giselle is one of the most coveted players in international hockey at the moment with a combined 143 caps for England and GB. Another drag flick specialist Giselle famously won an Olympic Gold Medal at Rio and has repeatedly won domestic league and cup competitions in the UK. She is currently number one drag flicker for GB and is a great role model for any young player.

We are delighted that Giselle will coach on our camp on the 23/7!

PLACES WILL BE LIMITED ON THIS CAMP SO PLEASE PLEASE BOOK UP EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

BOOK ONLINE AT [WWW.SHCCAMPS.COM](http://WWW.SHCCAMPS.COM)

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## **Attendance at Clubs / Practices**

If your son/daughter is unable to attend a practice or sports club please can you ensure you let the PE department know in advance. We need to ensure that all our pupils are in the correct place at all times. Pick up from sports practices will be at the location of the practice, pupils will not be released to meet parents/carers at any other location.

## **Pick Up From Practices**

Just a quick reminder that all boys and girls must be picked up from the location of the practice by an appropriate adult. Children will not be able to leave to meet parents at any other location.

## **Team Sheets**

All team sheets are posted on the [Schools Sports](#) website at least 2 days in advance of the scheduled matches. Please do check through the calendar to see when all matches are for your child's year group. It is common practice that they are predominately on the same afternoon but on occasions this may differ.

Within the website you can either select the team, calendar option or by the sport. A small icon that looks like a little blue man will appear if the team sheet has been added. This provides all the information that will be needed for the match.

***Don't forget you will need the password to access the team sheets.***

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