



Duncombe Sport

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Welcome Back

Another year of exciting sport is upon us. It is amazing how the Duncombe Sport is now in its second year. I would like to thank all the families that take the time to read the articles and I hope you will continue to enjoy and read this year's Duncombe Sport. Mr Le Tissier has moved to Girls' Games for the first two terms to help teach Year 5 and 6 Hockey and Mr Granville will be in school every Tuesday and Wednesday teaching Football and Rugby with the Year 5 and 6 boys alongside Mr Sopher. Mr Granville will also be supporting the department when Mr Sopher and I are offsite on sports fixtures. As always Mrs Price is on standby to help drive, coach and umpire fixtures.

This year we are hosting an inaugural football tournament for U11s and we are proud to announce our new U11-U9 home football pitch based at Hartham which has already been successfully used by the U11 team twice where they remain unbeaten to date. This is thanks to our close link with Hartham Leisure Centre and this will allow us to have further home fixtures in the future. Plans are also in motion to utilise our local rugby club, Hertford Rugby Club, which is situated between Hertford and Ware which will be used in the Spring Term to host home rugby fixtures.

Finally, this year the PE and Games Department would like to celebrate your child's sporting success even more. If your child has attained a commendable sporting achievement and you would like their photo to be displayed on "The PE Hall of Fame" please send your pictures into me with an explanation as to what your child has achieved.

Miss Varney

Head of PE & Games



[Get to know your PE & Games Department](#)

Above, from left: [Mr Granville](#) - Games Teacher.

[Miss Varney](#) - Head of PE & Games Department, PE Teacher and Girls' Games Organiser.

[Mrs Price](#) - Games Teacher.

[Mr Sopher](#) - PE Teacher and Boys' Games Organiser.

[Mr Le Tissier](#) - Games Teacher

Left: [Mr Price](#) - Games Assistant



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U11 St Edmund's Football Tournament

The U11 football team kicked off their season with the annual St Edmund's Prep Tournament. After finishing runners-up last year there was a feeling that perhaps this was our year.

Duncombe started with a tentative 1-0 win against Howe Green and were ready for the next challenge. Despite playing well and putting in a good show of themselves they succumbed to a 1-0 defeat to St Aubyns when perhaps a draw would have been a better reflection of the game.

Duncombe showed no signs of swaying from their task though as they stormed forwards to beat a St Edmund's side 3-0. Some flowing football and three clinically taken goals saw them brush off the challenge of this St Ed's side. With another win under their belts they then played Loyola but despite Duncombe deserving the win they had to settle for a 0-0 draw.

Another Duncombe rout saw them beat a different St Aubyns side 4-0. There was not much to say about this game other than Duncombe were simply too good for their opposition. Next up was another St Edmund's team. Perhaps their prior 4-0 win led to complacency, perhaps Duncombe were just unlucky, but for whatever reason they went on to narrowly lose 1-0 despite defending very effectively.

That was Duncombe's group stage finished and the ten points they had managed to gain throughout this group stage had qualified them for the semi-finals.

Rather bizarrely, they faced the St Edmund's team once again that they had just lost to minutes earlier. Pay back was in order, but despite Duncombe being the better of the two teams it finished 0-0. To penalties again, was the order given by the referee. Duncombe had lost in this competition on penalties for the previous two years; surely this was the year for Duncombe to get the luck they rightly deserved. Unfortunately luck is not always around when required and this resulted in Duncombe losing this penalty shootout.

Despite some sad faces the penalty defeat in the semi-final qualified Duncombe for the 3rd placed play-off.

Through their semi-final disappointment Duncombe mustered the desire and character to win against Loyola 1-0 to finish this year's St Edmund's Prep Tournament in third place; the very least they deserved for some very good football. Well done to all nine boys involved.

Squad: Ethan G, Freddie H, George M, Henry H, Joshua P, Louie C, Louis Y, Samuel S & Ted R.



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Girls' Multi-Sports Festival

On a very drizzly day the U11 girls, with some help from the U10 girls, took part in Heath Mount's annual Multi-Sports Festival. The festival is not competitive and is held to encourage girls to play a range of different sports. It was brilliant fun and there was never a dull moment. With only seven players the girls did not have much time to rest during matches, however even when they were extremely exhausted they continued to work hard and perform brilliantly. The girls played touch rugby, hockey, football and netball.

Three children out of our team of seven received awards for their brilliant representation and effort during the games.

- * Bethany N won a medal for hockey.
- * Bella G won a medal for football.
- * Ashley B won a trophy for best overall Duncombe player.

Well done to all the children who played and thank you to all the parents who came and supported us.



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U9 Lochinver Football Tournament

An U9 team travelled to Lochinver House on the 6th October and worked phenomenally hard during a seven match round-robin competition. Despite a variety of results not going Duncombe's way, all boys involved should be congratulated on the sheer amount of effort that they put in to every single match that they faced against a continuously high calibre of opposition.

Despite coming up against tough opposition and facing adversity the PE Department were delighted with the team's spirit and positive attitude throughout the tournament.

This will serve the team well and with lots of positives to take from the experience there will be plenty of opportunities to celebrate success in the future.

Very well done: Aler E, Dylan C, Ethan B, Freddie M, Henry M, Henry S, James W, Joshua K, Toby F.



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External Sports Clubs & Sports Camps

Last year so many of our pupils played for at least one external sports club and many pupils joined a sports club for the very first time.

Duncombe's Sports Captains asked a few different people what they think the positives are of playing for a sports team outside of school?

Sports Captains: *"What do you think the benefits are of playing for a sports team outside of Duncombe?"*

Miss Varney: *"Playing team sports has a positive effect on your health in the short-term and the long-term. If you like a certain sport then I would very much encourage you to join a club outside of school."*

Mr Sopher: *"It is going to help you improve at that particular sport. It helps pupils to develop their technique and understanding. I have also met some of my best friends through sports clubs."*

Mr Granville: *"I think you really understand a sport when you play it week in week out at an outside club."*

Mrs Price: *"I have always loved being part of a team. It has always kept me fit and healthy."*

Please do not hesitate to contact the PE & Games Department if you have any questions about club memberships.

Netball

Hertford Heath Rangers

Age Groups: U9 –U14

Contact Details:

For full details please email hertfordheathrangers@outlook.com for details of times and venues.

Turnford Netball Club

Age Groups: U8- U11

Contact Details:

Maureen Ball: 01992 463634 or for more information browse our website:
<http://www.turnfordnetballclub.co.uk/contact/>

Other Clubs also include :

Wodson Park, Hertford Hornets, Tegate

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Football

Bengeo Tigers

Age Groups:

U7-U11

Contact Details:

<http://www.bengeotigers.org.uk/about/contact/>

Bury Rangers

Age Groups:

U7-U11

Contact Details:

<http://www.buryrangers.co.uk/contact-us/>

Hertford Town Youth

Age group:

U5-U11

Contact Details:

<http://www.hertfordtownyouth.co.uk/>

Rugby Clubs & Camps

Hertford Rugby Club

Age Group:

U7-U11

Contact Details:

http://www.hertfordrfc.co.uk/officials_contact_mini.htm



ENHANCE YOUR RUGBY

With Junior Sharks Rugby Camps Run by James Storey

James Storey is an ex-professional rugby player who will be coaching boys at Duncombe from Years 3-6 during Games lessons in the Spring Term.

The PE & Games Department see this a golden opportunity for all boys from Year 3-6 to begin preparation for the Spring Term when they will be taking part in Rugby during Games. We also think this is a great chance for girls to get involved with a fantastic game if they have yet to try it. Here are the details:

Tues 25th & Wed 26th October at Hertford Rugby Football Club situated between Hertford and Ware. Please go to juniorsharksrugby.com to book your place. Boys and Girls from 6-16 years old.

SPECIAL OFFER - Refer a friend and receive a 50% discount.

Datchworth Rugby Club

Age Group :

U7-U11

Contact Details:

01438 812490

Hockey

Hertford Hockey Club

Age group:

U7-U11

Contact Details:

<http://www.hertford-hockey.co.uk/contact/>



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Duncombe Sports Personality

This year...

In every edition of Duncombe Sport you will find two candidates for the Duncombe Sports Personality of the Year Award.

Each half term two pupils will be carefully chosen, one from Lower School and one from Upper School, who have made a significant impact in Games and PE.

At the end of the academic year one pupil will be chosen from ten candidates to be the overall Duncombe Sports Personality of the Year Award Winner. Last year's winner, Zoe D in Year 6, will hand over the award to the new winner in July 2017.



This half term...

We would like to congratulate the following two pupils who have been picked as candidates for the Duncombe Sports Personality of the Year Award.

Lower School: Emily P (Year 1)

Upper school: Ted R (Year 6)

Both pupils have excelled in a variety of areas this half-term within PE and Games. Their attitude has been of the highest calibre and this has resulted in them progressing at a fast rate over the last seven weeks.

Well done to both.



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Sports Captains' Column

A warm welcome from us. We are Duncombe's Sports Captains this year. We are Lottie G and George M from Year 6. Each issue we plan to give you an insight into sport at Duncombe. We thought we would start off by interviewing our very own Duncombe sports star and ex-professional footballer Danny Granville.

Name: Danny Granville

Job: Arsenal Youth Coach, Duncombe PE & Games Coach. Ex-Professional Footballer.

Nationality: English.

Premier League Football Teams Played For: Chelsea, Man City & Crystal Palace.

Capped by England Under 21s.

Interesting Fact: Mr Granville was once bought for £1.6 million by Leeds United from Chelsea.



Mr Granville being interviewed by George M and Lottie G.



DG: Mr Granville

GM: George M

LG: Lottie G

LG: Where did you grow up and what football team did you support?

DG: I grew up in Islington in London. The local team was Arsenal so I supported them, it is also who my dad supported. My brother supported Tottenham and we shared a room together so half the bedroom was red and white and the other half was blue and white. I also used to like Manchester United because of Bryan Robson who was the England captain at the time.

GM: Where did your enthusiasm start for football?

DG: Probably from my dad. He loved football. My brother was only two years younger than me so we were always playing football. We used to have a concrete football pitch across the road from us,

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Danny lining up for Chelsea in the old Europa League Cup Final - Second from the right on the back row.

the ones with metal goals, so we would go there and play all day. Your imagination would run wild pretending you were all manner of different players.

MB: When did you start playing Football?

DG: When I was knee high. I was always kicking a football. Even inside the house, much to the annoyance of my parents! I played whenever I could.

GM: When did you start to realise you were good at football?

DG: I remember playing in football tournaments when I was young and the response I was getting from the adults made me think that perhaps I was not bad at this?

LG: Did you star at any other sports growing up at school?



Danny, left, celebrating with Crystal Palace striker Andy Johnson, right.

DG: I tried different sports and I think it is really important to try lots of different sports when you are young. At primary school it was always football for me. I tried rugby in secondary school and I liked athletics a lot. I used to really enjoy Sports Day, I did not always win but that did not matter.

GM: What football clubs did you play for?

DG: Cambridge United which was difficult because I had to move away from home at a young age. I signed a professional contract there. Then I moved on to Chelsea, then to Leeds United, then to Manchester City. I had a spell at Norwich and then I moved on to Crystal Palace.

GM: Which was your favourite club?

DG: There were ups and downs with all of them. But I had great times at all of the clubs I played for. Some great atmospheres like when I use to play at home for Manchester City.

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LG: When did you sign your first professional contract?

DG: I signed my first professional contract at 18 for Cambridge. I was on a youth scheme before that but luckily they signed me.

GM: What was your backup plan if you could not make it as a footballer?

DG: My dad worked in tele-communications. I think if football had not worked out then probably something in that area.

LG: Did you have to give anything up in order to become a professional footballer?

DG: Yes, there are a lot of sacrifices that you have to make. Like I said, I had to move away from home at a young age so you have to sacrifice time with your family and your friends.

GM: What position did you use to play in and what did you think that you use to bring to the team?

DG: I think I was able to play in different positions which was good, I was versatile. I played predominately at left back but had the ability to play in other positions. I was an honest player and I would like to think that I always gave everything I had for my team.

LG: What was your worst injury playing football?

DG: I was out for about a year actually when I was 30. I ended up with some very bad bone bruising through wear and tear. I only managed to make one appearance that year but I did score!



Danny, right, tussling with Chelsea player Joe Cole, left, during a Premier League match.

LG: Who is the best player you ever played with or against?

DG: Yes it has got to be Gianfranco Zola. But I was also fortunate to play in the England Under 21s so I was fortunate enough to play with the likes of Michael Owen, Frank Lampard, Rio Ferdinand. But overall it has to be Zola. I played against Joe Cole for Crystal Palace against Chelsea and he was a very tough opponent.

GM: As you said, you were capped by England Under 21s. Were you ever close to playing for England's senior team?

DG: Yes, there was talk at times in the media, because I was a young English player coming through. Unfortunately I was not quite able to get that next step up.

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'Sports Captains' Column' continues...

LG: What is the best goal you ever scored?

DG: Best goal... There was one I scored for Chelsea in Europe (in the old Europa league). I was not that great with my right foot but there was also one I scored for Crystal Palace with my right foot.

GM: What was your most memorable moment in football?

DG: Hmmm, three come to mind. A cup final (old Europa League) when we beat German side Stuttgart in Europe. It was 0-0 and then Zola came on towards the end of the game and he scored the winner. Another was when we got promoted with Crystal Palace at the Millennium Stadium into the Premier League. The last is representing my country and playing for the England Under 21s.

LG: Now you coach at Duncombe every week. Why do you like coaching?

DG: It is what I know. I have been in football for most of my life. But I enjoy what it brings. It brings discipline, teamwork and individual brilliance.

GM: And you also coach at Arsenal? What is that like and is it hard?

DG: It is different! It is very professional as you might imagine. It is absolutely amazing to see the talent. When you first go in and you see this passing and moving that is so quick you just think to yourself, "Wow! How are these young kids doing this at their age." It is great to see the kids develop though and it is fantastic to think some of these kids are going to play for Arsenal's first team one day.

LG & GM: Thank you Mr Granville.



Danny, centre, celebrating after scoring a right-footed goal for Crystal Palace.



Gianfranco Zola, left, scoring in the old Europa League Cup Final for Chelsea against Stuttgart.



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Youth Page

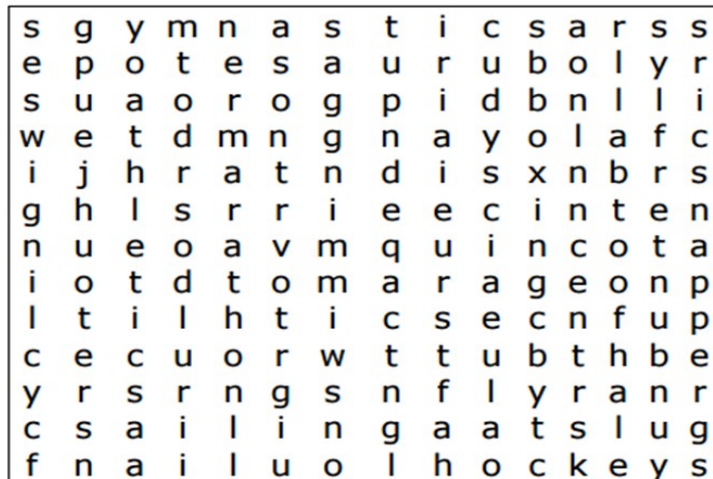
The Duncombe Sport Riddle

Three house points for you if you can tell Mr Sopher or Miss Varney the correct answer.

Q. Two baseball teams played a game. One team won but no man touched base. How could that be?

Answer in next half-term's issue.

Olympic Sports Word Search



athletics
swimming
marathon
football
hockey

fencing
cycling
gymnastics
boxing
sailing



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Recent Results

Results

* = Player of the Match

Football

U11

U11 St Edmund's Prep Tournament

Finished 3rd

Duncombe 1-0 Howe Green

Duncombe 0-1 St Aubyns

Duncombe 3-0 St Edmund's Prep

Duncombe 0-0 Loyola

Duncombe 4-0 St Aubyns

Duncombe 0-1 St Edmund's Prep

Semi Final: Duncombe 0-0 St Edmund's Prep
(StE. won on penalties)

Third Placed Play-Off: Duncombe 1-0 Loyola

Ethan G, Freddie H, George M, Henry H,
Joshua P, Louie C, Louis Y*, Samuel S & Ted R.

Duncombe 6-1 Bishop's Stortford College

Ethan G, Freddie H, George M*, Henry H,
Hodge M, Joshua P, Louis Y, Samuel S, Ted R.

Duncombe 15-0 Bishop's Stortford College

Archie D, Boris D, Connor H, Daniel M,
Edward W, Elliott C, Jake B, Jake C,
Jonathan D.

Duncombe 3-3 St Joseph's in the Park

Ethan G, Freddie H, George M, Henry H,
Hodge M, Joshua P, Louis Y, Samuel S*,
Ted R.

Duncombe 3-1 St Joseph's in the Park

Archie D, Connor H, Edward W, Francesco F,
Hagen W, Jake B, Jake C, James G, Samuel O,
Zeno F.

Duncombe 0-0 St Edmund's Prep

Connor H*, George M, Hodge M, Jake C,
Joshua P, Louie C, Louis Y, Samuel S, Ted R.

Duncombe 3-4 St Edmund's Prep

Archie D, Daniel M, Elliott C, Francesco F,
Henry H, Jake B, Jonathan D*, Samuel O,
Xavier F.



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Duncombe 2-1 St Edmund's Prep

Adam W*, Alastair R, Elliot F, Eric Y, Frazer F,
Jacob W, Jake M, James G, Luc S, Max M,
Murray F, Nicholas H, Zane B.

U9

Duncombe 1-2 St Edmund's Prep

Aler E, Dylan C, Ethan B, Elliott P, Henry S,
Henry M*, Joshua K, Toby F.

Duncombe 2-5 St Edmund's Prep

Dominic K, Harry F, James W, Jaxson B,
Kieran P, Koray E, Rupert D, Sebastian M.

Lochinver Football Tournament

Aler E, Dylan C, Ethan B, Freddie M, Henry M,
Henry S*, James W, Joshua K, Toby F.

Heath Mount Festival

Aler E, Dominic K, Dylan C, Elliott P, Elliot M,
Ethan B, Freddie M, Harry F, Henry S, Hugo B,
Jaxon C, Jaxson B, Jensen C, Jude B, Koray E,
Sebastian M, Thomas H, Toby F.

Netball

U11

Duncombe 15-0 Walden School

Olivia H, Bethany N, Hannah C, Charlotte M,
Lottie G, Amber W, Maddie B, Zoe S, Ava B.

Duncombe 6-12 St Joseph's in the Park

Ava B, Hannah C, Lucy M, Sadie C,
Charlotte M*, Lottie G, Ashley B, Maddie P.

Duncombe 0-5 St Joseph's in the Park

Zoe D, Annabel O, Christina F, Bella G,
Isabelle F, Mayze M, Maddie C, Harriet C,
Sophia G.

Duncombe 2-2 St Edmund's Prep

Ashley B, Lottie G, Madeline P., Ava B Lucy
M, Sadie C, Hannah C

Duncombe 4-1 St Edmund's Prep

Bella C Ellie S, Emily H, Emily S, Megan C
Amber W, Bethany N, Jessica M, Zoe D

U9

Duncombe 2-4 St Edmund's Prep

Elizabeth B, Matilda C, Torri H, Georgina F,
Jessica M, Aderike O, Millie K.

Duncombe 2-0 St Edmund's Prep

Samantha A, Cece E, Connie N, Ava S,
Rosie A, Maya B, Maya D, Kea W.



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Upcoming Fixtures

Boys

Football

U11 (U11 & U10 Mixed)

- 02/11/16 - vs Sherrardswood (A)
- 09/11/16 - vs St Christopher's (A)
- 18/11/16 - Stevenage FC Tournament (A)
- 22/11/16 - 5-a-side Duncombe Prep Football Tournament (H)
- 23/11/16 - vs Westbrook Hay (A)
- 30/11/16 - vs The Walden School (H)

U9

- 29/11/16 - vs St Joseph's in the Park (A)

U8

- 17/11/16 - vs St Edmund's Prep (A)

U7

- 14/11/16 - vs St Edmund's Prep (H)

Girls

Netball

U11 (U11 & U10 Mixed)

- 02/11/16 - vs Sherrardswood (A)
- 15/11/16 - vs St Joseph's in the Park (H)
- 23/11/16 - vs Westbrook Hay (A)
- 30/11/16 vs St Christopher's (A)

Hockey

U11 (U11 & U10 Mixed)

- 16/11/16 - vs Heath Mount (A)



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