

Waverley and Ash School Sports Partnership

Newsletter



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Introduction

We would firstly like to wish all partners a very Happy New Year!

This past term has been up and down with all of the changes announced through the Comprehensive Spending Review. In October we were informed that ring fenced funding for School Sports Partnership will be coming to an end. More recent announcements have suggested that each secondary school will continue to be funded directly for schools to release a PE Teacher for one day a week for 2011/2012 and 2012/2013. We believe that more information will be available in the coming months along with other Olympic legacy funding to include the Olympic style school games and the expansion of Change for Life Clubs in the primary schools.

The main partnership infrastructure is funded and will be in place until the end of the academic year. Unfortunately there will be no more PLT funding available to partnerships and therefore schools past the Easter holidays.

A number of successful events have been taking place across the partnership this year so far and there are many more this coming term. We have 20 clubs running through the School Sports Coaches. We are also looking forward to our annual playground to podium days where we will be looking to identify more talented young disabled athletes.

KEY DIARY DATES

- 19th January P2P KS2 and 3 disability swimming ID Day
- 30th March P2P KS3 and 4 Multi-sport ID Day
- 1st July Waverley and Ash School Games at Broadwater School

Surrey PLT Conference 2010

On the 21st September the Surrey Sports Park played host to the 2nd annual Surrey PLT conference. With over 400 PLTs, SSCos and Young Ambassadors in attendance it was a fantastic turnout.

The morning session included speakers from the Youth Sport Trust, one of our own Young Ambassadors from Godalming College and Olympic medallist from Athens swimmer Steven Parry. During the afternoon the PLTs chose from a wide range of practical workshops and the Young Ambassadors did some training in general leadership.



Leadership Academy Event

On Wednesday 3rd November All Hallows School hosted our first partnership wide Leadership Academy day. Each school from the partnership and Godalming College selected 10 of their most committed young leaders to attend.

During the morning the students received leadership or officiating training run by the National Governing Bodies in a choice of sports including, netball, football, rugby, tennis and basketball. The students will now go back to their own schools and run events for children in their schools or in local primary schools.

During the afternoon the students moved on to 3 peaks outdoor pursuits based at Barfield School. Here they took part in outdoor adventure challenges and team building exercises.

All Hallows family

Many students have been involved with extracurricular paid options this term with a variety of qualified instructors. All Hallows has participated in scuba diving, trampolining and martial arts. Some Year 10 students were also very lucky and experienced the outdoor activities at Barfields. They had a great time and for many it was a real confidence-booster.

In November All Hallows hosted a Year 2 Festival. Badshot Lea Infant School and St Polycarp's thoroughly enjoyed their morning of multi skills and really helped to make this a special event. The Year 11 All Hallows students were fantastic in helping to give the students some sporting challenges. Years 3 and 4 from William Cobbett and Hale took part in a festival in December and they too enjoyed their day of sport. Some Ash Manor pupils and All Hallows pupils helped to make the day superb.

All Hallows students have participated in two separate competitions so far this year. In October we did a swimming gala alongside, fitness and badminton. In December we hosted a dance competition with water polo, table tennis and dodge ball. Students really enjoyed the extra challenges. Our year 11 also hosted a dance competition for Year 7 which was very successful.

Our Year 10s took part in a football tournament at the Abbey School. The students enjoyed the competition. A great time was had by all and further fixtures have been planned. This year we have entered the Sixth Form, Year 11 and Year 10 into a national basketball cup. We have played many more games than usual and all students have enjoyed the increased levels of competition.

Over a period of 10 weeks, over 30 students have regularly attended the Cheerleading sessions. The pupils are looking forward to performing their routine in the New Year. Upper school students took part in a dance movement project. They spent several weeks learning a dance routine which they then enthusiastically performed in front of an audience.

In November we watched Guildford Heat play a match. The students watched an exciting match and afterwards spent a memorable hour having their photos taken with the super stars. At the beginning of the term the PE Department took some students to watch England's Women's rugby team play in the semi and final of the world rugby tournament. They had a fantastic day celebrating good sport.

Pupils from a variety of ages and schools took part in an intensive swimming programme during October half term. This regular scheme has really taken off and plans have been put in place to extend the scheme. Plans have also been put into place for next half term for intense swimming courses for pupils of all ages.

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Young Leaders enjoying some team building games
During the leadership academy day



Glebelands family

Glebelands year 10 students; Kim Brown and Oliver Tarrant attended the Young Ambassador Conference at Twickenham in September. They met and worked with lots of international athletes from a variety of sports, including British gymnast Craig Heap and triple jumper Michelle Robinson. Throughout the day the students from around the country worked together with the athletes to gain the skills and knowledge needed to spread the power of sport and the values of the Olympic and Paralympics Movements within their communities. It was an extremely inspiring and rewarding day.

Glebelands year 1 multi skills festivals were again very well attended this year with a total of 120 pupils participating in a variety of activities throughout the afternoon session. The year 1 pupils worked with children from each of the other schools, which meant that they not only developed their physical skills within the activities but also their social and interactive skills. Glebelands' students from years 10 and 11 helped to organise and run the activities.

The Year 3 and 4 sports hall athletics competition in November had a great turn out from our family of primary schools. All four schools attended the competition held in Glebelands' sports hall. Year 11 GCSE PE students from Glebelands led the scoring and timekeeping in the track and field events. After an afternoon of great competition Tillingbourne were the overall winners, with Park Mead close behind in second place.

The Partnership Key Stage 3 badminton competition was held at Glebelands this year. Three teams competed in both the girls' and boys' competitions including Glebelands, Broadwater and Ash Manor. Young leaders from Glebelands officiated the matches. After a great competition in both the girls' and boys' pools, Glebelands won overall and go through to the next round at the Spectrum in January.

Towards the end of November pupils from Park Mead, Cranleigh C of E and Womersley and Shamley Green Infants attended the year 2 tag rugby festival at Glebelands. The afternoon involved pupils working with each other in a variety of tag skills stations and developing both their physical and social skills. A group of year 9 students from Glebelands led the activities along with the Community rugby coach, Neil Sweeney.

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Rodborough family

The Year 7 and 8 girls at Rodborough have been enjoying weekly Cheerleading sessions and are currently preparing for the Partnership competition which is now in January due to the snow. They have learnt some really exciting new stunts and have learnt routines ready to perform. Year 8 and 9 girls have also enjoyed some Rugby coaching from an RFU community coach.

At the end of November the Rodborough cluster year 1s enjoyed a Multi Skills festival with Witley Infants, Milford Infants and St Mary's Shackleford taking part. Year 5 leaders from Chandler School came and helped to run the event. A week later it was the turn of the Year 2's and the Rodborough Year 10 leaders helped with the festival.

Pupils from Years 1 – 6 from the Rodborough cluster prepared performances for the Gym and Dance show. It was a really successful event with the Year 6 Gym performance from Busbridge Junior School winning overall with their performance to 'Jai Ho'.

The Waverley and Guildford District netball title had been a real tussle between Rodborough and Guildford County for the past four years. Guildford County had taken the title in year 7, 8 and by one goal in year 9. Last year the Rodborough girls stole the title for the first time. They were hungry to retain the title in year 11 to show that the previous year hadn't been a fluke. The tournament was to be played as a round robin-12min games. The girls gritted their teeth and played with such determination and desire turning over the ball time again in defence and converting this advantage into fluid attacking play taking the game comfortably 6-1 and retaining their title as District Champions.



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Broadwater family

This term has seen the introduction of Cheerleading club on Monday lunchtimes. We had a cheerleading coach come into school every week. She went into a couple of lessons over last term to give pupils a taste of what it's about. We will then be entering the Waverley and Ash cheerleading competition in January.

Last term we also saw the introduction of Table Tennis club, which is being run by David Ewing in Year 11. This club has been set up using money from the Change for Life funding which has enabled us to pay for some coaching sessions from local Table Tennis coaches, a new Table Tennis Table, new bats and balls. The club has been very successful and we have a lot of pupils attending. We will also be attending the Waverley and Ash Table Tennis competition later this year.

At the end of September Rosie Holcombe and Charlie Langridge accompanied me to a Young Ambassador's training session where they learnt leadership skills in the afternoon. In the morning we had a presentation by Steve Parry who won Bronze at the 2004 Athens Olympics and delivered an amazing inspirational speech. Both girls were excellent ambassadors for the school and can hopefully pass on the skills they learnt on the day to other Year 10 pupils. Well done!

On the 12th October Broadwater hosted the Waverley and Ash Badminton tournament. Ash Manor, Glebelands, Rodborough, All Hallows, Weydon and Broadwater all competed to see who would go through to the next rounds. Broadwater also provided several leaders who helped to run the tournament and were excellent ambassadors for the school. The overall winners were Weydon in both the boys and girls competitions.

This term we have launched a new leadership scheme called 'Step into Sport'. Pupils who do regular volunteering and leadership work keep track of the hours they have helped with sports events in a log book.

They can then be rewarded for their hard work by gaining certificates and being put into a prize draw to get the chance to win sports vouchers. Two Broadwater pupils have already won £20 worth of vouchers to use at Go Ape.

During this term I have taken several Young Leaders into Godalming Junior School on a few occasions to do some leadership work. They delivered multi skills fun games to the whole of Year 3. Netball skills to Year 5, gymnastics to Year 3 and hockey skills to Year 4. The sessions were of great benefit to all involved.

On the 20th October Broadwater hosted a Year 2 multi skills festival. Approximately 28 Young Leaders who had been specifically trained to lead the event ran the 7 multi skills stations over the afternoon. 4 primary schools attended, bringing the whole of their Year 2. Thus we had approximately 150 Year 2 pupils at the festival overall. It was a great afternoon. Broadwater pupils were excellent and the Year 2 pupils had great fun. Let's hope we can do it again next year. On Friday 22nd October we held the Year 9 Indoor sports Hall Athletics Inter House competition over periods 4 and 5. Every pupil in the Year group took part and a high level of competition was displayed. The noise level was rather high! The overall winners on the day were Aquila. Also, this term other Inter house competitions that took place were, Netball, Basketball, 'Flag Game', Rugby, Football and Sports hall Athletics. After Christmas we are looking forward to our Annual Swim Gala.

On the 3rd November 11 Broadwater pupils accompanied me to All Hallows School, where they took part in a coaching workshop in the morning. Pupils could choose from the following sports, netball, rugby, tennis, football and basketball. Some of the pupils managed to gain official qualifications on the day to be able to help run festivals and tournaments. After lunch the pupils took part in team building exercises at Barfield School, which included high and low ropes activities. It was a wonderful afternoon and most beneficial to the pupils.



On Wednesday 10th November Broadwater hosted the Years 5 and 6 hockey tournament. 8 teams were entered and an excellent competition took place. The overall winners were Chandler A team. All participants received certificates and the winners also got medals. Well done again to Broadwater Young Leaders who helped to run the event on a very cold evening!

On Wednesday 24th November Broadwater hosted the Years 5 and 6 badminton festival. Godalming Junior, Loseley Fields and Gosden House attended. In total approximately 46 pupils took part and had a great time working on their badminton skills. Yet again around 20 Young leaders helped to run the event. These Young Leaders had already given up their time on Academic Profiling day to come into school and be trained specifically to deliver this event. All pupils received certificates for taking part and the winning team from Loseley Fields gained medals.

On Thursday 18th November I took several pupils to the cross Country competition at Charterhouse. Our pupils did very well. In particular, Sam Lowe in Year 7 who came 6th in his year group. Hannah Lawson, Year 7, who came 11th in her Year group and Paul Berry, Yr 9 who came 4th in his year group. Paul will go through to the next stages to represent Waverley. We hope to hear shortly whether any other pupils will also go through.

Friday 19th November was Children in need day. The P.E department arranged for 'Speedmark' to come into school to raise money for this event. "Speedmark' set up a goal in the sports hall that recorded pupils speed of shot on goal. Each pupil had 3 shots to see who could record the fastest speed. All pupils in Years 7 – 9 took part throughout the day. It was a great fundraiser and a lot of fun. We raised over £500 for Children in Need. Pupils who raised over £15 get prizes from 'Speedmark'. Well done to Cameron Langley who raised £90 and Rebecca Fulker who raised £45. Also, congratulations to the following pupils who received medals for the fastest shot on goal in their Year group:- Paul Berry, Chanice Edwards, Georgia Durrant, Robert Voller, Lois Older, Nathan Morris and Aaron St John.

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Ash Manor family

This term the festivals began almost as soon as school started back for the year. The sports leaders had a couple of weeks training before organising and running tag rugby, hockey and two multi-skills festivals. We would like to thank St.Paul's, Ash Grange, Walsh Junior and Walsh Memorial, Wyke, Mytchett and Shawfield Schools for bringing their pupils to Ash Manor to take part. With nearly twenty five sports leaders each time running these events we needed as many primary pupils to take part as we could. The primary children went away having had an enjoyable session learning new skills whilst the Sport Leaders improved their communication and organisational skills. We shall be inviting all schools again to the next lot of festivals in March 2011.

These skills were put into practise again later in the term when many of the leaders gave up three hours of their INSET day to run the Sports Hall Athletics event for the Waverley schools in our Partnership. This competition was held at Ash Manor School on the 24th November. Unfortunately not so many schools were able to make the event this year but those who did come made plenty of noise and seemed to really enjoy the competition. Hale and South Farnham battled it out for the top places with South Farnham winning overall so they go through to the Surrey final next term so we wish them good luck at that.

I have really enjoyed going into several schools this term to start some of their Y5s and Y6s off with their Young Sports Leaders awards. Wyke, Mytchett and Walsh Junior are currently running this course with hopefully Shawfield and Ash Grange starting it next term. The pupils seem to enjoy the idea of being given the responsibility to lead and being taught the skills to do so. Especially those children who, are not necessarily good at PE, but have the potential to make good leaders.

I also had the privilege of going to Walsh Junior, Mytchett and Shawfield to take an assembly this term. The theme for these was joining a sports club or the Olympics. I look forward to taking Ash Manor's Young Ambassadors into some more schools next term to introduce them in assembly.

Ash Manor were pleased to be able to take a Year 10 boys team to the Partnership badminton tournament at Broadwater School as well as a girls and boys team to the KS3 tournament at Glebelands. All the teams fought hard but were not successful in winning any of their groups.

For the first time this year Ash Manor entered some individuals into the British Schools Biathlon competition. The first round for the schools in this area took place on Sunday 28th November at the K2 centre in Crawley.

The event consisted of a 1000m run and a 100m swim. On one of the coldest days of the year our girls had to do their run first at 9.30 in the morning. Swimming being the main sport for the three Year 9 girls they did not find this easy but they did much better in the swim. Molly on the other hand had a great run being her strength. Over the day nearly 700 pupils took part and most of those were students from independent schools. Molly Pocock (year8) came third in the run and 14th overall. Natasha Howard, Zoe Hastie and Charlotte Walter (year 9) came 6th, 4th and 8th respectively in the swim and 10th, 16th and 19th overall. As a team they came 4th overall which is a fantastic result for the school. We have just heard that Molly and Natasha have qualified to go through to the South East Regional final which will take place at Crystal Palace in February. So well done to all the girls and good luck in the next round.

Ash Manor has been lucky to have had two extra clubs for girls this term which have been funded through Sport Unlimited. Girls who have been disengaged from sport were specifically invited to take part in the Dance club which was run by the Dance Movement. The first week about forty five girls turned up but of these about twenty seven girls became regular attendants. These girls put together a contemporary dance which they performed in front of an audience at Frensham Heights on Saturday 11th December. There were a number of other schools who also took part in the whole programme and also performed on the day. The other club that was offered to year 10 girls was Cheerleading. The uptake for this club was not as good as had hoped nevertheless the small group that have been attending regularly have really enjoyed it. The club was lead by a student from Surrey University and was to culminate in a competition against the other schools who took part in the programme. Unfortunately the competition was postponed due to the snow but will take place the first week back in January.

Girl's football at Ash Manor has been revived with the help of Mrs. Woodman and some keen year 7s. Many thanks to Mrs Woodman mum of Sophie, for giving up her time to help with this club. Ash Manor has also been able to offer an extra netball club this term for girls who are not on the school netball team thanks to the Partnership coach. The girls have thoroughly enjoyed this club and have attended without fail every week.

The Ash Manor Gifted & Talented group has grown to over fifty students this year. Some of them enjoyed a trip to the Surrey Sports Park with Mr. Brown to try out some of the new facilities.

On Saturday 27th November a small group battled the freezing temperatures to get to the Surrey Sports Park to join a group from All Hallows to watch Guildford Heat beat the Cheshire Jets in an exciting game of basketball. Thanks to Miss Patel for coming along too.



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Weydon family

September at Weydon saw the start of a 'Change for life' badminton after school club

The school received funding to start up this club to encourage students to participate in an activity which might 'change for life' their outlook on an activity they might want to continue for life and not just while in school. This proved to be very popular for students of all ages and this club has regularly attracted 50 or more students every week. The success of the badminton club has meant that we now have to have a 2 hour slot every week so that the big group can be split into 2 sessions of an hour each and all students are given instructions on which hour they are to attend. The Bourne badminton and tennis club has provided the coaching specialist for the students and the improvements in ability has been obvious to see. This activity will be continued throughout the spring term as it has been so successful.

As usual at this time of year the year 10 and 11 students entered the Waverley and Ash Badminton competition. Weydon has a close relationship with local community badminton clubs and this has helped make the school team very strong.

The girls and boys teams showed great depth in strength and went on to win both competitions to go through to the very difficult county championships representing Waverley and Ash district, and the whole school wishes them well. Shortly the school will be entering the new Waverley and Ash table tennis competition and will hope for similar success.

After school activities have been continuing in strength with a few additions this year. A group of students have been attending a cheerleading activity and have been working hard to perfect a routine for the forthcoming Waverley and Ash cheerleading competition. We have also had a dance group come to the school and introduce a dance theme of movement aptly named 'The Move Project' The students have been working hard to explore this theme and practice relevant movement routines. The culmination of this course is a dance competition to be held in mid December at Frensham Heights Performing Arts Centre, Rowledge. This dance theatre group will be continuing this work into next term.

The Judo option continues to be well supported and as usual the specialist coach has given the students attending a practical exam in order to grade the students so that work can be done next term to increase their level of ability.

The year 1 and 2 students had a rugby skills event at Weydon with 180 students attending from St Peters, The Bourne, St Marys, Pilgrims Way and All Saints. The new community rugby coach Neil Sweeney with the help of Farnham Rugby club ran the event which started with a variety of rugby skills, which all students experienced and the event finished with some small tag rugby games. To help with the numbers attending 30 year 9 Weydon students assisted with the organisation which ensured all ran very smoothly. The weather was kind to us and it was possible to have the event on the large grassed area at the back of the school.

The same years also had a multi skills morning which was a fantastic event. More than 200 students from Puttenham, The Bourne, Pilgrims Way, St Marys and St Peters descended on Weydon's sports hall for the event. All students were put into mixed teams and all teams had senior Weydon students making sure the children knew exactly what each activity was and keeping the score for their team. After 2 hours of manic activities from basketball, hockey, netball, football, tennis, dodging and passing skills we were eventually able to determine the winners and runners up who went away with medals.

The highlight of the term for year 9 and 10 young ambassadors and leadership candidates was the well organised academy day. The day started with workshops in various sports and ended with activities at Barfield School. The activity the students really enjoyed was the 'Leap of Faith' where the students had to climb up a very tall pole, stand on the top, and then launch themselves off into the air and grasp a swinging trapeze. Incredible but the students said very exciting.

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Farnham Heath End family

A Year 4 Football Festival took place on 9th November and involved 8 local junior and primary schools. This was a great success and South Farnham School took home the winning medals. Leaders from Heath End organised the competition and insured that the event ran smoothly.

There was a Gymnastics competition on Wednesday 24th November for year one to four students. This involved 6 of our infant and junior schools. They had a fantastic time, many of the children were new to gymnastics and others, although already involved in Gymnastics, had never been taken part in a competition before. The teachers from these schools were very grateful for us for giving their students this opportunity. The event was supported by Andy the Gym Development Officer and his colleague who helped the trained judges in their role; this insured that the event ran both professionally and according to rules and regulations. Local coaches and clubs also attended and handed out information to students and teachers. Leaders from Ash Manor and Heath End helped to judge the competition, warm up the children and ensure all ran according to plan. The local press came along to both events, took photos and interviewed some of the competitors.

Future events include a Year 5 and 6 Hockey tournament on the AWP at Heath End on Wednesday 1st December, Secondary Schools Table Tennis Tournament on Tuesday 7th December and a Multi skills/ Bisi Festival in association with All Hallows at All Hallows on Wednesday 8th December.

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Woolmer Hill family

The school year started straight away at Woolmer Hill with the continuation of the very successful after school team practices and extracurricular courses. Woolmer Hill now fills all their areas with a variety of courses every lunch time and every day after school. This term we have included two new activities, the most exciting being climbing. Every week a group of excited students go by mini bus to the new Surrey Sports Park sports complex for their climbing course on the large climbing area. This has been well supported and there is a waiting list for next term. In addition there have been a group doing a variety of Martial Arts and we have maintained the strong link we have with Haslemere Tennis club and the JAM tennis organisation who have continued to run tennis coaching throughout the year.

Haslemere Rugby club continues to maintain a strong link with the school and will be helping to organise a variety of events this year. There is also a new community rugby coach in the area that is very keen to promote rugby to a higher level in all schools in the area. At Woolmer Hill the community rugby coach has been into the school to take a variety of curriculum lessons and an after school junior team practice group. The idea behind this initiative is to raise the profile of rugby in the schools and to assist the teachers in coaching techniques.

In addition the area has had the advantage of these experienced rugby coaches to help with a variety of festivals the first of which was a few weeks ago. All years 2s approximately 150 children from St John's Churt, St Bartholomew's, Beacon Hill and Grayswood all attended this event which started off with a variety of rugby skills and finished with small tag rugby games. It was a mass of movement and excitement! Thanks also need to go to students from years 9 and 10 at Woolmer Hill who organised the various skills activities and were very enthusiastic in encouraging the younger children.

Over the past 3 years Woolmer Hill has forged a close link with Haslemere Hockey club. The club likes to come into the school to help take events and make the children aware of the opportunities at the Hockey club. This term the Hockey club came to take a year 3 and 4 Quicksticks Hockey festival. Attending were approximately 100 students from the local primary schools. The event started with some skills work as some students had never before been able to play hockey.

After this part of the event there was a very competitive tournament. This ended in a final that all the remaining children watched and supported their friends.

This year we have included some street dance sessions which have been very popular. Dance is very strong at Woolmer Hill with a member of the PE department, Miss Bailey coaching students up to GCSE and A level standard. STREETNATION dance group came into the school for a dance festival. All the primary and infant schools sent students to participate in the event and Woolmer Hill had the students who attend the after school dance sessions and GCSE dance students who assisted with the event and gave a demonstration of their work at the end. All participating students were split up into groups and were taught a specific dance; these dances were performed for the parents and the other students at the end of the afternoon. 180 students attended the event and all came away with information on local dance groups in the hope that some students would like to continue this activity.

The term has finished with a multi skills event for year 1s at Woolmer Hill. 200 students from St Bart's, Beacon Hill, St John's, Shottermill and St Marys attended the event. All students were put into teams and did a variety of skills activities from hockey, basketball, netball, football, tennis, rugby and dodging, passing and moving skills. They were awarded points for the completion of each task and also how well they did, and at the end medals were awarded to the top 4 teams. The event could not have gone so smoothly without the help of 30 senior Woolmer Hill students. They were attached to each team and showed the students exactly how to do each activity and encouraged them all the way. The resulting event was a fantastic success with all children leaving very excited and very happy.

The term will end with Woolmer Hill hosting in their enormous double sports hall Waverley and Ash girls under 13 and under 15 indoor cricket championships. The winners of these championships will go on to the county finals event.

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Godalming College

Recreational clubs have further expanded this year and the timetable now includes Netball, Hockey, Badminton, Yoga, Cheerleading, Ladies Basketball, Lacrosse, Trampolining, Cricket, Men's Basketball and Fencing for the first time.

The 'FA Cup' competition is once again in a round robin tournament format where students and Staff have been split into two pools of 7 and are able to play more matches, thus further increasing participation. Godalming College hosted the second annual Surrey Sixth Forms League Badminton tournament in the early part of the term, something which we hope will continue again next year. The Dodgeball tournament organised by the Sports Ambassador raised £40 for the Clic Sargent Cancer charity and saw six teams competing against either for Dodgeball glory! The Police vs Students charity football match was very popular with the spectators and raised £60 (again for Clic Sargent).

The Surrey Sixth Forms League has seen a mixed bag of results across the Sports this season; we have entered the full nine teams this year and hope to continue the season with some more winning results! The Rugby team have been tested in their promotion to the British Colleges Sport (BCS) Elite League and are doing very well against considerably stronger opposition. The Rugby Development Officer has been coming to assist with the high numbers at Rugby training and the first team have been benefiting from one off coaching sessions with one of the England Women's Rugby players. The addition of regular Ladies football fixtures has been welcomed by the girls and the team have hugely benefited from having weekly coaching sessions with external coaches from Planet lost Schools Swimming Relays and the Surrey Teams Championships.

We have entered over 10 sports in the BCS regional Championships and have seen some excellent efforts from the students involved so far.

in the competition that has already been played we have two students through to the National finals in April who will both be representing the South-East region in Cross-Country. Selected students were given the opportunity to attend regional trials across a variety of sports in an effort to be selected for BCS national squads. Louise Rose and Charlotte Ward progressed through from the regional Netball trials to the South of England trials but unfortunately were not selected for the National team. Alex Burrill has done particularly well in the Rugby trials and has progressed through two trial stages so far.

Megan Munro was selected from 300 students to be a Young Mentor and part of her training for this was attending a Youth Sports Trust: Step into Sport training day, this was at Loughborough University. The Sports Ambassadors attended a Leadership academy day at All Hallows School and Barfield Outdoor Centre. During the morning sessions they selected a sport of their choice and gained valuable leadership skills which they will put into practice in College and local community sport.

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Guildford College

Farnham students have been working with Surrey vInvolved to get ideas and support around volunteering. The weekly sessions have supported the Step into Sport programme and we are pleased with the response. There will be a volunteering fair on 15th February where we hope to recruit even more active volunteers.

This is the first year that Farnham College have entered two sports into the Surrey Sixth Form League with Basketball and Football. The students have enjoyed their matches and we are thrilled with their progress – we hope to enter a third sporting team next year.

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