

# Bishop Wordsworth's School

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### Dear Parents/Guardians

Another term of unrivalled success to round off our most successful year ever in terms of local, county, regional and national success across the breadth of sports now on offer. The most pleasing element from this year has not been the success, but the performances behind the results and also the breadth of students involved and number of sports. It really has been a fantastic term and year. Thank you to everyone for making it happen.

## Pitch In Project

We have been set a deadline of Christmas 2022 to raise the funds for the Multi Use Games Area at Britford. This facility will transform and benefit all sports provision at BWS from curriculum PE to our extra-curricular teams, with year round cricket net access and a surface we can train multiple sports on in all weather. With the sports hall as our only all weather classroom used more and more and limited other space on the school site, we desperately need another option for lesson and extra curricular delivery.

However we cannot make the project happen without the support of parents, alumni and local business. If you're able to help in anyway please get in touch or visit the links below:

Fundraising pack with info and business sponsor opportunities: <a href="https://issuu.com/bwsalumni/docs/bws\_pitch\_in\_campaign">https://issuu.com/bwsalumni/docs/bws\_pitch\_in\_campaign</a>

Link to website for personal donations: https://bwsnetwork.org.uk/supportus



## **Athletics**

A fantastic season and one of our most successful. For the first time both junior and inter boys went through to the ESAA National Finals after winning their local and regional rounds. The teams placed 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> overall, with only the weather preventing a record points haul for our junior boys. With so many on the team returning next year, it is certainly an exciting time for athletics. This of course followed success for the minor and junior boys at Area Sports with real promise for next year's inter and senior teams to also top the tables.

Seven individual athletes were selected for Wiltshire and Regional Finals with three then being selected for National Finals in early July - W Taverner triple jump, J Duckett javelin, which was a personal best, and L Norton in the 3km, with the latter making national standard.

The minor boys also competed in the Schools' Games Athletics Finals after winning their local round, and were placed first in the county. We need to also give a special mention to J Earle who has also made the National Finals for Pentathlon in September.

Thank you to Mr Hole for organising an excellent week of Sports Days earlier than usual to promote athletics focus when it counts most. We hosted two days of events helped run by staff and our Sports Leaders with some fantastic performances across the school. It was great to see real camaraderie and respect shown in support for one another, particularly from the Y9,10 and 12 groups when the weather was less than favourable. A fantastic effort from all involved.

#### Cricket

We wish Mr Roca all the best on his new appointment and thank him for what he has done for BWS Sport, but in particular the cricket. This season 26 matches have been played across all years against state and independent opposition with some stirring performances narrowing the gap on the traditional heavy weights as well as some fine victories. The U12 side performed the best in terms of results, but all sides have progressed as the season has gone on. In their respective competitions the U15s went out to a strong Warminster while the U14s lost in their final to an excellent Marlborough.

#### Football

Our usual Spring sport ran over right into the latter half of summer this year with progression from all of our Y7-10 sides into their respective area semi finals and most into finals. The Y8 boys were victorious in their final, a fine reward for an excellent season.

#### **Tennis**

A little like the athletics, tennis has had unprecedented success this year with 3 of the 4 sides making their regional finals this coming Autumn following fine performances against Warminster, Marlborough College, Trafalgar and Wyvern St Edmunds. In the newly named Play Your Way to Wimbledon competition, G Chowdhury won the schools round and progressed to county finals where he made the quarter finals. In the inaugural doubles version two of our leavers W Totman and N Elliott came out on top, but couldn't make the county finals and so the finalists A Bhandari and A Karode attended, winning the repechage tournament.

## Rugby

Although out of season and after a long off season, training is under way for next season with the seniors and those boys on tour to Canada this summer. Please find a link below to their program and thanks to Ryan Carthew Y13 for putting the tour program together:

## https://tinyurl.com/BWS-Canada2022

We were also fortunate enough to host a Bath participation and also performance hub for not only our girls but also those from the surrounding area which was great to see so many girls involved. A couple of players have additional training with their academies, G Smith and O Branagan with Bath, and one of our girls S Cowey who trialled and has made both the Bristol Bears U18 squad as well as UR7s Academy.

As we look forward to a well earned break for all, we also have one eye on the future and so please find below links to our website where all fixtures and social media links can be found.

Sports Website/Kit: <a href="https://www.bishopwordsworths.org.uk/main-school/activities/sport/">https://www.bishopwordsworths.org.uk/main-school/activities/sport/</a>

Fixtures/Social Media:

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We also look forward to welcoming back current Y13 students L Harffey and I Taylor-Holland in sports assistant roles and I have no doubt they will be excellent additions to our team.

Have a great break and best wishes to those awaiting exam results. We look forward to seeing everyone back in September and to those moving on we wish them all the best. Keep active and keep striving to be better everyday.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Demain-Griffiths

Director of Sport