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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.

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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

Match Results

All match results can be viewed on Schoolsports .

U9 A's make great progress at the Shrewsbury House Rugby Festival

Having only played one game prior to attending the prestigious Shrewsbury House Festival, I admit I was slightly apprehensive on how the afternoon would unfold! My concerns subsided a little when on the coach in true Downsend style I overheard the boys talking about winning their first rugby tournament of the season! Looking at the draw I also felt at this point it wouldn't be appropriate to explain that we were playing some 2 term rugby schools and decided to simply allow their confidence to build. Which they did in great fashion with a superb start, beating the very large Dulwich Prep School 4 tries to 3. We moved the ball well and ran with a dynamism that was unstoppable. This impressive start continued as we then went on to beat the two term rugby school of Caldicott as well as Yardley Court. With outstanding commitment to tackling and defense, towards the end of our third game I was well and truly telling myself off for ever doubting our ability! In the final game of the group we ran out of steam a little against a direct and powerful Danes Hill side, resulting in us achieving second place!

A great start to the season with many positives – well done to all!

Harry L, Jake D, Kobi J, George G, Ryan D, Dylan W, Thomas C, Gregor D, Harrison J-H

Mr Albert

U10A Rugby Tournament at Shrewsbury House



The U10 A team started their season off just before Christmas with fixtures against Thomas' Clapham, but the Shrewsbury House annual U10 tournament meant that the season is now in full flow! In some rugby friendly conditions the tournament got under way with our first game against Northcote Lodge. Unfortunately a couple of errors by Downsend allowed the ball to be stripped, which made Northcote's first 2 scores easier than we would have liked, however the boys didn't allow their heads to go down after this defeat and showed some great character in the remaining fixtures.

They played a spirited Cranmore side who had won their first game and after learning from their errors in the first game, performed well in a much more direct and aggressive manor, which saw huge success. Riley N scored a superb solo effort after breaking 3 tackles which put Downsend back in with a chance of winning the game, but unfortunately Downsend couldn't convert their chances in the short time period. We moved onto the next game against Danes Hill again, with a bit more purpose and structure, and deservedly went 1-0 up thanks to a superb Aiden W score. Unfortunately, with the last play of the game, the Downsend boys let their standards drop for the first time in the game and conceded through the middle.

Having just come off the back of a draw, the Downsend boys went into their last group game against Kings

College Junior's. Having started well Downsend fell off a couple of tackles and ultimately came unstuck against a ruthless Kings side who scored 3 tries from only 4 attacks. Downsend managed to get a score of their own with Aiden W scoring another superb individual effort, but it wasn't to be in this game for the U10's.

The boys finished the competition off brilliantly in a game against the Barbarians side, made up of boys from Danes Hill, Dulwich Prep and Kings House players. The Downsend boys put in their best performance of the day working on retaining the ball and had clearly improved their contact skills in order to run out 2 tries to 1 winners in a tight game. Sam Y got himself a well-deserved try after a hard days work along with another impressive Aiden W try. There were 2 awards at the end of the day that were awarded out to the best tackler in the team and the most improved player. These went to Riley N and J Colten respectively after both had an incredibly impressive tournament.

A promising start to the rugby season, I look forward to seeing where it takes us!

Mr Moore

Secondary Swimming





Last weekend a team of 3 girls and 4 boys headed to The Spectrum to take part in the Secondary Individual Swimming Championships. These events are raced over 100m and 200m.

The first event for the girls saw Evie S take part in the Junior 100m Freestyle. A respectable swim from Evie who was competing against some extremely fast girls. Next up saw Elizabeth H take to the pool in the 100m Backstroke. Elizabeth once again performed strongly in the pool and finished in a very respectable 8th position. Then it was Alice U's turn in the 100m Breaststroke swimming against many girls from the year above. All girls swam extremely well against some fierce competition.

The afternoon was followed by the boys event which saw us take a bigger team than in previous years. First up Noah B-W competed in the 100m Freestyle, winning his heat. We waited patiently for the other heats to be completed and are proud to say that Noah finished in a fantastic first place. The next event was the 100m Backstroke. Leo L, who had never competed in this event before and was swimming against some strong competition, finished in the top 10.

Our final two competitors of the day were Thomas U in the 100m Breaststroke and James W in the 200m IM, who finished 7th and 6th respectively.

Well done to all the swimmers for their fantastic enthusiasm. You are a credit to yourselves and a pleasure to coach.

Marie Seivewright

Other Sporting News

A huge well done to Joe C (5AG), who was part of the U11 Surrey Squash team that won the National Inter-County Championship in Nottingham on 18th & 19th January. In his last match, Joe won 11-8 in a very tense deciding game to get Surrey over the line.



Jasper G (8Msg) is still busy with Scuba Diving in the holidays. While others go to Disney when visiting Florida, Jasper headed to the sunny Florida Keys just before Christmas for some more diving.

His goal of becoming one of the youngest Master Scuba Divers is progressing well. He completed four courses, Nitrox Diver, Search and Rescue, Performance Buoyancy and Boat Diver as well reaching a total of 28 dives which count towards the 50 needed to be a Master. Nitrox is enriched air, with more Oxygen than usual, which means you can stay down longer, but there is a great deal of maths and physics involved to make sure you are safe.

Once the weather warms up enough in April, he will be braving the colder waters of the English sea again to continue his favourite sport.

Truly impressive stuff Jasper, we look forward to hearing more on your scuba diving progress over the course of the next few months.



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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