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THE CHURCHILL SPORT REPORT



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GOT THE GOLD



**HANOVER WINS
SPORTS DAY FOR THE
FIRST TIME IN ELEVEN
YEARS.**

ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET...

Stepping out onto the field on Sports Day morning, you could practically taste the determination in the air. The track events kicked off early at 9am, the 1500m and 800m for all years on the bottom field. It was so impressive to see so many students participating and giving their all to run long distances – especially so early in the morning! A particular well done should go to those students who aren't long distance runners, but took on the challenge anyways to score points for their houses.

All of the races were nail-biting to watch, with many of them having only a few seconds difference between the first and second racers. This was the case with the Year 7 Boys 1500m, when, despite Mr Slater saying that Hanover was “going to win the race” because they were “going for gold,” Tudor’s Stan Lenton beat Hanover’s Arlo Bird by only three seconds! Windsor won a fair few of their

800m races, which is perhaps what helped them to take an early (though, unfortunately, not lasting) lead on the House scoreboards.

There were a number of records broken on the tracks this Sports Day for a range of events (see below for full details). However, a particular congratulations should be given to Olive Leaney, who matched the 2021 Year 9 Girls 800m school record at 2.53mins, and Gabriel Kordy, who broke the Year 9 Boys school record for 100m, which was previously set over two decades ago in 1999, with a scorching speed of 11.51s!

Reported by Henry Janes, Year 7



GOOD VIBES ONLY

This morning the sun was shining, the birds were singing and the students were painting themselves in all sorts of colours... Sports Day had arrived! The smells of fresh grass and sun-cream filled the air as students swarmed the field and from MC Spencer’s (Mr Spencer on a regular day) sound desk, the songs of summer were blaring. Students and teachers alike were enjoying the music, with Lily Hoare noting that the sounds were “bopping” and Miss Bones is reported to have said that there were “Banging tunes!” Some people were even dancing along (especially Miss Bones).

The House Mascots were all also seen having a blast and bringing joy to the events of the day, although it was quite strange to see Teletubby Po (Tudor), a

Smurf (Windsor), Shrek (Stuart), Barney the Dinosaur (Lancaster) and a giant bumble bee (Hanover) all in one place!

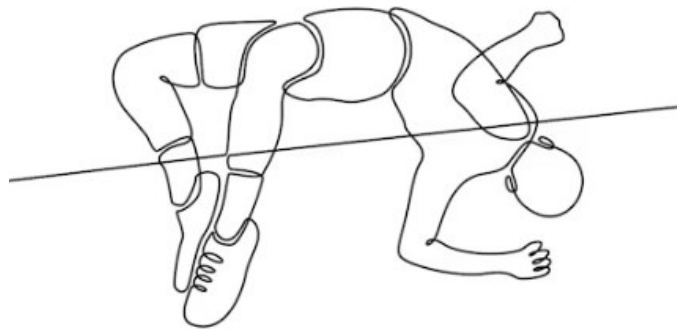
A variety of foods were served at this year’s Sports Day event, including delectable fizzy drinks and luscious ice-lollies from the Sixth Form stand, which were complemented excellently by the sizzling sausage-rolls and scrumptious sweets provided by Aspens. The cold drinks and ice-creams were essential for combatting the heat, which was relentless, but even so, a wonderful reminder that summer is within reach.

All in all, there were only good vibes at the Churchill Academy Sports Day 2024 and I am already excited for the next one!

Reported by Dennis Darwin, Year 7



JUMP! JUMP! EVERYBODY JUMP!



Three jumps and you're out... Who has what it takes to beat the bar?

In the Year 9 Girls High-Jump, Hanover started strong, effortlessly jumping over the bar, followed by Tudor, who showed a similar strength. Windsor tried their very best after a rocky start and lack of confidence, but despite her efforts, the Windsor competitor, Amalia Gutherie-Knight, just missed the jump. Amalia stated after her competition that she "[doesn't] think Windsor can win the house cup," but with students as determined and willing as her, I'm sure they're in for a shot.

Next to compete were the Year 10 Girls, starting with Tudor, who had a clear drive to win. Though confident and supported by cheers from the side-lines, Skye couldn't quite fly high enough. However, this was not the end for Tudor, because their second competitor leapt over and into the next round! Both Hannover competitors following closely behind.

The next round commenced and, though shaking with nerves, most of the participants were able to fling themselves over the bar. The bar lifted again as the girls waited for their chance to compete. This new level presented itself as a problem for two of the Year 9 and 10 Hannover contestants, who were shook after a wobbly start, but extraordinarily regained their streaks on their third attempts!

Round Four began with only five competitors remaining, and proved a



challenge for Hanover and Tudor, who had both lost Year 9 participants! Nevertheless, just as it looked like Year 9 had a winner, two new Lancaster competitors arrive fresh off of completing races for their house. Though starting hard at 115cm, both new competitors had no problem springing over. Following this, another two Year 10 Stuart participants and Lancaster participant also came along to join in with the fun (and the chance to win).

The next round bested many and the competition lost the new Lancaster participant and one of the two Stuart participants. The jump got steadily harder and unbeatable for one of the Year 9 Lancaster members. At 127 cm, it became stressful for all remaining competitors. One Hanover participant, Amaya Hiron, shook with a rocky start, commenting, "I don't think I can do it" after her second attempt, but support came from the spectators and she regained con-

fidence, leaping over the bar as if with ease. The ending was not the same for the Year 9 Lancaster participant, and Amaya won the Year 9 competition, continuing to try for a record!

With only two Year 10 competitors remaining, the atmosphere was tense. But not for long, as at 131cm, Stuart desperately tries – but doesn't manage – to achieve the jump. Tudor wins for Year 10!

Both girls continue, driven with the hop of achieving a new record, but unfortunately, at 134cm, the bar is too high and both must settle for 131cm as a win. Congratulations to Hanover and Tudor.

Reported and written by Ella Weeks,
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NEW RECORDS

Name	Event	Year Group	Gender	House	Time/	Type
TUDOR	4x100m	9	Male	Tudor	51.83	House
LANCASTER	4x100m	8	Male	Lancaster	53.31	House
STUART	4x100m	7	Male	Stuart	59.75	House
Amaya Hirons	High Jump	9	Female	Hanover	1.38	House
Reggie Neck	200m	9	Male	Windsor	24.28	House
Isobel Shirt	200m	9	Male	Hanover	29.58	House
Harry Hopkins	200m	8	Male	Lancaster	25.71	House
Eva Wright	300m	8	Female	Tudor	54.16	House
Annabelle Ellison	300m	7	Female	Lancaster	55.13	House
Ethne Bird	100m	10	Female	Hanover	13.94	House
Anna Pope	100m	10	Female	Stuart	12.99	House
Arlo Shirt	100m	8	Male	Hanover	12.09	House
Amy Court	100m	7	Female	Lancaster	13.21	House
Gabriel Kordy	100m	9	Male	Stuart	11.51	School
Erin Morgan	High Jump	10	Female	Windsor	1.35	House
Isaac Roper	High Jump	7	Male	Stuart	1.50	School
James Hatherall	Javelin	8	Male	Lancaster	28.20	House
Lily Booth-Davey	Javelin	8	Female	Stuart	17.60	House
Amy Court	Javelin	7	Female	Lancaster	14.34	House
Olive Dury	Hurdles	8	Girls	Hanover	14.84	House
Francis Campbell	Hurdles	10	Boys	Windsor	13.20	House
Annabelle Ellison	Hurdles	7	Girls	Lancaster	13.49	House
Matilda Palmer	Hurdles	7	Girls	Windsor	14.00	House
Josh Palmer	Hurdles	9	Boys	Windsor	12.42	House
Elodie Marsh	Hurdles	9	Girls	Lancaster	14.56	House
Annabelle Ellison	1500m	7	Girls	Lancaster	6.05	House
Alex Rice	1500m	8	Boys	Stuart	5.00	House
Olive Leaney	800m	9	Girls	Lancaster	2.53	School
Maddock Jackson	High Jump	10	Boys	Lancaster	1.60	House
Harry Emler	Shot Putt	9	Boys	Lancaster	11.21	House