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### SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE & STROUD COLLEGE

Stratford Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 4AH

**Established** 2012

**Number of pupils** 15,521

**Head of cricket** Luke Sellers

**Teams** U17 and U18

**Girls' cricket** Don't have a separate girls' squad but a number of girls are part of the main (mixed) squad

**Lockdown initiatives** Regular 1-to-1 online meetings; cricket-specific strength & conditioning; online Q&As with professionals including former students Chris Dent, James Bracey and Craig Miles; a series of technical skill challenge videos filmed by the coach; the option to join a Strava running club; a video app on phones paid for by the college to upload drills; ECB online scoring/umpiring courses

**How will cricket bounce back?**

Fixtures in September. Hopes for an overseas tour for the first time in more than five years

**Number of, and notable, fixtures**

10-15 a season including v MCC, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire U19s

**Club/county affiliation** In 2019/20 SGS formally partnered with Gloucestershire. In 2020/21 they are looking at the prospect of partnering with one or more local clubs to share facilities and provide volunteering support

**Best prospect** Natasha Wraith, a wicketkeeper/batsman playing for England Women's Academy, Welsh Fury and Somerset. She came through the

**Recent progress** Since September 2019 (when Sellers took over as head of cricket) the college re-established its partnership with Gloucestershire leading to greater access to facilities and collaboration between coaches

**Future plans** The Cricket Academy is looking to partner with one or more local clubs to develop a training base and provide volunteer support. Looking to increase intake with particular focus on girls. Setting up an old boys' team

**Tours** Sri Lanka in 2021 or 2022

Gloucestershire age groups. She has gone on to the England Women's Academy training programme and was a member of the Western Storm squad that won the Kia Super League in 2018. She moved to Somerset in 2018 and has been part of the squad at SGS College for two years

**Cricketers of note** Chris Dent, James Bracey, Craig Drissell (all Gloucs), Craig Miles (Gloucs & Warwickshire), Alex MacDonald (Yorkshire & England Academy)

**Brief history** The Cricket Academy at SGS College (then Filton) launched in 2006. It has forged a proud reputation for supporting students to develop their cricket alongside their studies. A number of professionals have graduated. The college has won national competitions

**What sets the school apart?** An inclusive, welcoming programme in a higher education college that gives opportunities to players regardless of their background, skill level, ambition or ability to pay fees. They welcome players from a wide range of backgrounds and focus on developing the person every bit as much as the player. The college's formal partnership with Gloucestershire Cricket gives players a pathway to the professional game

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### ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL, OXFORD

Woodstock Road, Oxford, Oxfordshire OX2 7NN

**Established** 1863

**Number of pupils** 700

**Master in charge** Peter Swainson

**Professional** David Simpkins (Glos)

**Teams** 14 - 1st XI, 2nd XI, 3rd XI, 4th XI, U15ABCD, U14ABCD

**Girls' cricket** Two sides - a senior and a junior - plus a growing fixture list

**Lockdown initiatives** Online coaching resources updated weekly and regular 'live' coaching on Zoom

**How will cricket bounce back?** An even more extensive winter training programme. Pre-season tours/festivals for the 1st XI, U15s and U14s and run a festival at St Edward's in July

**Number of, and notable, fixtures** 130-plus fixtures across all year groups. Eton, Harrow, Winchester, Radley, Marlborough, Cheltenham, Bradfield, Malvern, Rugby, MCC. The John Harvey Cup - 50-over tournament with Winchester, Radley, Marlborough, Cheltenham and Bradfield

**Facilities** 6 grounds, 4-lane indoor nets in Douglas Bader Sports Centre, 6 outdoor astro nets, 6 outdoor grass, 18-strip cover on 1st XI square, blotters and a Merlyn

**Club/county affiliation** Oxfordshire CCC - host winter training for various age-groups (boys and girls) and the Oxfordshire Bulls initiative. Hampshire CCC satellite academy is based at St Edward's in the winter

**Best prospect** Keeper/batsman Alex Horton (Yr 11) became the youngest to play in a Minor County fixture, for Wales v Dorset in May 2018, and the youngest to play for Glamorgan 2nd XI (top scoring with 58 v Gloucestershire 2nd XI) in June 2019. His hopes of making first-class debut

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