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Relationships	To create positive relationships between staff parents & pupils.
Excite & Engage	To excite those playing, coaching and spectating and to engage an entire school community.
Set Standards	To set our own standards that all abide by in all that we do.
Participation	For all to take part in an environment that matches their level of ability.
Enjoyment	For all involved to enjoy the experience and the journey of school sport.
Compete to Win	To have the mindset of 'compete to win'. To not fear losing but see it as something to learn from.
Teamwork	Teamwork makes the dreamwork.

#TeamDownsend



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Message 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.

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

The Sports Department

Sports Clothing for Winter Weather

As the weather has now started to turn it is very important to make sure your son/daughter is fully prepared for sport outside. Please can you ensure that your son/daughter has a top and bottom base layer (under garments) to be worn under their sports kit. Additionally, the school tracksuit/contact top, a warm hat and any sport specific gloves would be ideal.

Match Results

All match results can be viewed on [Schoolsports](#).

Surrey Champions! U11 boys win the Surrey Prep Schools Cup



Under 11A footballers claimed the title of best team in Surrey by winning the Surrey Prep Schools Football Tournament on Friday afternoon. Having beaten several of the strongest schools in the county such as Hall Grove and Kings House in previous rounds we played Royal Russell in the final at the prestigious Charterhouse School. Having lost to Royal Russell in the semi-final of the IAPS Finals in Taunton this was our chance for revenge. Unfortunately, we started very poorly, allowing Royal Russell to dominate

possession and score 3 goals in the first half. Just before half-time we pulled one goal back with a super free kick from Teddy C. Although the boys were frustrated with themselves and disappointed by their first half performance they remained positive at half time and were instructed to simply believe in themselves!

In the second half the boys started to keep possession and move the ball with greater consistency and confidence. Over the course of the season the boys have struggled to remain positive with each other and have allowed the mental side of the game to affect their ability to play. On Friday this was not the case as they demonstrated immense teamwork, resilience and self-belief as a team. Within five minutes of the second-half Zac S converted a second goal and Royal Russell started to wobble. With 10 minutes to go James R on the left wing scored a 'worldy' in the top corner from the touch line and excitement rose as the boys really started to believe the comeback was on. Seb B and Bobby H continued to secure defence and link brilliantly with Ned S and the forward players. Alfie A, Robbie D and James R worked tirelessly on the wings both in attack and defence throughout the game. A quick rotation of Zac and Alfie in the last five minutes resulted in one more chance to score. Louis S started an attack that resulted in a great cross and outstanding composure from Alfie A to bring a ball out of the air and under control, before slotting it past the keeper with one minute to go. Royal Russell never knew what hit them and were unable to counter the desire and fighting spirit of the Downsend boys in the second half.

It has been an incredibly successful season so far, but the quality of football has never been in doubt. This group of boys is exceptionally special, and the Charterhouse staff were incredibly impressed by the quality and standard of football on display in the final.

However more than the quality of football on this occasion was the life lesson of that anything is possible with self-belief and an attitude of never giving up. On such a big occasion to have come back from 3-0 down to win 4-3 against such a strong Royal Russell side was truly unbelievable!

I was incredibly proud to witness this turnaround and I'm sure this memory will last in the minds of the boys for a very very long time to come.

Outstanding! I wish the boys all the very best for the ISFA's tournament in the summer term at St George's Park!

Mr Albert & Mr Evans

Team: Louis.S, Teddy. C, Ned.S, Bobby.H, Alfie.A, Seb.B, Robbie. D, James.R, Zac.S, Alex.G

The 'Legendary' Downsend perform highly at the British Modern Biathlon Finals



A couple of years ago at the British Schools Biathlon Final, Downsend School was described as 'Legendary' in the field of Biathlon, this rang true once again at last weekend.

Following on from the success at the Whitgift Biathlon 15 boys and girls from Downsend qualified to take part in the British Modern Biathlon in Nottingham at the weekend. This competition is another event that enables the pupils to improve on their times for the British Schools Finals in March.

A large number of competitors at this event participate in biathlon through specific pentathlon/biathlon clubs

and therefore the competition is tough, especially on the track with club runners dominating the field.

After a busy week at school, the pupils headed up to Nottingham ready to compete in this National final. The event started on the track with all pupils completing their run before heading into the pool. A number of personal bests were achieved on the track, knocking vital seconds off their times and adding valuable points to their overall scores. All the pupils ran extremely well, but a special mention to Tileena (Year 4) who was being challenged on the last 100m, but took the overall victory heading into the swim element of the competition.

After the performances on the track the boys and girls headed to the pool. Once again, the pupils showed strength in the water. Strong performances both in the pool and on the track ensured a great team score from all the pupils.

Once the boys and girls completed their event we then had the wait for the final results. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Tileena T is the U9 National Champion, our U11 Boys team are National Runners Up and our U11 Girls team are National Bronze Medalists. Congratulations to all involved.

We now look forward to the British School's Finals in March, which will be taking place in Bath.

I would like to thank all the pupils who participated in the competition; once again you performed strongly and with courage to succeed. It was a tougher competition but everyone should be proud of their achievements at a National Final! Thank you also to the parents for their continued support. Alongside the children and parents the biathlon has been supported again this year by Mr Popham and I would also like to express my thanks to him for his training sessions and support at the competitions.

Miss Seivewright

Competitors over the weekend included –

Tileena T, Lucas R, Lucas T, Andrew M-T, Kian D, Francesca W, Lauren LeQ, Sienna R and Sophia V

U7 Football Tournament

The U7's set up for their second tournament of the year after some great preparation over the previous 4 to 5 weeks working hard on their positioning and movement. All the boys have already developed enormously over the course of the last 2 months and this came to fruition on Saturday morning in the annual Lanesborough tournament.



The boys started strongly against Cumnor house and were unlucky not to walk away with a win after some brilliant football. They were initially denied by Ethan J who was in goal after he agreed to help Cumnor out who had a few latecomers, and if it wasn't for the outstanding goalkeeping by one of our own, we would have walked away deserved victors. Alas, we couldn't find that killer instinct and unfortunately drew 0-0 in a game the boys deserved a win from.

We followed this up with a game against Parkside where we took a lead thanks to an unbelievable individual run and effort from James S. Unfortunately this was short lived and Parkside took advantage of a few defensive mistakes as we struggled to get out of our half on a sloping pitch and we unfortunately lost 2-1. We then moved on to play a strong Lanesborough team who scored directly from 2 corners but despite Downsend creating numerous chances we couldn't convert any of them in our most disappointing performance of the morning.

All players then quickly forgot all that went before them performed superbly well against Longacre to score 3 goals in 3 minutes towards the end of the game thanks to 2 goals from Harry E and 2 glorious assists and a goal from Oscar S. The Downsend boys had truly found their metaphorical feet and played another Lanesborough side in their last game of the competition. With their movement, ball pace and positioning now in full flow, Harry E capitalised scoring a blistering hat-trick to go with his 2 goals the game before. Oscar S finished just ahead of Harry E as Downsend's man of the tournament after he impressed throughout the whole competition with his work rate, ball skills and passing. All the boys got numerous compliments from every referee that managed the game and their confidence should be through the roof after Saturday.

Football season is now in full flow and the boys should be commended after a working so hard in training over the past few weeks. Long may it continue!

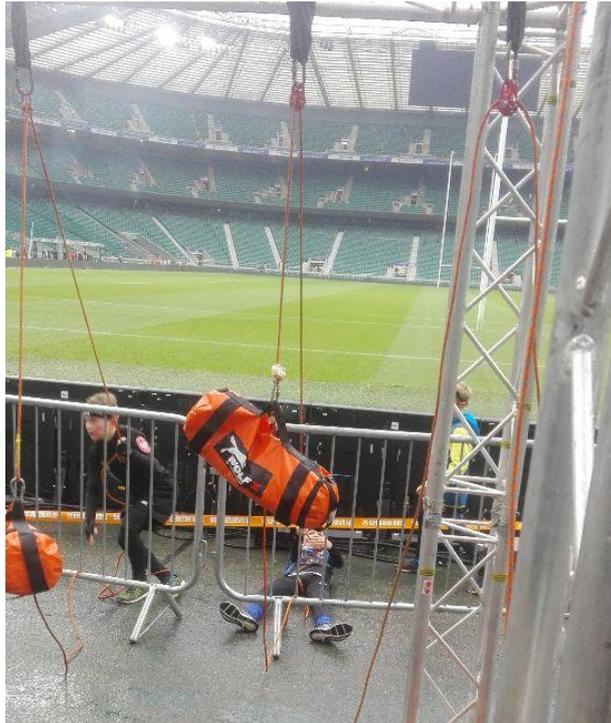
Mr Moore

Other Sporting News

Last weekend, Freddie C (3VB) competed in his final Obstacle Race of the season. This was a totally new race for him taking place at Twickenham Stadium. The course included many obstacles such as monkey bars, rope climbs, weighted carries up and down the steps and lifting a hoist that was heavier than his body weight!

He completed all with a huge smile on his face. An amazing achievement Freddie - Well done!





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.

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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