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Framlingham
COLLEGE

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FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE

College Road, Framlingham,
Woodbridge IP13 9EY

Established 1864

Number of pupils 589

Head of cricket

Jack Beaumont

Teams Boys: 1st XI, 2nd

XI, 3rd XI, U17 Cup XI,

Albert XI, Junior 1st

XI, U15AB, U14AB,

U13ABCD, U11ABC,

U9ABC. Girls: 1st, 2nd,

3rd XI, U17, U15, U13ABC,

U11AB. Mixed: U9ABCD

Girls' cricket A total of 14

girls' teams are run in the

summer term, across all

levels and age groups. The

U17s reached the National

semi-finals against Bede's

and a number of players have

representative honours for either

Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and

Sunrisers

Facilities Nine indoor nets (two

in the Sports Halls, eight artificial



nets, 12 grass nets).

Thirteen grass wicket pitches (plus various mini grounds, including Flicx)

Club/county affiliation

Northamptonshire CCC, Suffolk CCC, Suffolk Cricket Board, Easton CC & Yoxford

Cricketers of note David Larter

(Northamptonshire & England),

Ashley Cowan, Norman Borrett

(both Essex), Robert

Newton, Freddie Heldreich

(Northamptonshire),

Herbert Wilson

(Sussex), Michael Pegg

(Finland), Herbert Soar

(Middlesex), Eric Rash

(Egypt), Edward Inskip

(Chile)

Brief history Cricket was

the first sport to be played at

Framlingham College in 1865

as a team of Masters & Boys

took on a Town and District

XI. Suffolk regularly used the

College for both Championship

and knock out fixtures in the

1980s and 1990s and it is now

a centre for several Suffolk

youth sides

What sets the school

apart? The girls' game has



gathered pace and now includes several high-quality fixtures each year. They participated in all national competitions in 2024 and reached the U17 National Cup quarter-finals

Finest moment on the field

Winning on U19 Essex Cup Finals Day in 2019 hosted at Brentwood

Recent progress The sheer number of students that want to train and play cricket annually continues to grow quickly. The David Larter End on the main square was recently unveiled

What has changed in the last 10 years? The introduction of the Eagles Nest Independent Schools League

has improved the competitive nature around Saturday fixtures

Future plans Hopes to add fixtures in the autumn, and install electronic scoreboards on all pitches which connect to play-cricket. Hosting MCCF coaching residential course for scheme graduates and involving more players in coaching junior sides. The school wishes to host cricket coaching / umpiring courses, use more video analysis, invest in new sightscreens and are looking into the possibility of playing a floodlit day-night league

Tours Netherlands (2025)

MEET THE HEAD OF CRICKET

When considering the cricket programmes delivered by schools across the country, it is easy to be drawn in by the silverware, the history and the former players to roam the grounds and come through the system.

But for many pupils who do not go on to make a career playing the game professionally, or adorn the honours' board, the sport has equal value.

Framlingham College head of cricket Jack Beaumont is keen to look after all students wishing to enjoy the sport, even if they do not necessarily knocking on the door for the most competitive sides. To offset a lack of external fixtures for C or D-level players, he set up a Masters League - an in-house Thursday competition.

So successful it has been, there is hope it will



Jack Beaumont Head of cricket

attract Eastbourne, Seaford and Stamford Colleges to join them.

"We have been trying to find fixtures for our lower-level teams," Beaumont told *The Cricketer*. "We've struggled. We've had some external ones, but we're limited on what other schools can offer. We can do it but not a lot of others can. We've created

this internal Thursday Masters League where we've come up with some random team names, they all get put into different squads and every Thursday they have a fixture.

"It has actually worked really well because it has created a buzz. There has been a leaderboard, players of the week, that kind of stuff. It is something we are looking to continue next year."

Fewer than 600 students at the college means Beaumont and his team can adopt a

focused approach to the cricket programme, ensuring full exposure to the wealth of knowledge available.

The team includes director of sport Chris Gange, former Italy international Andy Northcote, Rob Earl who spent 11 years at Warwickshire, Marcus Marvell who has played at National Counties level, and another Italian international, Llenia Sims.

"We're not a big school so it means that the actual cricketers we have we can work quite closely with them," explained Beaumont. "Our coaching team are extremely strong, probably on a national scale. I think that stands us out from the rest.

"It is the same coaches throughout the whole system, from age six to age 18, which allows us to have that continuity the whole way through.

"In the winter it can be bespoke to those individuals that require it to get to the next level. Same numbers mean a lot more one-to-ones - the first two terms we did 1,000 hours of one-to-ones."

A high-performance culture for boys and girls with serious ambitions.

- Only school in East Anglia to have been in the Cricketer's Top 100 schools for cricket every year since its inception.
- Highly trained coaching staff (three ECB Level 3, one working towards Level 3 and another towards Level 4).
- Wide and varied fixture list across a variety of formats regionally, nationally and internationally.
- Play against representative sides including the MCC (both men and women sides), Cambridge University (both men and women) and the Eagles' Nest Independent Schools League.
- Routinely host touring sides from Australia, South Africa and India.
- Regularly host county programme training, matches and we are very proud to be the regional MCC Foundation Hub.
- Host of Suffolk County Training (Both Junior Pathway & Adult Men/Women). Framlingham players are part of pathways in Sunrisers, Essex CCC, Northamptonshire CCC, Suffolk CCC, Norfolk CCC, Cambridgeshire CCC.
- Formal educational partnership with Northamptonshire County Cricket Club where pupils have a direct and clear potential pathway into professional cricket.



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