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86TH SURREY SCHOOLS TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Munroe Ritchie



Reuben Collins



Gemma Everson



ESAA - Ashcombe Stars

13 students from The Ashcombe School competed for Central Surrey Schools at the 86th annual Surrey Schools Track & Field Championships at Kingsmeadow Stadium on Saturday 13th June 2015. (www.ssaa.org.uk). Read inside about how some of the students went on to compete for Surrey at the South East Championships and then at the National Championships where Munroe Ritchie gained Gold in the Hammer and Reuben Collins Bronze in the Triple Jump, with Gemma Everson competing in the Pole Vault. →



ASHCOMBE PERFORMANCES AT SURREY SCHOOLS TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

Athlete	Event	Age Group	Time/Distance	Place
Cameron Smith	1500m	Junior Boys	5.10:45m/s	14th
Reuben Collins	Triple Jump	Junior Boys	13.05m	1st
Isabel Hornung	100m	Junior Girls	13.33s	5th
Poppy Russell	Long Jump	Junior Girls	4.28m	5th
Bella Woodward	Javelin	Junior Girls	No Throw	
Hayden Young	400m	Inter Boys	53.53s	3rd
Bradley Young	800m	Inter Boys	2.09:69m/s	4th
Sam Cliff	1500m	Inter Boys	4.36:68m/s	5th
Lowri Morris	800m	Inter Girls	2.27:24m/s	2nd
Emily Hornung	Long Jump	Inter Girls	5.06m	1st
Charlie Wyllie	800m	Senior Boys	1.58:21m/s	2nd
Alistair Masson	1500m	Senior Boys	4.21:95	5th
Munroe Ritchie	Hammer	Senior Boys	56.43m	1st

SOUTH EAST INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The following students were selected to compete for Surrey Schools at the South East Inter County Championship at Erith Stadium, Dagenham on Saturday 20th June: **Reuben Collins** (2nd in the Junior Boys Triple Jump,) **Emily Hornung** (5th in the Inter Girls Long Jump), **Bradley Young** (6th in the Inter Boys 800m), **Gemma Everson** (1st in the Inter Girls Pole Vault), **Lowri Morris**, **Charlie Wyllie**, **Munroe Ritchie**.



Lowri Morris (Year 10 – 800m number 7)

Bradley Young (Year 10 – 800m number 9)

Sam Cliff (Year 10 – 1500m number 8)

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Reuben Collins, Gemma Everson & Munroe Ritchie gained selection for the Surrey Team to compete at the National Schools Track & Field Championships on the 10th – 12th July in Gateshead and the ultimate goal of winning an England Schools National Vest. 60 athletes are selected across the U15, U17 & U19 age groups for the Surrey team.

Munroe Ritchie won Gold in the Senior Boys (U19) Hammer (6kg) with a throw of 59.54 m in the Final, which is a new Surrey record, and well above the ESAA national standard of 57m. Munroe said: “I cannot believe I’ve won gold at a national competition. My coach was able to see me deliver a good series of throws, which were all better than my previous season’s best. At last I’ve done it!”

Reuben, who is new to the Triple Jump, won Bronze in the Junior Boys Final with a jump of 12.72m, losing out on Silver by just 1cm!

Gemma is 10th nationally in her chosen speciality of Pole Vault with a Personal Best jump of an incredible 3.33m, although she was only able to clear 3.00m on the day.

VIEWPOINT

The end of the school year is a time to reflect on what we have achieved this year, both as a school and as individuals. In the final normal assemblies of the year, I talked to the pupils about the enormous amount of hard work that I see day in, day out from teachers and pupils. Walking along the corridors and visiting classrooms, I consistently see pupils engaged in their learning.

Activities Week is beginning as I write this, and it offers pupils a challenge in many different ways depending on the year group. In particular, whether in "Joseph" in Year 8 or International Business Week in Year 10, pupils have to do their best as part of a team, where each person needs to do their part and be supported by the other members of the team (and those may be people you didn't know or thought you didn't like at the beginning of the week!).

For me as Head, the Friday night performances of Joseph are one of the highlights of the year, because I see everyone in the year group (including those who did not think that they could sing, act or dance) performing as part of a tremendous collective endeavour. Every year there are many individuals overcoming their fears and anxieties to deliver stunning performances, creating memories which will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

DJ Blow

D.J. Blow
Headteacher

Y 11 LEAVERS BALL AND ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday 6th May, the Year 11 Leavers Ball took place at Wotton House. This was a celebration of their five years at The Ashcombe and a welcome break in the build up to GCSE exams. Despite a grey evening the students managed to make their arrivals as spectacular as ever: arriving in buses, the scoop of a digger, a camper van, on a mini motorbike, a horse and carriage and on the trailer of a tractor! From here it was into the room, which at the suggestion of Milly Vasey, was decorated with a Secret Garden theme. As a surprise for the students, Mr Buckingham, Mrs Bloss and Mrs Hunn-Smith had also been invited. It was a fantastic evening which both staff and students enjoyed.

The day after the Ball came the very emotional Leavers Assembly. There were films of the students as babies and toddlers which amused everyone, especially those not involved! Next came a film on their first days at primary school before another reminding them of all they had been involved with at Ashcombe. Highlights were the trips to Germany, Normandy, the Isle of Wight and Battlefields; the drama productions they had been involved with over the years especially Joseph which featured everyone in the year group. The most emotional film was the one which showed the tutor groups in their classrooms and then faded to an empty room. It really brought home to the students that their time at school was finished.

Additionally the students were able to thank their tutors, the Assistant Heads of Year - Mr Ravenhill and Ms Corry, Mr Simmonds, Mr Ketley and Mr Blow who had all worked so hard to ensure that their time at school was as enjoyable and trouble-free as possible. Additionally massive thanks must go to Mr Rayne who worked so hard to produce the majority of the films and without whom the assembly would have been nowhere near as enjoyable. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as the Head of Year 11 and will miss seeing this incredible group of young people every day – although I do have a huge minion to remember them by!

Pam Gray - Head of Year 11

FRENCH EXCHANGE

“They’ve arrived an hour early!” was the cry that kicked it all into action. Our students and families rushed in to the Ranmore Canteen to collect their respective exchange partners and it all happened so quickly that there was no time to worry about anything. Of course there was nothing to worry about... The initial shyness soon wore off and partners went off to enjoy getting to know each other over the weekend.

On Monday we were entertained with stories of the activities that had taken place over the weekend – including days out in London, walks in the Surrey Hills, shopping in Guildford, house parties, playing sport together and all meeting in groups to spend time with each other. On Monday the French partners spent the day in school, going to lessons with their Ashcombe counterparts. Our students had an opportunity to practise their French when they joined us in MFL lessons. Students were very excited to be talking to ‘real French people’! The highlight of the week was the Partner Day to Guildford when our students spent the day with their exchange partners in the Sports Centre doing a range of sports activities. Friday the 30th, the day of departure, came round very quickly. Tears were shed as students said ‘au revoir’ to the new friends that they had made.

POETOPOEIA SUCCESS

Last term students took part in ‘Poetopoeia’ - a poetry competition for 11-18 year olds. It was an overwhelming success with 55 out of the 60 Year 7 and 8 students being published in the poetry anthology. These successful students included Nathan Hunter, Catherine Sandle and Anastasia Elrick, whose poems we published in the last edition of Accent. Congratulations!

GERMAN EXCHANGE

The annual German Exchange with the Heinrich-Böll-Gymnasium in Troisdorf took place from 11th to 18th March 2015 when the German students, accompanied by two teachers, came to visit the Ashcombe School. German students were again hosted by The Ashcombe School students and thanks to Leda Trotman and Deniz Evrensel for hosting the two German teachers for this week.

During the visit, German students spent a day in school (where they took part in several lessons including DT, Food Tech and German); sightseeing in London (including a visit to the London Eye and a boat trip on the Thames), a day in Thorpe Park, a morning in Brighton (including a visit to the Royal Pavilion).

Ashcombe students proved to be excellent hosts and German students commented on the range of activities they did at the weekend: one particular German student enjoyed the delights of Dorset with his exchange partner for the weekend, a place he had never been to before.

During April the Ashcombe School students, accompanied by Ms Evrensel and Ms Sichla, visited their exchange partners in Troisdorf. The German colleagues planned an extensive programme which involved a trip to Phantasialand (theme park), a stadium tour of the Rheinenergie stadium (home of 1.FC Köln – football club), a visit to the German museum (Bonn), a visit to the Zollverein Coal Mine (Essen), a visit to an indoor climbing centre and a visit to the “Drachenfels” (a hill)

BLINK



This year’s Young Enterprise company, Blink, came away with a number of awards from the area finals. The awards were presented by the Chief Executive of Canon in Reigate who gave a particular commendation to Bronte Mottram who stood up to give a second presentation on behalf of another company whose presenter had a bit of a melt down! The team comprised:-

- Bronte Mottram – Chief Executive
- Mia Forti – Finance and Operations
- Harrison Pirt – Finance and Administration
- Freddie Slade – Marketing and Sales
- Ken Romero – Company report
- Rich Edwards – IT
- Lydia Hood – HR

The awards that they won were:

- Best advert: Rich Edwards
- Best Company report: Ken Romero
- Best Company: Blink, The Ashcombe School

BRITISH AIRWAYS HQ

The German department took 14 Year 9 students to the British Airways headquarters near Heathrow airport. Accompanied by Miss Maconochie and Miss Sichla, the students gained confidence in their German language skills and got involved in a range of fun and interactive activities.

Students also had a tour through Waterside, the British Airways headquarters, where they discovered that languages are often used 'behind-the-scenes' in jobs that are not quite so obvious. As part of the tour, students enjoyed visiting a museum to find out more about the history of British Airways.

Students commented very positively on the day, mentioning that they enjoyed dressing up as stewards and stewardesses as well as presenting the safety instructions on the mock plane. The day made them feel much more confident using the German language. They did not only made the school, but especially themselves very proud.



GUYS AND DOLLS

Now that the exams are over the Drama department are concentrating our energies in collaborating with the Music department, holding auditions for 'Joseph' which takes place during Activities Week in July and also 'Guys and Dolls' which will be next year's school production. The turn out to the auditions was excellent and it was fantastic to see such large amounts of talent present. We are hoping that both shows will be a real hit with their audiences! A trip has been planned for those involved in the production to see Guys and Dolls at The Guildhall School of Music and Drama, to give them an idea of what they will be taking part in.

On 30th June a group of students from years 7-9 travelled to the West End to see 'Wicked' to give them a wonderful experience of live theatre and to celebrate the hard work that they have put in over the year.

SPRING CONCERT

The Spring Concert took place on Tuesday 24th March in Ranmore Hall. This was a fantastic event, including all of our music ensembles and collaborating with local Surrey Arts ensembles SESAW and Blast Off! There were items from each of the groups, and joint numbers by our Orchestra & SESAW, a highlight being the ending 'Stevie Wonder in Concert' which was performed by everyone involved.



THE LEITH HILL MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Chamber Choir were again invited to take part in The Leith Hill Music Festival at The Dorking Halls. They gave a very strong performance of "Green, Green", a Traditional American song and a medley of songs from "Lion King". Both songs were given fantastic support and applause from the audience and the feedback from the adjudicator was full of praise. This is an annual competition in which the standard has gone up and up. The Ashcombe School Choir has done a lot to push up the bar and it remains an exciting and challenging competition. All the four-part songs are performed from memory and demand a lot of preparation and strong performance skills from all involved. We are looking forward to a strong field next year.



PRIMARY SCHOOLS PERFORMANCE

Mezzo and Harmonise performed in Dorking Halls in April as part of the Mole Valley Primary Schools Festival. They performed very well in front of a packed concert hall and large group of Primary School students.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME UPDATE

The Spring & Summer Terms are a hot bed of DofE activity. Bronze, Silver and Gold expeditions occur during this term so it's a busy one for staff and students alike. The term starts with the silver expedition; almost 50 students spent 3 days navigating the wild expanse of the New Forest, dodging wild ponies and treacherous marshes to make it to the evening camp sites. The weather was, as usual, fairly changeable, but student spirits were high and the trip was an all-round success.

Scores of Ashcombe students took to Leith Hill for their first taste of DofE at the start of the Spring term. Students were trained in navigation, trangia use and team work skills. The students, and staff, had a brilliant time and were excited for the future expeditions. The first of which occurred in May; blessed with sunshine, the students successfully managed to navigate into our camp at High Ashurst and back to school the following day. Except for a few sagging tents, the students took to the experience well and eagerly await their assessed expedition later this year.

The recent Gold Practice Expedition to Snowdonia was a successful but challenging one. The first two days were glorious and students had the benefit of great mountain views and impressive panoramas. Many of the peaks were covered in snow which is unusual for this time of year.

On the third day, the weather took a turn for the worse and students had to battle their way through sleety wet conditions even though they were well away from the summits. It reminded us all of the need to be prepared and for good kit. To their credit, the students carried on without complaint but many will have the memory of frozen, inflexible hands emblazoned on their memories for months to come.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

This term the school council have been focusing on the extra-curricular provision that the school provides, looking to see what works and any potential gaps that need filling. We have put together a questionnaire to see what clubs students would like to be available. We have also been discussing the canteen and the food choices that are available. Thinking about adjustments to the menu in conjunction with the manager of the canteen who attended the previous meeting. The council are also working closely with the 'Sponsor a Child' connection the school has, ensuring that tutor groups are aware of the programme and how they can get in contact with the child their tutor group sponsors. In the final half term we will be looking at potential projects for the summer holidays and general improvements to the school environment.!

CLASSICAL CIVILISATION



Two trips have been arranged for the U6 & L6 A level Classical Civilisation students to the British museum this term to enhance the classics learning experience and to allow the students to view the many classical artefacts that we discuss (albeit not in their own environment!) The museum boasts many important objects, such as the Meroe Head and the students enjoyed browsing the various rooms. On the first trip in December, we spent the evening at the Old Vic's production of Electra, starring Kristen Scott-Thomas, a ground-breaking performance in 2014 of a play 2,500 years old. Time in between the two experiences was spent having a classics pizza.

Building upon our previous visit to the British Museum's Greek & Roman rooms, in March, the L6 group went to the museum to see the exhibition 'Defining Beauty: the body in ancient Greek Art'. For centuries the ancient Greeks experimented with ways of representing the human body, both as an object of beauty and a bearer of meaning.

The remarkable works of art in the exhibition ranged from abstract simplicity of prehistoric figurines to the breath-taking realism in the age of Alexander the Great. These works continued to inspire artists for hundreds of years, giving form to thought and shaping our own perceptions of ourselves. We then visited the Alexander and Roman art rooms. The museum has a wealth of artefacts and we are extremely lucky to be so close to it.

SOCIOLOGY

In December the sixth form students headed into London to support their A Level studies. The U6 visited the Royal Courts of Justice and the Old Bailey to observe court proceedings. The Old Bailey conducts more murder trials than other court in the country and viewing some high profile cases enabled the group to further their understanding of the judicial process for the Crime and Deviance module. They then took part in a 'Jack the Ripper Tour' to consider why the Ripper has proved so difficult to identify and consider the possible motivations behind criminal acts. The L6 visited the Museum of Childhood to consider the social construction of childhood and how it varies in different cultural and historical contexts to support the Sociology of Families and Households unit.

SPLISH SPLASH!

In March, 38 enthusiastic Year 12 geographers donned their wellies and headed out into the countryside for the day to carry out some fieldwork in the River Tillingbourne. They used a range of skills to measure different aspects of the river which could later be analysed to discover how they changed as we moved downstream and why. Students are examined on what they did in the Geography 2 AS paper. The trip was very successful with everyone developing a range of new skills, the Shere ducks being well fed and most of us returning with dry feet!



LESSONS FROM AUSCHWITZ

In November 2014, Upper 6th students Anna Stanworth and Roo Campbell accompanied by Mr Blackband participated in the Lessons from Auschwitz project. This included two preparation seminars in London, a day trip to Auschwitz and a follow up session back in London. Below is Anna's reflection on her experience:

"The first seminar set the context of our visit to Poland and the overall context for the Lessons from Auschwitz Project really well. I came away with a lot more awareness about the ordinary lives that European Jews lived before they were taken away from their homes and separated from their families and hearing Susan's testimony emphasised the reality of an experience that is so hard to comprehend. The first hand account helped to re-humanise the facts and figures that we so often here with regards to the Holocaust. The one-day trip to Poland affected me in ways that I could never have imagined, seeing really is not like hearing, seeing is much more. Despite never being able to fully comprehend the horrors endured by those at Auschwitz, visiting the site definitely gave me more of a personal understanding as to why such events should never be forgotten and why we need to invest the time and effort in ensuring that others are educated and aware.

One of the most significant lessons that I learnt from taking part in the project was the importance of all of those human beings involved, not only victims but also perpetrators, bystanders and collaborators. I now carry this lesson with me in everyday life and I am more aware than ever about the difference that all human beings can make by not just being a bystander. I also learnt of the difficulties in precisely labelling individuals into these different groups as each person played their own individual part.

I was recently asked "But the Holocaust is in the past, why do we need to keep learning about it?" and my response reflected what I believe to be the most important lesson to

pass on to others, that history must never be forgotten, as if it is forgotten it is likely to live again. By passing on my own experience, as well as the stories of others that I have learnt about throughout the process of this project, I hope to not only educate and promote awareness of the Holocaust but also to re-humanise those who perished at Auschwitz and remind people that genocides such as this one are not just parts of history but crimes against humanity that still occur today.

To communicate these lessons the other ambassador at my school and I took assemblies for different years. We spoke about our personal experience of the day as well as educating about the Holocaust and all of the different people involved from victims to perpetrators. We also provided tutor groups with the film of the England football squad visiting Auschwitz as we felt this would particularly capture the attention of the younger years. Alongside these presentations we also have a memorial display board in our school which is a permanent reminder to all of the lessons that need to be learnt. I definitely believe that our school has become a lot more aware since we shared our experience with them, especially as we have inspired others to take part in the project."

Both Anna and Roo have been fantastic throughout the whole experience and I thought their assemblies were exceptional. I personally learnt a lot from spending time with them and it is something that all three of us will never forget.

Ben Blackband - Head of History

SKIING IN AUSTRIA



Mr Leyshon, Mr Hearnden, Mr Coughlin & Miss Retter led 29 students from across Key Stage 3 to St Johann im Pongau, Austria for a week's skiing over Easter (March 28th – April 5th). The journey, although very tiring, went relatively smoothly and with little incident and gave students an opportunity to get to know one and other better. With

ski fitting complete, an early night was called for in preparation for 6 days of 5 hour skiing lessons. The only unfortunate incident was that Robert Spurs was unable to travel having broken his arm training with the Brighton & Hove Albion Football academy on the morning of departure.

St Johann im Pongau is a picturesque town situated in the Salzburg province of Austria, the fairy tale birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, unlike many purpose built resorts, it is a town that dates back thousands of years and this is reflected in its charm. The area has an internationally renowned World Cup Run, named after local resident and Austrian legend Herman "The Herminator" Maier, who has 51 world cup wins despite smashing his leg on two separate occasions. The run, which is part of the annual Women's and Men's World Cup Grand Prix circuit, has a vertical drop of 1.050m from a height of 1.980m.

The students were assessed on the first morning and placed into 3 groups according to ability and a day was spent on

the local slopes at Alpendorf. Conditions were excellent throughout the week and snow was in plentiful supply, the improvement in everyone's technique was evident and the comments from the hotel staff and local ski school on the behaviour of the students were exceptionally positive.

The Amade Ski Alliance is Europe's largest skiing and snowboarding network. The lifts are fast and modern, comprising mainly of four to eight man chairlifts or cable cars. The lifts in Alpendorf alone are able to move over 56,000 people an hour ensuring, even during the busiest of periods, queues are kept to a minimum and are constantly moving. Evening entertainments proved extremely popular with tobogganing, swimming and ten pin bowling enjoyed by all.

The journey back to Dorking went without major incident, pupils commented on what a fantastic week they had, many excellent practical GCSE PE grades for skiing were recorded by the PE staff and many demanding that the trip continue as an annual event!

THE BATTLEFIELDS AT YPRES

Just before the May half term the History Department took 78 pupils to the Ypres Battlefields for the day. The pupils were to walk in the footsteps of the Allied forces who lived and died on the Ypres Salient.

After crossing via the Tunnel, the pupils arrived at Ypres and went to Tyne Cot cemetery. This is the largest cemetery for Commonwealth forces in any war and contains the graves of 11,954 men who died at the Ypres Salient. Pupils were able to locate the name of Private S.E. Reeves, a former student of Dorking High School (now Ashcombe School). This was to make the scenes the pupils were seeing as personal as possible. Some had also researched their own family history and were interested in trying to trace family members who had fought in the war. The pupils laid a

wreath here to the Allied fallen and stood in silence for a minute. Then it was on to Langemarck, where tens of thousands of German servicemen were buried, many of them in mass graves. The pupils were shocked at the contrasting feel of the cemetery compared to the Allied ones. Again the pupils laid a wreath to commemorate all who died in the First World War irrespective of side.

The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing is a war memorial in Ypres, Belgium dedicated to the 54, 896 missing of the Ypres Salient of World War One. Here the pupils were awed by the sheer number of names carved onto the memorial. Finally, we investigated the German war experience by going to the archaeologically reconstructed trenches at Bayernwald which had the added interest of being a place where a

Corporal Hitler served during the First World War.

The pupils conducted themselves with all the dignity and decorum we would expect and were a real credit to the school. Our pupils had a fun and memorable experience.



BERLIN

As part of their A2 History course, 34 students accompanied Mr Blackband, Mrs Vellucci and Mrs Jones on the four day trip to Berlin. Here they had the opportunity to meet with Inge Deutschkron who was one of the few Jews who managed to escape deportation during the Holocaust. She is now 94 and recently addressed the German Parliament, the Bundestag, but now only sees a few groups of students, and saw Ashcombe students because she had been so impressed on the last visit. Inge worked for Otto Weidt from 1941-43 in his brush workshop before illegally living in Berlin with her mother in order to survive. The students were able to listen to Inge's story for two hours in which they were also given the opportunity to ask her a wide variety of questions. Other highlights included a visit to Sachsenhausen, the Reichstag and Olympic Stadium. The pupils were treated to an entertaining evening watching the Berlin Ice Hockey team and the annual bowling competition, with Mr Blackband being victorious! A great trip was had by all and the students were brilliant throughout.



MOCK TRIAL



This term, a group of Year 8 and 9's finest went to Guildford Magistrate's Court to take part in the Magistrate's Court Mock Trial Competition. This is an inter-school competition, in which students are given the opportunity to play the roles of lawyers, witnesses, and various court staff in the deliberation of a fictional court case. On the day, students also had the opportunity to see the inside of a real police van, meet a police dog and get locked inside the court's cells! Whilst the trials themselves proceeded well, with stand-out performances from every single member of the team, we were unlucky not to progress to the next round of the competition, but we'll be back next year to get our record back on track!

ELECTION

On Friday 1st May The Ashcombe School hosted a general election debate with all the Mole Valley parliamentary candidates attending, chaired by the political TV presenter Nick Owen. He pushed the candidates to answer the questions from the students, and gave the students a real insight into political debate. Three hundred students from across the school attended the event and quizzed the candidates on a variety of issues. Many of the students who attended the debate are members of the successful school debating society.

Some of the questions the candidates faced included: How can the economic recovery be, in the words of the Tories, "half way there" when a food bank is being opened in Dorking? ; Do you support tuition fees for young people going to university? ; Outline one local initiative that you would get involved with to improve the Dorking community ideally with a focus on young people.

YEAR 8 HIGHER EDUCATION WEEK

Fifteen Year 8 students were given the opportunity to take part in an event at Surrey University to explore what universities have to offer. They took part in a range of hands-on activities including law, creative writing, construction, biology, drama and advice about revision skills. The students enjoyed themselves and gained knowledge about the opportunities for them post-Ashcombe. Here they are looking very proud at their Graduation...



DISTRICT ATHLETICS

The Ashcombe School took 50 students from Years 8, 9 & 10 to compete in the 83rd annual Central Surrey Competition held at Kingsmeadow Stadium on Thursday 14th May. Unfortunately the unseasonal weather meant that the competition was held in horrendous conditions however the students demonstrated excellent spirit and all gave their very best to the team Ashcombe cause.

There were many personal bests and significant performances achieved on the day and Final Placings (out of 18 Schools) placed the Ashcombe in:

Junior Boys – 4th

Junior Girls – 4th

Inter Boys – 2nd (only narrowly missing out to Epsom College)

Inter Girls – 7th

The Ashcombe School was the highest placed state school and an amazing 15 students were selected to represent the Central Surrey District at the Surrey Schools Championships at Kingsmeadow Stadium on Saturday 13th June.

Reuben Collins, who is new to Triple Jump, broke the Central Surrey record by a huge 52cm with a jump of 12.77m. He also cruised to 1st place in the Junior Boys 100m.



Sophia Herouvin (in the middle) is first out of the blocks in her 100m Inter Girls Heat. Sophia placed 1st in the final in a time of 13.7s and is selected for the Central Surrey Team.



Travis Blood – 4.88m in the Inter Boys Long Jump which gave him third place and selection for the Central Surrey team



Poppy Russell – Selected for the Central Surrey Team for Long Jump



Callum Agent – making it through to the final of the Inter Boys 100m in 2nd place in his Heat

BOUNCING HIGH

In March of this year a team of gymnasts from The Ashcombe School entered a trampolining competition at Esher High School. The girls did brilliantly both individually and as an overall team. The official results were:

Novice

Ricelle Navalta	2nd PLACE
Bella Woodward	
Fabia DeCaprio	

Intermediate

Ruby Barnes	1st PLACE
Alice Bradshaw	2nd PLACE
Sarah Bryant	

Advanced

Emily Mills	1st PLACE
Lauren Jennings	3rd PLACE
Eloise Kirton	

Elite

Heidi Harriso	1st PLACE
Kezia Mahoney	3rd PLACE
Olivia Parkin	

TEAM OVERALL – 2nd PLACE

Ruby Barnes; Heidi Harrison; Kezia Mahoney & Emily Mills



INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES

POPPY RUSSELL



Following their win at the South-East England Regional Sports Hall Athletics finals in February, Poppy Russell was asked to represent Surrey again in the National finals at Sportcity in Manchester on 25th April. The team of 12 Under 13 Surrey girls won the competition to become UK Champions, beating off stiff competition from Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the best of the England county teams. As well as taking away an overall gold medal as part of the winning team, Poppy reached the final of the 4 lap sprint and was part of the silver medal-winning relay team.

ESME CROWFOOT



Esme started riding at the age of 2 and her love for the sport grew from there. More recently in 2013 Esme qualified for the NSEA Championships at Addington Manor and secured a place in the 'Jumping with Style' class. Just after Easter of this year, Esme competed with NSEA representing the Ashcombe School and placed 5th in the show jumping out of 70 competitors. On the same day Esme competed in the dressage for the first time and has continued to compete in this class. In the Summer of 2014 Esme competed at Hickstead show ground with Pony Club Teams and placed 6th out of 100's of teams. Well done Esme and what a fabulous picture!

KEZIA MAHONY



In 2014 Kezia was crowned a Regional Champion and scored gold again earlier this year at Regional Level to qualify to National Level for the 2015 season. She joined fellow Ashcombe student Heidi Harrison on the National Circuit. Both girls train with Dorking-based Gatwick Flyers Trampoline Club. In April Kezia travelled to Coventry's Ricoh Arena and recently she travelled to Sheffield for her first national season. Across the two competitions, Kezia completed her two routines with precision to finish an impressive sixth and ninth place in her fiercely competitive age category. Upcoming competitions include a National League competition in Cardiff, with the possibility of qualifying for the National League Final to be held in the Olympic Park. Kezia also competes DMT (double mini-trampoline) at Regional Level and in the National League.

SOPHIA HEROUVIN



Sophia of Dorking and Mole Valley Athletics Club was awarded the highest points scorer for the Surrey under 15's Girls Sports Hall Competitions by Surrey County Athletics Association.

She was also a competitor in the Surrey under 15's Girls Team that won the Regional Finals and then went on to become National Sports Hall Champions for 2015 in Manchester in April. All six girls in the team had to compete in a track, relay race and two field events

HEIDI HARRISON



Heidi Harrison (Year 7) has been celebrating recently with a fantastic second place podium finish at the first round of the 2015 National Trampoline Spring Event Series, held in Coventry's Ricoh Arena. Heidi achieved the highest scores

in her age group for her set routine and her scores secured qualification to compete at the National Finals later this year. The 2015 National Trampolining Finals will take place on 11/12 July at Telford's International Centre. In this picture Heidi is being congratulated on her silver medal and qualification to National Finals by Olympic athlete, Kat Driscoll, Great Britain's number one trampolinist and former World Champion. A lovely moment for her!

Heidi also competed in the second National Trampoline Qualifier at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. She completed two fantastic routines to finish third and win a bronze medal. Heidi is the only competitor in her age group to have finished in the top 3 at both qualifying events having won silver at Coventry in April.

Her track record puts her in strong contention for the National title at the 2015 British Gymnastics National Trampolining Finals, which takes place at the International Centre in Telford on 12th/13th July.

MUNROE RITCHIE



Brockham teenager Munroe Ritchie has received U17 awards from his club, Crawley Athletic, and Surrey County Athletics Association recognising his record-breaking hammer-throwing performance last year. He has also

received confirmation that the GLL Sport Foundation, in partnership with Freedom Leisure, have granted him an

achievement award through their athlete support programme. The award comprises £250, a training membership and access to the foundation's sport science programmes. These are great achievements for Munroe as he develops towards becoming one of Surrey's all-time top hammer throwers. Munroe who is in the Sixth Form said: "I had to work hard last year to fit in my training, competitions and GCSE exams so I'm pleased to get these awards. My main achievement was taking the Club record and the two County and Schools championship records set by Gareth Cook nearly 30 years ago."

He has started his U20 athletics career well winning gold at the Surrey County Indoor Championships throwing the 6kg shot putt 12.92m and gaining a ranking of 11th in UK. His best performance so far with the 6kg hammer is 56.29m and he is now chasing his own county record (57.60m) set last year as a 16 year old.

A gold medal winning throw of 56.43m for the Central Surrey Team in the Surrey Schools Track & Field Championship produced a season's best performance for Munroe who has also been selected for the Surrey Schools team.

STEPHANIE KILLICK

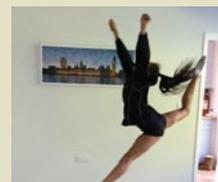


Y9 kickboxer Steffi Killick is celebrating more success in her sport. She has recently claimed medals at both the Dutch Open and Northants Open, winning a mixture of gold and silver. Steffi, who is 14, went out to the

Netherlands and claimed two silver medals – one in the U50kg category, where she was giving away 15kg in weight, and another in the U45kg category. She then came back to England and went one better in Northampton, winning gold in the U150cm category at the Northants Open. Stephanie also won two medals at the Irish Open and has been selected to fight for the World Association of

Kickboxing Organisations (WAKO) European Cadets and Juniors Championships in San Sebastian, Spain, in August. We wish her every success.

NINA NAVALTA



Nina is a member of the Leatherhead & Dorking Gym Club. She has been a keen gymnast since the age of 7 and she absolutely loves it. She trains 4 times a week for a total of 12 hours – it's really hard work and they spend a lot of time doing core training and body conditioning. Her favourite apparatus is the Vault and her favourite Vault is the Tsukahara.

Nina competes nationally in TeamGym which is a competition for teams of men and women (or mixed) and includes routines being performed on three pieces of apparatus: floor, trampette and a tumbling track. All three disciplines require effective teamwork, excellent technique and spectacular acrobatic elements. It takes great gymnastic skill and adds a fun, team element to the more well known artistic gymnastics. Nina is the current team captain and her team were undefeated in their age category last year and have won all competitions to date this year. They are currently preparing for the British Championships which will take place in Liverpool in August. We wish her and her team every success.

BASKETBALL BRILLIANCE



The Surrey Youth Games are held annually in June. This year, Team Mole Valley won the U13 Boys Basketball competition. What a brilliant achievement and well done to Ashcombe pupils Freddie Fownes-Walpole, Matthew Marsden and Joe Bruce.