

Track & Field 2009

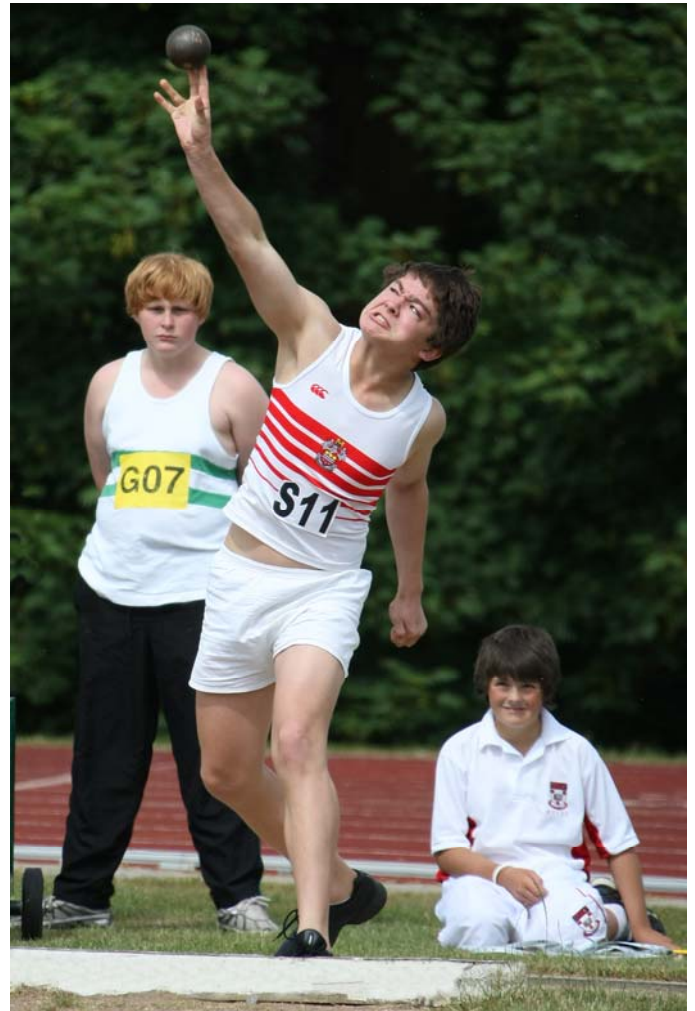
An impromptu storm resulted in the abandonment of the first fixture in the 2009 competitive season. Consequently, it was a somewhat green squad which headed off to the *Winchester House School Invitation Athletics Meeting* on 12th May. Our squad of 28 performed better than any previous team in the ten years that we have been competing in this fixture. With a total of 12 schools taking part, the boys should be justly proud of the individual medal count: 8 Golds, 6 Silvers and 6 Bronzes. In addition, the Under 13 relay team collected a gold medal (setting a new Under 13 School Record – 56.30s) and both the Under 11 and Under 14 relay teams gained silver medal position. This season, strength was most evident in the sprint events: **Tade Ojora** (Under 10) came 1st in both the 100m and 200m, a feat matched at Under 14 level by **Bami Ogundeyin**. In the Under 11s, **Sile Ogundeyin** narrowly missed the double, coming 1st in the 100m and 2nd in the 200m. **George Peake** (Under 13) performed superbly well against a strong field, but was unable to take the gold, coming 2nd in the two sprints. **Caio Castellini Baldissera** collected the only medal for the Under 13's, coming 1st in the High Jump. The only other field gold was collected by **Robert Peacock** (Under 14) in the Shot Put. Congratulations also went to **Freddie Spickernell** who came 3rd in the Shot with a new Under 13 School Record of 8.51m.

Following his success at the *Winchester House Invitation meeting* (in addition to a fantastic season in 2008), **Robert Peacock** was appointed Captain of Athletics.

In near-perfect conditions, moments after completion of the final Common Entrance papers, a team of 14 were on their way to the *Radley College Athletics Club Meeting*. This increasingly challenging fixture now boasts seven competing schools, including Radley itself, who fields an Under 15 team. This is the only team competition we enter as a school and it always proves a tactical nightmare so far as the seeding of the two competitors in each event is concerned. With 20:20 hindsight and perfect seeding, our typical 2nd place (behind Radley) would have been achieved, but sadly this was not the case and Elstree forced us into third place by just one point! **Robert Peacock** produced a fantastic performance in the Shot (11.26m), coming first and beating our eleven-year-old School Record. **Claudio Bassano** gained our only other gold that day, winning the Javelin competition.

I was delighted to hear news of **Lawrence Clarke** (OS) who has been selected to represent Team GB in the 110m Hurdles. Just before Sports Day he kindly invited me to watch him in action at a meeting in Abingdon. In quite unpleasant conditions he produced the best time of the day, albeit not close to his PB. Lawrence is one of

the Team GB prospects for the 2012 Olympics and I wish him every success on his journey there. There is little I would rather do than watch someone I was fortunate enough to coach, compete at the very highest level. I hope that Lawrence will be able to spare some time next year to return to Summer Fields and share his sporting knowledge with some of our hopefuls.



The fine weather remained with us for Sports Day with a *League Athletics Meeting* that was unnervingly stress-free. The conditions lent themselves to some truly impressive individual performances, none more so that **Tade Ojora**, who not only won all three of his events (75m, 200m and Long Jump), but did so setting a new Under 10 School Record in each – a feat not previously seen in my eleven years of running the athletics at Summer Fields. **Aabynn Cha** also deserves congratulations for impressive Shot Put of 9.02m, setting a new Under 13 School Record.

The trackside Prize Giving provided an opportunity for Athletics Colours to be awarded. As a result of continuous hard work, dedication and commitment to athletics over a number of years, **Bami Ogundeyin**, **James Pascal** and **Robert Peacock** were re-awarded their colours. The following also gained their colours for the first time: **Kalil Ali**, **Barnaby Bossom**, **Arthur**

Studholme, Mylo Lyons, Sandy MacAulay, Claudio Bassano, Aabynn Cha and George Peake.

A smaller-than-usual squad of 16 qualified for the *Mercia Area Athletics Championships* just five days later. They travelled the short distance to the famous Iffley Road stadium to represent the School in this huge meeting with 32 other schools. **Tade Ojora**, despite being just nine years old, was competing as an Under 12 in the 200m. He comfortably won the heats, with another Under 10 School Record time and then proceeded to win the finals this time bettering the Under 11 School Record for the 200m! His place was secured for the National Championships at the end of term. **Aabynn Cha** just missed the gold medal place in the Under 13 Hurdles, but still qualified to compete at the National Championships in 11.68s, a new Under 13 School Record time. Not to be outdone, **Robert Peacock** won the Under 14 Shot Put, although failed to improve upon his Record. **Freddie Spickernell** also qualified for the National Championships, coming second in the Under 13 Javelin. **Thomas Nevile** performed exceptionally well in the Under 13 High Jump, but sadly failed to qualify for the Nationals while attempting a School Record height in that event.



The final Monday of term, accompanied by JASP, Mrs Sparrow and myself, **Tade Ojora, Aabynn Cha, Robert Peacock** head travelled to the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham to represent the Mercia Region in the *National Prep Schools Athletics Championships*. The

level of competition there is extraordinary. This year saw the National Under 14 Javelin Record shattered by a 52.40m throw (nearly 20m further than our School Record)! In the same age group, a new 200m National Record was set, at just over 23s (3s faster than our School Record). Despite this, **Tade** qualified through the heats and finished 4th overall in the Under 12 200m, having broken both the Under 10 and Under 11 School Record yet again! During this season he has cut nearly two seconds off the previous Under 10 Record, which now stands at 28.90s. He will still be competing in that age group in 2011, so he has every chance of becoming Under 12 National Prep Schools 200m Champion at some stage in the next two years. **Robert**



The End of Term Prize Giving saw **Caio Castellini Baldissera** win the Junior Victor Ludorum and the Senior Victor Ludorum went to **Robert Peacock**. **Sandy MacAulay** received the Summer Fields Athletic Standards Trophy. Particular congratulations must also go to the gold medal Best Athletes: **Jacob Drabble** (U9); **Tade Ojora** (U10); **Sile Ogundeyin** (U11); and **Aabynn Cha** (U13). The following also gained their colours **Freddie Spickernell, Thomas Nevile, Tolu Ojora** and **George Scott**.

At the end of yet another season, I must as always thank those who have worked so hard on the coaching front, particularly JASP, CS, SAES and MLS. It is important not to forget the help given by the entire staff and domestic staff in helping stage the Sport Day. However, it is with great sadness that we have to bid farewell to JASP as he heads off to Cheam School. His enthusiasm, dedication and professional knowledge of athletics will be very much missed by boys and staff alike, and almost impossible to replace. It is pleasing to know that we will frequently catch up with him in the summer months, since Cheam is a significant part of our circuit and we compete in almost every athletics fixture. Additionally SAES is heading off to Winchester House School, where, amongst other duties, he will become responsible for their Invitation Athletics Meeting. As with JASP, our paths will frequently cross on the various sporting fields. I wish them both every success for the future and owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

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Summer Fields Track & Field Records

| Age | Event | Name | Result | Year |
|-----------------|---|--|--------------|-------------|
| Open | 75m Hurdles | Harry A.C. Hill | 12.32 | 2007 |
| | 100m | Archie W.E. Pottinger | 12.40 | 2002 |
| | 200m | Niko C.L. de Walden | 26.3 | 2001 |
| | 400m | Charles A. Stainforth | 57.8 | 2003 |
| | 800m | Jamie R.G. Laing | 2'22.07 | 2002 |
| | 1500m | Jamie R.G. Laing (2002) & David C.J.Tollemache | 4'54.9 | 2003 |
| | Cross Country | Jamie R.G. Laing | 9'47 | 2002 |
| | Long Jump | Charles A. Stainforth | 5.14 | 2003 |
| | Triple Jump | Niko C.L. de Walden | 10.90 | 2001 |
| | High Jump | Henry Brudenell-Bruce | 1.60 | 1990 |
| | Shot (3.25Kg) | Robert A. Peacock | 11.26 | 2009 |
| | Discus (1Kg) | Archie W.E. Pottinger | 31.33 | 2002 |
| | Javelin (600g) | Patrick N.O. Allerton | 34.22 | 1992 |
| | Relay (4x100m) | Case | 56.26 | 2004 |
| Relay (4x100m) | J.R.G. Laing; E.M.I. Flach; A.W.E. Pottinger; C.A. Stainforth | 52.9 | 2002 | |
| Under 13 | 70m Hurdles | Aabyynn Cha | 11.68 | 2009 |
| | 100m | Adam Petalas | 12.7 | 1978 |
| | 200m | Adam Petalas | 26.7 | 1978 |
| | 400m | Miles P.D. Rimell (event no longer competed) | 61.3 | 1979 |
| | 800m | Edmund T.S. Normanton | 2'28.3 | 1996 |
| | 1500m | Jamie R.G. Laing | 5'03.5 | 2001 |
| | Long Jump | Nana B. Owusu-Nyantekyi | 4.85 | 2003 |
| | Triple Jump | Nana B. Owusu-Nyantekyi (event no longer competed) | 9.79 | 2003 |
| | High Jump | Henry W. Lebus | 1.40 | 2003 |
| | Shot (2.72Kg) | Aabyynn Cha | 9.02 | 2009 |
| | Discus (0.75Kg) | Archie W.E. Pottinger | 25.90 | 2001 |
| | Javelin (400g) | Robbie E. Woods | 33.80 | 2002 |
| | Relay (4x100m) | A. Cha; G.S. Peake; T.A. Ojora; W.D.D. Coleridge | 56.30 | 2009 |
| | Under 12 | 70m Hurdles | Kalil Ali | 13.45 |
| 100m | | Niko C.L. de Walden | 13.2 | 1999 |
| 200m | | Niko C.L. de Walden | 27.9 | 1999 |
| 400m | | Freddie J. Green (event no longer competed) | 64.0 | 1996 |
| 800m | | Freddie J. Green | 2'32.8 | 1996 |
| 1500m | | Jamie R.G. Laing | 5'14.2 | 2000 |
| Cross Country | | Jamie R.G. Laing | 7'45 | 2000 |
| Long Jump | | Nana B. Owusu-Nyantekyi | 4.85 | 2003 |
| Triple Jump | | Nana B. Owusu-Nyantekyi (event no longer competed) | 9.79 | 2003 |
| High Jump | | Nana B. Owusu-Nyantekyi | 1.31 | 2003 |
| Cricket Ball | | Charlie Macpherson | 56.88 | 1991 |
| Shot (2.72Kg) | | Peter W.H. Meuli | 7.70 | 2004 |
| Discus (0.75Kg) | | Archie W.E. Pottinger | 22.21 | 2000 |
| Javelin (400g) | | Jamie R.G. Laing | 31.21 | 2000 |
| Relay (4x100m) | | Case | 62.54 | 2004 |
| Relay (4x100m) | | J.E.A. Browne; O.G.F.Lyons; G.W. Linzee Gordon; A.L. Macdonald | 57.56 | 2006 |
| Under 11 | 100m | Nana B. Owusu-Nyantekyi | 13.89 | 2002 |
| | 200m | Tade O. Ojora | 28.90 | 2009 |
| | 400m | Max A.P. Seely (event no longer competed) | 72.09 | 2004 |
| | 800m | Jamie R.G. Laing | 2'36.8 | 1999 |
| | 1500m | Benedict M.A.M. Lowe | 5'23.32 | 2008 |
| | Long Jump | Nana B. Owusu-Nyantekyi | 4.49 | 2002 |
| | Triple Jump | Nana B. Owusu-Nyantekyi (event no longer competed) | 8.92 | 2002 |
| | High Jump | Jonty E.A. Browne | 1.22 | 2005 |
| Cricket Ball | Christopher Wilton-Steer | 49.02 | 1993 | |
| Under 10 | 75m | Tade O. Ojora | 10.89 | 2009 |
| | 100m | Peter W. Morris (event no longer competed) | 14.1 | 1970 |
| | 200m | Tade O. Ojora | 28.90 | 2009 |
| | 400m | Rory M. Collins (event no longer competed) | 74.8 | 2000 |
| | 800m | Frank E. Faber | 2'44.4 | 2006 |
| | Cross Country | Frank E. Faber | 6'47 | 2006 |
| | Long Jump | Tade O. Ojora | 4.19 | 2009 |
| | High Jump | Jonty E.A. Browne | 1.18 | 2004 |
| Cricket Ball | Nico J. Macauley | 40.50 | 2002 | |