



Sport is an integral part of a Gunnersbury education and success is achieved at the highest levels; our philosophy, however, is to enhance each individual's sense of belonging, achievement and self-confidence by offering a sports curriculum that develops strength, courage and competitiveness. We enjoy our many sporting successes yet we also pay tribute to the creativity and co-operative work of all our school teams, whatever the outcome. At Gunnersbury we believe that sport is to be enjoyed by all and is valuable to all. Self-confidence, teamwork and a sense of achievement are qualities readily transferable to other areas of young men's lives and all Gunnersbury boys are involved in sport at some level.

Gunnersbury is first and foremost a rugby school and we are very proud of our long tradition and success in the sport. Success reflected in our current position as reigning U15 Middlesex Champions. Teams compete against schools drawn from a very competitive fixture list, supported not

only by our in-house coaches, but also through our alliance with Grasshoppers Rugby club. This exciting partnership enabling the school to work extensively with Grasshoppers to further develop our own provision for the sport. Throughout the forthcoming school year, our senior players look forward to opportunities to train with Grasshoppers and to benefit from access to their top class training facilities. Pre-season rugby training camps, including those for new pupils starting Year 7 take place at the end of the summer break. Overseas rugby tours to destinations such as Canada, Ireland and France provide our boys with experience of competition and lifestyles on different shores.

Gunnersbury is also very fortunate to be supported by London Youth Rowing Association. Through their superb coaching and our pupils' dedication, Gunnersbury boys have achieved significant national success including: Under 16 National Indoor Rowing Gold Medalist; Under 14 National Indoor Silver Medalist.



The school are regular victors of the Catholic School Cup, a key sporting event which is open to Catholic secondary schools in West London. Covering a range of disciplines across Years 7 to 9, pupils compete in track and field athletics, as well as in volleyball and tennis. Furthermore our sporting excellence is reflected throughout our repeated success at borough level.

As well as striving to achieve excellence on the sports field, we also believe in teaching an understanding of the role of sport and physical activity in achieving an active and healthy lifestyle. Choice will depend on the school term, but the range of disciplines we offer includes athletics, cricket, cross-country, tennis, badminton, basketball, football and swimming. The

sports curriculum at Gunnersbury also offers opportunity and choice for sports that boys may never previously have considered or experienced, such as handball, rowing and martial arts.

Many of our young sportsmen go on to compete at county, regional, national and international level. Our sporting alumni currently competing at the highest level include: Marlon Yarde – Sale Sharks; Tarek Haffer, London Irish and England U21; Toby Sibbick, Barnsley FC; Javier Bello, England Senior Volleyball; Joaquin Bello; Senior Volleyball, Enrique Bello, England U21 Volleyball; David Adeleye, Senior ABA Heavyweight Boxing Champion; Berek Czajkowski, Silver Medallist, Indoor Rowing Championships; Maximo Libid, Team GB Tae Kwondo.



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