

# Sporting Newsletter Michaelmas 2025



The sporting newsletter is intended to give a termly snapshot of some of the projects and developments that are going on in Sport at the College.

## **General Updates**

Bespoke Sports Bra fittings took place at the end of November for those girls interested and we are all working with PEBE to enhance the offering and their service in 2026.

## **Staffing / Recruitment**

Recruitment of a new Equestrian Coordinator to oversee the running of a Wellington Riding team. The appointment should be in place by the first few weeks of 2026.

We are currently recruiting for a Lead Shooting Coach, to further enhance Wellington's target rifle shooting provision.

## **Facilities Updates**

The 12 new Tennis and Netball courts on Selassie will be ready for use in January 2026.

## **Meeting the Sports Team – Assistant Rackets and Tennis Professional – Michelle Dutton**

The following section will be used to introduce certain key members of the sporting team, with this newsletter introducing Mich, who joined Wellington College in 2025.

### **You are a competitive player yourself; tell us a little bit about your playing career and some of your recent successes?**

I've played tennis since I was 4 years old. At the age of 10 I knew I wanted to go to the USA and play division 1 tennis. From the moment I told my parents what my dream was I worked towards achieving it. I signed with the University of Alabama and had a successful collegiate career. After University I spent a summer playing lower-level tournaments but ultimately accepted a graduate assistantship to work with the women's tennis team. This is how my coaching career started.



Three years ago, I started playing on the ITF Masters Tour. I have been ranked as high as #5 in the world, won two bronze and one silver medal at the World Championships in 2024, and represented Great Britain at the world team championships. I have recently been selected as captain of the GB team.

### **Do you have any goals/ambitions for the Tennis programme (and players) here at the College?**

My main goal for the tennis program is that it is known for developing players who are capable and well prepared for competing at a division 1 university in the US.

### **The Selassie Court Development will double the number of outdoor hard courts we have on site; how do you think these facilities will positively impact our players?**

Access to more courts will be beneficial for all levels of tennis players. The program will be able to be expanded and offered to beginners through to elite.

Whole groups will be able to train in one area.

The school will be able to host tournaments and fixtures on a bigger scale which will promote tennis at Wellington and allow us to be favourably compared to other schools who have similar numbers of courts. Most importantly we will be able to have more home fixtures.