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Sports Day!

An exciting pinnacle in many pupils' eyes which is keenly looked forward to throughout the year; Sports Day. A fun filled morning or afternoon of exciting competition leading to one Lower School House and one Upper School House being crowned Sports Day champions.

Support come from many different areas, from the parents to the pupils, from Wodson Park to the school kitchen, together they turned what is a rather complicated day into a smooth sailing success for all to enjoy.



With an array of exciting races and field events such as the obstacle race, the 4x100m sprint, javelin, long jump and the coit race, it was clear for everyone to see that all pupils had a will and drive to succeed to make their parents, teachers and most importantly of all, to make themselves proud.

A huge congratulations and thanks to everybody involved.

Lower School Sports Day Winners - Knebworth

Upper School Sports Day Winners - Hatfield

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Upper School Sports Award Winners

It is a tradition to award the year's sports awards to pupils in Upper School during Sports Day. Here is a full list of this year's award winners. Well done to all.



Award

Barret Cup for Cricket Ball Throwing
Best Rounders Batter
Best Rounders Fielder
Boddy Cup for Effort in Sport
Boys' Carter Cup for Sprinting
Boys' High Jump Award
Coley Cup for Enthusiasm in Cricket
Creasy Smith Cup for Most Improved Cricketer
Crook Cup for Netball Skills
Dale Cup for Sportsmanship
Douglas Trophy for Best Performing Rugby Player
Girls Carter Cup for Sprinting
Granville Football Trophy for Best Performing Footballer
Habershan Cup for Football Skills
Heath-Clarke Cup for All Round Sports-Person
Hutton Cup for Swimming
Johnson Cup for Best Football Team Player
Kara Stone Cup for Girls High Jump
Kiln Cup for Swimming

Pupil

Lucas G
Tamara E
Sophie N
Hayden M
Thomas A
Alexis K & Thomas A
Hamza A & Ross M
Jai K & Toby W
Innes M
Tilly C
Arthur P
Innes M
Jack C
George B
Maggie B
Sam C
Liam J
Lottie G & Tilly C
Iona L

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Award

McAllister-Povey Hockey Cup

Most Improved Netballer

Most Improved Rounders Player

Nicholson-Rolls Trophy for Boys' Individual Medley

Nicholson-Rolls Trophy for Girls' Individual Medley

Price Cup for Best Performing Netballer

Stevens Cup for Rounders Ball Throwing

Strudwick Cup for Cricket Bowling

Sutherland Cup for Batsman of the Year

Trophy for Most Improved Rugby Player

Victor Ludorum

Victrix Ludorum

Pupil

Mia H

Ella M

Ayo O

Thomas A

Grace S

Emily M

Ruby J

Jack B

Harrison Y

Alexis K

1st Place - Thomas A

2nd Place - Arthur P

3rd Place - Alexis K & Jack C

1st Place - Emily M

2nd Place - Innes M

3rd Place - Maggie B



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Duncombe Sports Personality

This year...

In every edition of this year's Duncombe Sport you will have seen two candidates for the Duncombe Sports Personality of the Year Award.

Here are this year's ten candidates who have all received a hard earned medal: Harry M (Yr1), Sofia S (Yr1), Leah B (Yr2), James W (Yr3), Matilda C (Yr3), Hagen W (Yr4), Luca T (Yr4), Louie C (Yr5), Zoe D (Yr5) & Ella M (Yr 6).

They have all managed to do extremely well this year in PE and Games, showing a first class attitude to learning, but unfortunately we may only choose one winner.



Our winner is...



The PE Department would like to say a huge congratulations to Zoe D in Year 5 who has been chosen as this year's Duncombe Sports Personality of the Year. Her behaviour, attitude and effort have been phenomenal in every single PE & Games lesson, as well as in school fixtures and House Sport events along the way to winning this award. Very well done.

We very much hope that it will be just as hard in the next academic year to pick ten candidates due to the high standard of behaviour and effort that all pupils show during PE and Games.



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Cognita Festival of Cricket

An U9 cricket squad travelled to Surrey for the Cognita Festival of Cricket during June in an attempt to learn, become better and further fill the Duncombe trophy cabinet.

The pupil's first game was against Kingscourt and the standard of cricket on display made this a very intense game for both sides. As the last ball was bowled Duncombe narrowly lost by a single run, 50-51.

They were not down-hearted by this however, fighting back strongly in their next game against a tough Downsend side, this time managing to win marginally by two runs, 33-31 and rightly so as Duncombe batted and fielded extremely strongly, displaying composure, good decision making and a high level of technique.

Duncombe continued in the same vein in their next match managing to win by a margin of 13 runs against Meoncross. Despite Meoncross putting up a good fight it was Duncombe who marched through with no mercy batting for four and six on regular occasions.

Despite one further defeat to the hands of a different Downsend side Duncombe managed to qualify for the Cognita Festival of Cricket Plate Final where they faced Quinton House. The team were a little tentative as Duncombe's batting pair faced the first over but after a few balls Duncombe were in the swing of things and batting for four and six once more. After some impressive bowling from the Duncombe pupils that belied their ages, Duncombe were worthy winners, winning the Cognita Festival of Cricket Plate Final by a very impressive 62 runs to 17.



A superb day of cricket. Well done to all those involved.
Squad: Archie D, Boris D, Connor H, Edward W, Elliott C, Hodge M & Jake C.



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Aquathlon



Wow! What another exciting trip to Caterham we had and the weather was glorious, which always helps. For those that do not know, an Aquathlon is an event that consists of a swim followed by a run. It needs lots of stamina, pace and determination in order to complete it. Seven Year 6 pupils were selected to take part in the event and all made Duncombe very proud. All pupils raced to the best of their ability and all really enjoyed it. Unfortunately Duncombe did not get any podium positions, however Tom A narrowly missed out on 6th Place by 3 seconds! He finished 7th out of 25 in his year group and 22nd out of the overall sprint boys category of 98 children. These 98 children were not only made up of Year 6's but Year 7 and Year 8 boys too. Well done Tom A.

A fantastic day out with all of Duncombe's pupils swimming and running extremely well, well done to you all.



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End of Year Sports Report

What a brilliant year we have had this year during PE and Games. There have just been so many achievements.

Having expertise in so many different areas of sport has really helped us to aspire to great things and I am very confident that this will continue next year.

Using local facilities, such as Haileybury, has really allowed our children to make further progress as they have attended activities such as the climbing wall and the Aquathlon.

Overall it has allowed our pupils access to a range of sporting opportunities that is ever growing.



The girls have performed extremely well this year in a variety of areas. Their overall unbeaten percentage has increased from last year and we will aim to increase this further as well as gaining many more achievements along the way. One significant achievement is Duncombe's U11 Netball team were victorious in the Annual York Netball Trip where they came home Trophy Winners, a very proud moment for Mrs Price and I. The U9 Rounders team have shone losing only one match in the entire term and even this was by a narrow 2 rounders! Well done to all the girls at Duncombe for their sporting impact.

It has been a good year for Boys' Sport on the sports fields as they managed to increase their overall unbeaten percentages considerably from last year. During Boys' fixtures they managed to remain unbeaten in 65% of their matches this year. Huge credit must go to the pupils that listen carefully to instructions from the PE Department as they look to improve their performances, as well as being credited for the effort and work-rate that they show time and time again during fixtures.

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...“End of Year Sports Report” continued.

Among an array of achievements this year the Boys have managed to once again win the eight-year-old U11 Cognita Football Shield for no less than the fourth time in the last five years. I know this is something that Mr Sopher is extremely pleased with, as am I. As well as a selection of other sports tournaments next year I am sure Mr Sopher will lead a strong campaign during this competition once again.



We thank Mr Douglas for all the work he has put in with the PE Department since his time at Duncombe, along the way he has consistently delivered high quality lessons and offered expert support and guidance; this will be greatly missed. We would like to wish him the best of luck in his new role and we are confident he will do a brilliant job. I would like to also thank Mrs Price and Mr Bedingfield for giving up their time to take us to fixtures this year. Without their support Duncombe would not be able to succeed as much as it does.

As we look forward to next year we will continue to deliver high quality learning for our pupils whilst giving them as many sporting opportunities as possible. We will be looking forward to working with Mrs Price and Mr Danny Granville even closer next year as we look to utilise their experience and knowledge to support our teaching.

Miss H. Varney - Head of PE & Games



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Sports Captains' Column

As our Sports Captains, Jack C and Maggie B, prepare to leave Duncombe and move on to further challenges they thought it would be a good idea to be interviewed themselves about their sporting life at Duncombe.



What has been your favourite sporting moment at Duncombe?

MB: "Playing in a Festival of Sport at a local school where the girls and I got to play Rugby, Football, Hockey and Netball all in the same tournament and we managed to win almost all of our games!."

JC: "Winning the Cognita Festival of Football. We worked very hard, conceded only one goal and did not lose a single game."

Do you remember your first ever sports fixture at Duncombe and how it went?

MB: "It was against St Joseph's in the Park in Year 3. We managed to draw 1-1. I really enjoyed it."

JC: "Yes, we played in a football tournament in Year 3. I am not sure we did very well, we have definitely improved a lot since then."

What has sport at Duncombe given you?

MB: "Fantastic memories. I have participated in so many sports whilst being here and learnt from all those experiences."

JC: "Loads and loads of great memories! I will take all that I have learnt and use it in my future."

Have you got any other memories of sport at Duncombe?

MB: "I remember a great game called 'Indiana Jones'. I am sure many other pupils in Duncombe have played it too."

JC: "I remember playing the great 'Four-Corner' game. It was a game that let you practice a host of skills in Football, Netball and Hockey."

MB & JC: "Good luck to Lottie G and George M for taking over the Sports Captains roles from us. We wish them all the best."



*Left:
This year's Sports Captain Jack C (right) shaking hands with George M (left) next year's Sports Captain.*

*Right:
This year's Sports Captain Maggie B (left) shaking hands with Lottie G (right) next year's Sports Captain.*



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Recent Results

Results

* = Player of the Match

Cricket

U9

Winners of the Cognita Festival of Cricket

Archie D, Boris D, Connor H, Edward W, Elliott C*,
Hodge M & Jake C.

Abandoned Due To Weather vs St Edmund's Prep

Daniel M, Elliot F, Eric Y, Frazer F, Hagen W, Jake B, James
G, Jonathan D, Luca T, Murray F, Samuel O, Zane B
& Zeno F.

Rounders

U11

Duncombe lost vs Heath Mount

Maggie B, Ella M, Emily M, Grace S, Innes M, Iona L,
Lottie G*, Mia H, Ruby J & Tamara E.

Duncombe lost vs Heath Mount

Aisling C, Amber D, Charlotte E-E, Scarlett H, Emma C,
Maddie C, Katie H, Florence D & Zoe D*.

U9

Duncombe won vs St Edmund's Prep

Ava B, Bella G, Bethany N, Christina F, Hannah C,
Lucy M & Olivia H.

Duncombe won vs St Edmund's Prep

Amber W, Annabel O, Bella C, Charlotte P, Emily H,
Emily S, Harriet C, Maddie B, Megan C & Zoe S.

Overall This Term

Fixtures - Undefeated in 61% of matches.

Overall This Year

**Fixtures - Undefeated in 65% of
matches.**

**Tournaments - Undefeated in 73%
of matches.**



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Upcoming Fixtures

Boys

Football

U11 (U11 & U10 Mixed)

17/09/16 - St Edmund's Prep Football Tournament (A)

20/09/16 - vs Bishop's Stortford College (A)

27/09/16 - vs St Joseph's in the Park (H)

04/10/16 & 05/09/16 - House Football

07/10/16 - ISFA Football Tournament (A)

12/10/16 - vs St Edmund's Prep (A)

U9

23/09/16 - vs St Edmund's Prep (A)

13/10/16 - vs Heath Mount (A)

Girls

Netball

U11 (U11 & U10 Mixed)

21/09/16 - vs Kingshott (A)

28/09/16 - vs Friends' School (H)

04/10/16 & 05/09/16 - House Netball

08/10/16 - Sports Festival (A)

11/10/16 - St Joseph's in the Park (A)

12/10/16 - St Edmund's Prep (A)

U9

23/09/16 - vs St Edmund's Prep (A)



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