

## Norlington School & Sixth Form 2024/25 Sports Year in Review:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we reach the end of the 2024/25 academic year, we are proud to reflect on what has truly been a landmark year for sport at Norlington. From borough titles to record participation, our students have achieved remarkable success across a wide range of sports. Below, you will find a summary of our key achievements from this unforgettable sporting year.

**Cross Country** Our athletes took on the annual Waltham Forest Cross Country Championships with courage and endurance. Ayman Benkacem finished 7th, Oliver Hodgson came 12th, and Matteo Carbognin crossed the line in 15th — placing Norlington among the top-performing schools in the borough.

**Football** Our U13 football team (Year 8) had an exceptional run, reaching the Borough Final. After a thrilling journey, they were narrowly defeated on penalties — a heartbreaking yet proud end to an incredible campaign. The U15s also made it to the semi-finals, showcasing tactical maturity and grit throughout the season.



**Basketball** The U13 basketball team emerged as one of the top sides in the borough, with big wins over Lammas, George Mitchell, and Leytonstone. Their effort took them to the borough play-offs where they displayed cohesion and spirit in every match.

**Indoor Athletics** The borough sports hall athletics event was a huge success for Norlington. We had multiple top-6 finishes across both Year 7 and Year 8 squads.

**Volleyball** A growing sport at Norlington, volleyball brought major silverware this year. At the Borough Beach Volleyball Championships, both our U13 and U15 teams were crowned champions after thrilling wins against Heathcote School. An outstanding team effort in a sport new to many of our students.



**Table Tennis** Norlington reaffirmed its borough dominance in table tennis. Our U16s won the Borough Championship and went on to qualify for the London Youth Games. Meanwhile, the U13B team – comprised entirely of Year 7 players – reached the final and finished runners-up against older opposition.



**Athletics (Outdoor Track & Field)** The Waltham Forest Borough Championships at the Feel Good Centre saw some of our best-ever performances. Year 7 relay took gold in a historic first. Musa Raza stormed to gold in the 200m, and Oliver Hodgson added another bronze in the Javelin. Bronze



medals also came from Matias Estrada (Long Jump) and the Year 8 4x100m relay team. The event demonstrated the school's growing strength in track and field.



**Cricket** This year marked the full launch of the Norlington Cricket Academy — and the results were nothing short of exceptional:

- **U12:** Borough Champions (10-wicket win over Walthamstow Academy)



- **U13:** Borough Champions and 3rd in London at the LSCA Finals Day. They also beat Heathcote in the borough final after chasing down 117 in 13 overs, led by Isa Dustagheer and Luqman Ashraf.



- **U14:** Borough Champions





- **U15:** Borough Champions and London Cup Finalists, having beaten Westminster and Robert Clack en route to a narrow loss against Eltham College



Across every age group, our boys demonstrated exceptional skill, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

**Participation and What Comes Next** Over the course of the year, Norlington took part in **over 100 competitive fixtures** — averaging **three a week**. Over **250 students** represented the school in competitive sport. These figures don't even account for the hundreds more who take part in lunchtime and after-school clubs.

While this has been a record-breaking year, we know there is still more to achieve. Our goal remains clear:

**More fixtures. More opportunity. More Norlington boys active and excelling.**

Thank you for your continued support of our school's sporting journey. We can't wait to go again in 2025/26.

Warm regards,

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