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DOWNSEND SPORT | #RESPECT



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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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Welcome to the Spring Term

Welcome back! The PE & Games department hope you all have had a fantastic Christmas break and are ready for term ahead. It has been great to witness the eagerness and willingness in our pupils to continue where they left off last term. On the netball court and rugby pitch, we have already seen commitment and a willingness to improve from all of our pupils, keep up the great work.

During this term the weather can be very unpredictable so 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.

Date Changes

There have been a couple of changes/additions to the calendar. Please see below.

- 28/1/2020 U11 Netball v Seaton House - cancelled.
- 24/1/2020 U8 Netball v Claremont now A-C
- 30/1/2020 Year 5 House Netball changed to 27/02/2020
- 13/2/2020 Girls Swimming v Hawthorns includes U12 and U13.
- 27/2/2020 U10 Surbiton High Netball changed to 30/01/2020
- 7/3/2020 U8 Netball Tournament at Reigate St Mary's
- 13/3/2020 U9-U13 Mixed Swimming v CLFS moved to 20/3/2020
- 17/3/2020 U11 Netball v Notre Dame and CLFS

Schools Sports will be updated accordingly.

Marie Seivewright

U11 Danes Hill Netball Tournament Saturday 11 January



An early start to a Saturday morning as we convened at Danes Hill to take part in their annual U11 Netball Tournament. With seven matches to play back to back the girls needed all their energy to compete. The tournament started well with the girls settling into their game quickly. The ball was moving nicely up the court and we had several opportunities to score. With each consecutive game played the girls made progress in creating space, driving towards the ball and defending. All the girls showed excellent resilience, determination and sportsmanship, which bodes well for the future. An excellent start to the season with much promise.

A quick mention must go to our supporting parents who were singled out in dispatches by Danes Hill, who commented that 'if there were a prize for the most supportive and encouraging parents, it would have gone to Downsend'. We applaud your support as it embodies our RESPECT ethos that we hope to embed throughout the school.

Mrs Hawes

Other Sporting News

Congratulations to Baylen B (4RD), who recently celebrated his end of year graduation at his martial arts club 'Hands Down', with an Orange belt. Brilliant work, Well Done Baylen!



And a little alumni news....

We are very proud of Sofia H who finished her time at Downsends last year, who is now 3rd in the World for Shotokan karate 13-14yrs, 4 kyu and below. 1st in Great Britain, as the silver was from Portugal and gold was from Poland.

Despite elbow and knee injuries, she has demonstrated the immense determination and resilience that we are so proud of at Downsends, to achieve this superb accolade. A very well done to Sophia!



Match Results

All match results can be viewed on Schoolsports.

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

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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