

Meet budding Cricket Coach Tyler Ward

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On Route: Tell us about yourself

Tyler Ward: Before Reigate College I was at Riddlesdown College in Croydon but like my sister before me, I decided to move to Reigate for my A Levels. I'm studying Physical Education, Music Technology and Travel and Tourism.

OR: What's your favourite subject at College?

TW: PE is definitely my favourite, although the course involves a lot more theory than I'd anticipated. I really enjoyed doing my EPQ as an extension of my PE course, which focused on the extent that T20 Cricket has affected Test Cricket. I also enjoyed Music Technology – I've always loved music, theatre and performing arts and did Stage Coach for years when I was younger.

OR: We understand you're the Students' Union Charity Officer this year. What does that involve?

TW: It was a real boost to get elected for this role. I have a team of four students who help me organise and run a variety of charity events throughout the year, which is a great experience and also lots of fun! I've

made so many new friends through the SU and it's incredibly rewarding raising funds for so many worthwhile causes.

OR: What sports do you do?

TW: My main sports are Cricket and Hockey. I've played for Sanderstead Cricket & Hockey Club for years. I've

Sports

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During the last three months more than 30 College students have volunteered to help run, coach and officiate at a variety of sporting activities hosted by the College on behalf of local schools.

Basketball

The District Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 tournaments were held in the Lindley Sports Centre, with College students responsible for the officiating, refereeing and organisation of the tournaments. Basketball is not an easy game to keep control on court but the students performed admirably, learning from the occasional error and improving in confidence all the time.

also represented Surrey District in Cricket and used to be Surrey Schools Cricket Captain. I'd say I'm an all-rounder when it comes to Cricket. I usually bat as number three or four and I'm a leg spin bowler! I also play Hockey for the College team. It's usually a mixed team which makes quite a change!

District Indoor Athletics Tournaments

Reigate College also hosted the Year 7 District Indoor Athletics Competition in February, which included over 70 year 7 competitors from local secondary schools. 20 College students were trained to officiate at the event, volunteering to run activities ranging from sprint relays to shot put and triple jump. The atmosphere in the Sports Centre was electric!

OR: How did you get into Cricket?

TW: My dad used to play Cricket to quite a high level and still plays for the same club as me. Growing up we would spend all our weekends at the club in Sanderstead. About five years ago I took up Hockey for a winter sport and haven't looked back since.

OR: Who are your sporting heroes?

TW: Definitely Shane Warne! I remember watching him in the 2005 Ashes. He was an amazing Cricketer. Freddie Flintoff and Alistair Cook have also been great role models.

OR: What are your sporting ambitions?

TW: I'd like to be a Cricket Coach. My aim is to get to the highest possible level - County or even National. I've just heard that I've been offered a place at the University of Worcester to study Cricket Coaching and Management to start in the autumn, so that's the first stage.

OR: Do you already have any coaching experience?

TW: When I was at Riddlesdown I completed Level 1 of the Sports Leaders' Award. I've also completed my Level 1 coaching degree in Cricket through Surrey County Cricket and hope to complete Level 2 soon. I also coach the Under-9s squad at Sanderstead Cricket Club, which I love.

OR: Do you have any free time for other hobbies in your busy schedule?

TW: I love Art, particularly drawing, as it's so relaxing, but as I play Hockey twice a week in the winter and Cricket at least four times a week in the summer, I don't have much free time once I've done my College work.

OR: What will you take with you from your time at Reigate College?

TW: I've met so many great people during my time at College – both students and teachers! The support has always been fantastic and I feel that the experience has prepared me really well for life after College.

Going for Gold

The first weekend in February saw the beginning of a new expedition programme for students who've registered to do the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award this year.

At this level students are expected to work their way through the Volunteering, Skills and Physical Activity sections independently (under the guidance of D of E staff) but take on the Expedition section with fellow students.



Students busy planning their route for the training camp in March

With this in mind, D of E students spent two long days at College over a weekend at the beginning of February where the nine expedition groups received intensive training from Peak Pursuits staff. They worked extremely hard all weekend, learning the skills they need to undertake an expedition in wild country. These skills included camp-craft, cooking, navigation, equipment and rucksack packing, the countryside code and route planning.

This training was consolidated and put to the test during the training camp in the Ashdown Forest in early March, ahead of the practice expedition in the Brecon Beacons at Easter.

Football

The Boys' 1st team reached the quarter finals of the English School's FA Cup, but lost to Stanmore College (Barnet FC Academy).

In the league the Boys' 1st team beat Esher College 5-2, with the Boys' 2nd team beating Esher College 4-0.

Dodgeball training and District Event

12 students volunteered to train up to achieve the UK Dodgeball Association Leaders' Award. This will enable them to officiate at the Year 7/8 Dodgeball District Tournament to be held at the College in March.