BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS AA REPORT 2026

It was another busy year for athletes representing their schools in cross country, track and field and Combined events.

The cross country championships were held at the Newbury Showground and was well supported by many schools. Team winners of the U13 boys were The Downs School. The U13 girls team from Blue Coat were first with the U15 boys from Reading Boys first team. U15 girls from the Holt won the team trophy and Newlands ran out winners of the U17 event. U17 boys from Windsor Boys won the team trophy. Eton College were first team in the senior boys and no schools fielded a team in the senior girls race. Teams were sent to the SE counties where athletes found it hard going against counties who are among the strongest in England. The national championships were held in Liverpool and the most successful teams were the junior boys in 6th place and the inter boys in 8th place.

The track season began in May with the county round of the combined events., followed by the regional rounds and the national championships. The ESAA track and field championships began with the county rounds and were well supported with teams going forward to the SW regional meetings. Newlands girls school made it to the finals at Chelmsford where they finished a respectable 9th out of 12 teams.

In June the county track and field championships were held in Reading. There were two championship best performances from juniors Michael Emmanuel in the 800m and Hannah Lucas also 800m. they were both awarded the George Saunders medals for outstanding achievements.

A team of almost 70 travelled to Birmingham in July to compete in the ESAA championships . There was a good haul of medals and athletes finishing in the top six of their final. Outstanding performances came from Izzy Rae who was first in the100m hurdles and Oliver Hall set a new championship best in the 400m hurdles. The inter boys ran a great race in the 4 x 100m relay.

In conclusion I would like to express our grateful thanks to all the Berkshire AA officials who have helped and supported our events throughout 2026.