

DITCHAM PARK SCHOOL

SPORTS ***SCHOLARSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT*** PROGRAMME 2021/22

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I am delighted to introduce the Ditcham Park School Sports **Scholarship and Development** Programme.

This unique, dual programme benefits all pupils; the Sports Scholarship is intended to attract and retain pupils who enjoy sport and are talented. The Development Programme is designed to inspire, inform and support our sports scholars and talented, enthusiastic pupils in their sporting ambitions.

I look forward to harnessing and developing our pupils' skills and talents and celebrating future sporting accolades achieved by all our pupils.



Graham Vaudrey
Head of PE



Sports Scholarship

Sport plays an important part in school life at Ditcham. The main team sports for boys are football, rugby and cricket. The main team sports for girls are netball, hockey and and rounders / cricket. Cross country running and athletics are our pupils' particular areas of strength. Basketball is played by boys and girls in the winter and tennis in the summer. We are fortunate to have an active and well supported Ditcham Park School Cycling Club which includes mountain biking and road biking. Pupils who join the Cycle Club can progress to a national level of competitive cycling.

We are enormously proud of the sporting achievements of our current and former pupils. Among our current pupils we have a National Standard gymnast, sailor and motor sport racer, a Premiership Academy rugby player and footballer.







Among our talented former pupils we are proud of the achievements of Ellie who won a silver medal in the English Schools U17G 800m and then went on to run for England in a Home Nations International and Finn who was an U16 European Sailing Champion and is now a member of the UK Olympic Sailing Team.

Each year we expect to make one or two Sports Scholarship awards to applicants who demonstrate significant sporting ability and the potential to play or compete at county standard or above. The award attracts a fee remission of between 5 and 10 percent and carries with it the expectation of future progress and involvement in the sporting life of the school. The recipient of a Scholarship will also be expected to choose to study PE at GCSE.





Sports Development Programme

A key element of our Scholarship programme is Sports Development which is designed to inspire, inform and develop our talented and ambitious sporty boys and girls. We have created a range of opportunities to excite and motivate our pupils to develop even higher aspirations and achievements.



This includes:

Visiting Sports Professionals Programme

High achieving professional sportsmen and women are invited to school to meet and inspire our pupils by talking about their life in sport and their pathway to success.

Visits to Centres of Sporting Excellence

Visits to centres of sporting excellence are organised to inspire and inform our pupils. These will include local and national centres such as Surrey Sports Park where the professional netball team of Surrey Storm and professional rugby team, Harlequins, train.

Individual Support & Development

Our PE team will provide support and advice with individualised training programmes, which also includes a reduction in membership fees to Taro Leisure Centre in Petersfield for training purposes.





Surrey Sports Park

Expectations

Sports Scholars and other pupils who are invited to join the Sports Development Programme are expected to:





- represent school teams whenever possible
- encourage and support team mates
- help run House sports events
- attend Open Mornings to promote and support school sport



Visiting Sports Professional Sportsmen/Women Programme

Charlie Spawforth, Professional Rugby Player

We were thrilled to welcome Charlie Spawforth to school in October 2019. He talked about life as a Professional Rugby Player and his experience in training and playing for England Sevens. His described his pathway to the top in rugby, training and importance of diet. Charlie spent the day working with Juniors in their PE lessons, conducted a rugby masterclass with pupils in Form 1 & 2 and spoke to Seniors in an Assembly.

BIOGRAPHY:

From September 2017 to August 2018 Charlie Spawforth was a professional rugby player with England Sevens. He played for England in International Sevens' tournaments around the world and was awarded a 'cap' at the Hong Kong Sevens in April 2018. Charlie was invited to trial for England Sevens after a strong performance at the National Schools Sevens where he was the top try scorer. His love for the game and early development took place at club level and then with Harlequins Rugby Club Academy.



Kate and Helen Richardson-Walsh, Olympic Hockey Gold Medalists

Kate and Helen visited Ditcham in March 2017. They spoke in both Junior and Senior assemblies and hosted a coaching session for Seniors.

England and GB Captain Kate Richardson-Walsh made her international debut back in 1999 and has made over 350 appearances for her country, captaining her side since 2003 and is the most capped female player in her country's history.

Helen Richardson-Walsh won her first England cap in 1999 and made her Olympic debut at Sydney 2000 – becoming the youngest female hockey player to represent Team GB. Further appearances followed, winning bronze in 2012. In 2016, she helped the women's hockey team to an historic first gold at the Rio Olympics.

Kate was awarded an MBE in 2014 and Helen followed with her own MBE awarded in 2017.



Adelle Tracey, International Athlete

We are looking forward to welcoming Adelle to Ditcham Park in 2021/22.

Adelle Tracey is a British middle-distance runner competing primarily in the 800 metres. She achieved her 800 metres best of 1:59.86 in the 2018 European Championships semi-finals and went on to finish fourth in the final.





We wish to celebrate and promote the achievements of former pupils who have reached International or National Standards in sport.



Holly Mitchell , Form 3

Junior Sailing Champion in 2021 for the UK Feva class



Oscar Morgan-Harris, Form 4

British Sailing Team, runner up East Hampshire Young Sportsman of the Year 2020



Ellie Farrow

2018 - U17G 800m silver medallist at English Schools National Championships and bronze medallist in U17G 800m Home Nations Athletics Championships



Hattie Cobden, Form 5

Qualified in 2021 for the Royal International Horse show, The Pony Club National Championships and Horse of the Year Show



Finn Dickinson

2016 – U16 Boys European Sailing Champion for laser class

Assessment Process

- All candidates will be required to 'pass' the Entrance Exams.
- Submit a sporting resume which explains which sport(s) the candidate takes part in and what level he/she has achieved so far.
- Provide a sporting reference from their school, club or coach which provides information and achievement in specific sports.



- Attend a half day of assessments and interviews:
  - Candidates will be required to undertake a series of basic motor-ability tests which are designed to test cardio-respiratory endurance, power, agility, co-ordination and endurance.
  - Candidates will also be assessed in two sports. The School's major sports are football, rugby and cricket for boys and netball, hockey and rounders/cricket for girls. It is also possible for candidates to offer athletics, tennis, and cycling.
  - The interview with the Headmaster and Head of Sport will be 15 minutes long and will involve questions about the candidate's sporting interests and achievements.



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