

# Sport - Athletics 2006



Athletics Report 2006

This season culminated with 8 of our athletes competing in the National Prep Schools Championships held at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham in the new running vests! Tom Harvey and William Furlong competed as Sussex champions and both came within the top ten in the finals. Perry Andrews and Jamie Wardle ran in the 200m but did not qualify for the final.

Oz Wedmore ran a blistering 5.09.00 in the 1500m to come a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> and Josh Huntington Rainey came 8<sup>th</sup> in the shot putt.

The U12 Relay team qualified for the final and came 7<sup>th</sup> beating the team that beat us at Hurstpierpoint. A fine achievement after a season of good work and training.

We had our annual fixture v DPS and this gave us the chance to see our athletes compete for the first time in the season. This gave us the springboard to plan for future events.

The boys went to Hurstpierpoint College and recorded some fine results Tom Harvey and Will Furlong winning their discus events with Perry Andrews and Jamie Wardle coming second in their 200m races. Z Olujobi had his first taste of competition outside school and looks promising for the future. At Crawley a number of girls achieved personal best performances and several reached the finals. Isabelle Powell, an Under 10, was third in both the long jump and the rounders ball. Isobel Wingrad came third in the Under 13 high jump and Eleanor Hazael second in the Under 14 high jump, while Pascale Hughes, having qualified for both the 100m and 200m final finished second in the former.

The Tonbridge Trophy event gave the boys a chance to compete on a proper running track and we came an overall 4<sup>th</sup> out of about 12 schools the highlight being the U12 relay team winning in some style!

Success does not just happen it needs to be worked at and success came to those who gave up some of their free time to get out on the track and practise their events.

We are already talking about next season and how we can continue to raise the profile of this sport. We achieve great things with our limited resources and we are thankful to all the athletes who have competed for the school this season.

Full colours awarded to : Pascale Hughes, Tom Harvey, Calum Marris, Josh Powell, Jamie Poulter, Lewis Saunders, William Howard Smith, James Mursell and Perry Andrews

Junior colours awarded to Lilian Hazael, Jamie Wardle, William Orr, William Furlong, Alec Coombes, Oz Wedmore, Josh Huntington Rainey.

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