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Sports Report: Short Half, Week 12

Thursday 2nd December

Fencing: vs Bradfield College (h)

Foil A: 45-23

Foil B: 45-29

Epee: 44-42

Sabre: 36-45

Rackets: 1st Team vs Harrow School (a)

This is always a key fixture in the rackets calendar and especially so this time owing to the £1,000,000 refurbishment of their 'old court'. Being originally built in 1862, this was the first school court to be constructed. Although very different to ours, it played surprisingly well with few rollers off the back wall which encouraged rallying play. 2nd pair, George Nutting and George Gardiner, fought robustly levelling at 1 game all but finally lost 3-1. Bertie Vallat and Henry Nicholls secured their normal clinical win 3-0 with consistent rallying and dominant serving. JC pair, Jack Bristowe and Ollie Frost, playing at this level for the first time secured a similar result. The match of the day was undoubtedly at 1st pair level. Oli Gibbon and Archie Sillars competed fiercely coming back from initially a first game loss and then from the third, forcing a decider. Harrow was a formidable pair and it was a remarkable achievement to stay with them on their home court. So close was the contest that it went finally to a set and match point to Winchester. Oli served in his usual calm, adept way but the rally went to Harrow who served out for the win. Over all this was an admirable performance on an away court. (TERC)

Squash v Charterhouse (a)

U18A: Lost 2-3

U14A: Lost 1-6

Saturday 4th December

Soccer v Wellington College / Lord Wandsworth College

What a great way for **Soccer XI** to finish the term, a 7-1 victory over Wellington College. As the season has progressed the group have played better and better and thoroughly deserved the victory today. Five up at half time having played some lovely free flowing football it was pleasing to see a clinical edge to the team's performance; we converted a large number of the chances created, something we have not done enough of earlier in the season.

The second half saw more excellent play but we were only able to convert two of the many chances we created and we did let Wellington in for a consolation. Goal scorers were the front two, Casper Hall (3) and Harry Coombs (2); Luca Ryan and Fergus Brant both scored with headers at the far post, one from a great delivery from Axel Blakey and the other from Sebastian Fennell's providing quality delivery from corners.

We have played some lovely football this term and only lose Ollie Graham, Charles Tang, Axel Blakey, Harry Coombs and Tristan Wigley from the squad for next season. These Senior boys have been excellent throughout the term, helping the younger boys during games and training sessions. There is a strong squad remaining who can build on the foundations laid by these boys.

Well done boys. (JRD & MSB)

A very satisfying way to end the 2nd XI Season and in the end the match was a comfortable 6-1 success against Wellington. The boys, as they have all season, played with a good tempo and great attitude on a difficult, sticky pitch especially through the middle.



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We agreed beforehand of the need to move the ball quickly out to the wings and did so well throughout the game. We scored inside the first two minutes when a ball in from the right found Lloyd who slotted home well with his left foot. Unfortunately, we went to sleep in midfield and gave the ball away which resulted in a quick break from the opposition and a ball over the top which the Wellington forward ran onto and scored with a fine finish. The rest of the half was quite even until Jack Holden scored with a great finish into the bottom corner.

The second half was excellent. With good build up play, Luke Paviour and Paul Edwards drove us forward from midfield and we scored further goals from Freddie (2), Paul Edwards, Harry Inglis and an Alex Foster penalty. It was great to see so many of the senior boys scoring for the school in their last game.

The season overall has been an enjoyable one. I think the Coach only had to have a few stern words after one of the games! I have seen improvements both individually and collectively as a team, training sessions have been committed and fun too. Well done to all who have played in the Second XI this Year., thank you for your energy, attitude and commitment. (PNG)

Having had a tough run of fixtures since the **Junior Colts A** last played Wellington the squad were keen to show the progress they have made. Helped by an almost fully available squad and a quick coach journey we were able to have a full warm up - a rarity for an away fixture.

The tone was set early with the boys controlling possession and consistently threatening the opposition goal drawing some excellent saves from their keeper and some last gasp defending we would have been proud of ourselves. Tim netted a brace but there could have been any number of different goal scorers were it not for a strong rear-guard action - the travelling crowd were certainly enjoying the entertainment.

Half time and two goals to the better and the coaches could focus on the positive progress made through the season, with a slight warning of the danger of conceding on the break. A fantastic team goal initiated with a well-placed roll from Tony was then continued and finished by Seb but the quick interplay and support needs almost as much praise as the finish itself. Moyo added to the score line when their keeper miskicked straight to him on the left wing before we were caught out on the counter to give the opposition a consolation goal. Tim rounded off both the score line and his hat trick with a well struck penalty late on. Again, more goals could have come, but a much more convincing shoreline and performance than the last fixture, showing that the tough games have both quickened and improved our team game. W1-5 (BMG & JPT)

The **Yearling's A** began this game very positively and soon earned ourselves the lead. Claisse's ball into the box struck an arm and Captain Hampel duly stepped up and slotted the penalty into the left corner. Xiao soon added to our lead with a well-placed shot from just inside the box. Xiao continued to make good use of the ball from midfield as he received a header from Vorobev and then lifted the ball over the Wellington defenders quickly. Kingsbury ran onto the pass with perfect timing and then lifted the ball over the onrushing keeper for our third. He added another before half time with a tap in after some hard work down the left-hand side from himself and Kennedy.



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Whilst the team continued to rotate each player kept the pressure high and tried to move the ball swiftly on to teammates. Claisse was put through on goal before calmly squaring a pass for Kennedy to score with ease. Claisse then provided two further assists as Street headed in two from corners, although the first might have been more shoulder than head. Kingsbury completed his hat-trick and then added one more for luck before the end.

Whilst the goal scorers take the glory a lot of credit must go to the rest of the squad who all played their part in this team performance. Most pleasingly for the coach and keeper, we earned our first clean sheet which has been hard earned by Coles who has made so many good saves throughout the season. Hawkins, Jackson and James-Duff all played their part in completing this shut-out, as did Rich who played well just in front of them. Hopefully the group have learnt lots from their experiences this term and grow into a stronger team next year as a result of the challenges they have faced together. W0-9 (JMB)

Other results: SCA W4-2 v Wellington College 6th XI L1-0 v Lord Wandsworth 1st XI

House Football

Last week saw the culmination of the term-long House football competitions, Flower Pot & Ellis Pot. The senior competition saw Furley's take the title with the championship only decided in the final round of matches. Ellis Pot was also a very close affair with Hopper's securing first place by just one point over Cook's and Phil's.

	Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	A	11	9	1	1	28
2	H	11	8	1	2	25
3	X	11	9	0	2	24
4	C	11	7	2	2	23
5	G	11	6	2	3	20
6	I	11	6	2	3	17
7	B	11	3	4	4	13
8	D	11	3	2	6	11
9	F	11	3	1	7	10
10	E	11	2	2	7	8
11	K	11	1	1	9	4
12	Zs	11	0	0	11	0

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Swimming: Swim England National Winter Championships (Sheffield)

Fourth year pupil Jacob Hudson (B) competed in the Swim England National Winter Championships over the weekend. Jacob trains with Winchester City Seagulls swim club combining multiple hours a week of pool time with land training including some very early morning starts each week. At the weekend Jacob improved his personal bests in both the 50m and 200m breaststroke events to put himself into the top 25 in the country in his age group in both events.

As we reach the end of term it is an opportune moment to consider which boys have demonstrated the essential WINCOLL characteristics through their involvement in sport this term. Amongst the Soccer club there are numerous pupils who have impressed their coaches with their approach. Amongst the senior teams Axel Blakey has led the club from the front with huge passion and loyalty to his teammates and was ably supported by Charles Tang whose play was characterised by courage and flair. Frankie Shropshire and Freddie Von Finke have been standouts for the 2nd XI with their willingness to work hard for their teammates. Ed O' Doherty and Georg Graepel likewise for the 5th XI. Ludo Remers in the JCC team has shown commitment and determination, helpful leadership as well as nobility whenever contentious decisions have occurred on the field, calming down fellow team members and focus on moving forwards. Two JCD players who have also been inspirational with their commitment and conduct are Oli Tait and Edison Xu.

A number of other players across the club have been nominated by their coaches for representation in a Soccer Club XI squad for their fantastic attitude and application all season.

A Blakey	C Tang	F Shropshire	F Von Finke
E O'Doherty	G Graepel	L Remers	G Bellingheri
F Wolsey-Pont	A Yip	E Xu	O Tait
M Jin	A James-Duff	H Brett	F Spearing
T Simpson	A Oliver		

Other pupils to have received nominations for their impressive conduct in their sport's participation this term include JP pupil and sports scholar Arthur Hampel. From a golfing perspective he's been keen, organised, confident and has already improved significantly. Even as a young pupil he has shown excellent leadership and in the absence of senior boys, he has stepped up, spurring others on.

Jacob Hudson's superb performance at the Swim England National Championships was mentioned above but his organisational skills in balancing early morning and evening training sessions away from school whilst maintaining excellent academic results deserves huge credit and he is very much an inspiration to those with performance aspirations.

JP pupil Issa Duggan has put in some superb cross-country performances this term. He sets an excellent example at training sessions, working hard, and raced well at the Districts and Inter-Schools competitions. He won Jun Jun, and was also competitive in Jun (4th) and Sen (13th). He'll be representing the District at the Hampshire Schools Champs next month.

Amongst the school swim squad Michael Yan has been a stand-out with his exemplary leadership.



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Much like the swimmers, the squash players do much of their work away from school whilst the new sports centre is being built. However, their efforts and contributions have been noted with a number of boys displaying impressive characteristics. Harris Faizi has always shown the respect that his opponents deserve even when they are unable to test him fully. He has used his skills to punish his opponents but in a respectful way reflecting nobility. Tom Burge has dedicated a lot of time in improving his game and captaincy as well as being a valuable help with JP sport and CS Squash. He leads the team with enthusiasm but has a real desire to win. Brian Chan is normally a 2nd team player but has been courageous enough to step in to play for the 1st team when required, never letting the team down.

There are a huge number of pupils who continue to apply themselves superbly throughout their sport sessions and more recognition will be given throughout the year as staff see the essential WINCOLL characteristics demonstrated. Well done to everyone for their continued commitment. One request I would make of pupils is that they find some time this week to thank the staff who have taken their practices and training sessions this term. Winchester is an extremely busy place and the Dons and coaching staff have significant commitments and workloads yet continue to put in the extras to ensure our sports programme operates.

All fixtures details can be found on: <https://sportsfixtures.winchestercollege.org/>

Sporting quote for the week:

“When it comes to leadership a player has only two options: be one of your team’s leaders, or support those teammates who do lead your team” (Anon)

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