



Surrey Schools Athletic Association

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Dear Athlete,

WEST MIDLANDS CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION FEATURING THE DAVE SUNDERLAND TROPHY

Saturday 21st November, Himley Hall & Park, Himley Rd, Himley, Dudley DY3 4DF.

We are pleased to select you to run for Surrey in the annual **West Midlands Inter County Cross-Country Match** organised by Warwickshire Schools AA in **Himley Hall & Park, Himley Rd, Himley, Dudley DY3 4DF on Saturday 22nd November**. Himley Hall & Park (<https://www.himleyhallandpark.co.uk/>) is situated 4 miles from Dudley on the B4176 and approximately 6 miles from Wolverhampton just off the A449.

We have been asked to **limit numbers in EACH RACE TO A MAXIMUM OF 15 athletes**. As a result, **please contact me to either accept/decline within 7 days of receiving your invitation (by FRIDAY 13th November) to secure your place**. Places will be allocated on a first come first secured basis, although I will endeavour to seek extra places if at all possible. After this deadline we will also seek to invite other athletes to ensure that as many athletes as possible can take up the challenge of representing Surrey. We know this event will be a useful stepping stone to further success and will help athletes review how well training and racing is proceeding. It is anticipated that the event will use a start-pen system as per ESAA XC, with each county allocated a different start pen for each race. The **Dave Sunderland Trophy presentation** will take place as soon as the results from the U18 Boys race have been inputted and the overall race totals calculated. At the 2025 Championships held at the same venue, Surrey had pleasing team and individual results. Surrey was West Midlands Junior Girls + Junior Boys "Team" Champions whilst having 3 "individual" Champions - Chloe Bartlet (Yr7G), Emily Davenport (JG), Leo Fry (JB). Pleasingly 13 Surrey athletes gained top 10 individual Inter County rankings. We believe Surrey has every chance of being involved in team and individual presentations again in 2026.

TIMETABLE *Updated information will be published on ssaa.org.uk website when received.*

12.45 pm	U14 GIRLS YRS 7/8	2 x LARGER LAPS: 2.6K
1.05 pm	U14 BOYS YRS 7/8	2 x LARGER LAPS: 2.6K
1.25 pm	U16 GIRLS YRS 9/10	3 x MAIN LAPS: 3.5K
1.45 pm	U16 BOYS YRS 9/10	3 x LARGER LAPS: 3.8K
2.10 pm	U18 GIRLS YRS 11/12	3 x LARGER LAPS: 3.8K
2.35 pm	U18 BOYS YRS 11/12	4 x MAIN LAPS : 4.4K

3.00-3:10 pm *Presentation of Dave Sunderland Trophy (and medals for remaining winning teams).*

OUTWARD: Athletes on this occasion can travel independently. But with a 3 to 4-hour journey we intend to provide **coach transport** for team managers, athletes & supporters with pick up options from:

Front Oxted School (6.00am), Epsom Rail Station (6.45 am), Chertsey lay-by Junction M25 (7.30am)

(i.e., coach will come from Oxted to Epsom, leave M25 at Chertsey exit, turn left onto minor road where there are lay-by facilities for coach/lorry transport which provides a safe pickup point). Allowing for a short stop we intend to arrive by 11.30 am in plenty of time to walk the course!)

RETURN: Presentations should allow the **coach to depart by 3.30 pm**. We anticipate returning to Chertsey by 8.00 pm, Epsom by 8.45 pm and Oxted School by 9.30 pm.

Please return the **completed form as soon as possible and no later than FRIDAY 13th November.** We hope that all athletes and parents will be able to support this fixture.

Athletes who wish to travel independently by car should use the allocated car-park to the right of the main drive as you enter the park (please do not park in the small area within allocated for golf-course users). The overflow section will be on the grass-section to the left of the driveway as you enter the park. Pay & Display car parking charges operate, as follows: up to 2 hours parking £3.50, all day parking £4.50. Disabled parking is available for those displaying a valid blue badge. The park gates close at 6:30 pm.

There are NO changing rooms/shower facilities available. On-site toilet facilities are situated at the back of the white building at the rear of Himley Hall and Portaloo's will also be provided close to the start/finish areas. Himley Hall has a coffee lounge (selling drinks, food, snacks etc) and offers a takeaway service. The local golf-course that backs onto the park also has a café offering drinks, cold/hot food and a seated outdoor area. Event Apparel will have a stand selling event hoodies and a range of athletics apparel.

Athletes can on this occasion travel independently (due to the large numbers involved) but must contribute a £24 entry fee and ensure they arrive an hour and half before the beginning of their race.

The Surrey coach party can be contacted through the **Boys Team Manager (Jeff Manson's mobile 07932174860)**. We would remind all parents that final details will be published on the Surrey Schools AA web site (www.ssaa.org.uk).

We would ask **athletes using the coach** to make a **£30.00 contribution for entry fee & coach transport.** . **Parents are welcome to travel with the Surrey athletes but should contribute a further £30.00 per head.**

Athletes should bring shorts, a track suit and waterproof clothing. **Athletes with their own Surrey vest (Schools or Club) are encouraged to bring & wear their own vest due to the likely large number of athletes representing Surrey.** Those who do not have a Surrey vest (Surrey Schools or Surrey County) can either borrow from our limited stock of Surrey vests or purchase a Surrey vest (£20).

PAYMENT: Our preferred method of payment is through **our Surrey bank** (although if needed parents can post a cheque). Surrey Schools Athletic Association, Nat West bank, Branch code : 60 11 41 a/c No. 52473929

Please also add a reference **DUDLEY26+THE SURNAME OF THE ATHLETE** the payment is for.

NOTE: PLEASE **SCAN/PHOTO/EMAIL THE COMPLETED FORM & SEND TO JEFF MANSON (jmansonjm@icloud.com)**

We hope that all athletes and parents will be able to support this important fixture as we start what we hope will be another successful Surrey Cross Country season.

J.MANSON (Surrey Boys Team Manager)

R.DISLEY (Surrey Girls Team Manager)

INTER-COUNTIES CROSS COUNTRY MATCH

TO: MR J.MANSON, SURREY COORDINATOR, 8 HOLMETHORPE AVENUE, REDHILL, SURREY, RH1 2HT.
Mobile Tel: 07932 174860 Email: jmansonjm@icloud.com

FROM THE ATHLETE

I am able to represent Surrey in the coming West Midlands Inter-Counties Cross Country match.

Full Name School Year.....

Date of Birth School

Home Address

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Post Code

Home Phone No Athlete's Mobile

Parent's Mobile Parent's email

RACE (note new AGE GROUPS APPLY INCLUDING YEAR 12 ATHLETES):

U14G (YRS 7/8) – **U14B** (YRS 7/8) – **U16G** (YRS 9/10) – **U16B** (YRS 9/10) – **U18G** (YRS 11-12) – **U18B** (YRS 11-12) -

(please circle your race)

COACH TRAVEL:

I wish to **join the coach at:** **OXTED SCHOOL - EPSOM STATION – CHERTSEY** (please circle one)

I wish my athlete to take part in the Inter-County Cross country match on **Saturday 21st November in Himley Hall + Park, Dudley** and would like to **enter + book a place in the coach** costing **£30.00**.

I would also like to reserve **supporter seats on the coach** each @ **£30.00**. (Fill in number)

TRAVEL INDEPENDENTLY:

OR - We wish to **travel independently** to this fixture and agree to pay **£24.00** entry fee for my athlete and will aim to arrive **1 ½ hrs before race time** to walk the course.

VEST/ T-SHIRT:

I have a Surrey Schools/Clubs Vest Yes/No (please circle one)

I wish to borrow a Surrey Schools Vest (in inches) Yes/No (please circle one)

I wish to buy a Surrey Schools Vest (£20) (in inches) (in inches) Yes/No (please circle one)

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Total Payment (either through BACS or Cheque) = **£.....**

I certify that so far as I am aware my athlete is medically fit to undertake this journey and associated activities. I authorise medical treatment to be provided should this become necessary. I understand that those supervising my child are in loco parentis and must exercise a standard of care that would be expected of a reasonably prudent parent. The County Council will not be responsible for personal injury or any other damage or loss unless it is negligent.

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian