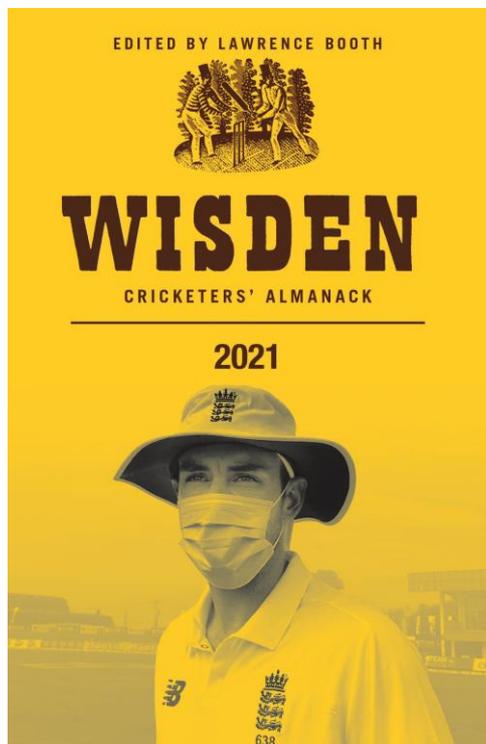




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Wisden Cricketers' Almanack 2021

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WISDEN NAMES ITS BEST SCHOOLS CRICKETER FOR EVERY YEAR BACK TO 1900

Retrospective winners include:

- Nine England Test captains, including Peter May, Colin Cowdrey, Mike Atherton and Alastair Cook
- Liam Botham, son of Ian
- 28 Test cricketers, including John Cameron (West Indies), the Nawab of Pataudi (India) and Bazid Khan (Pakistan)
- Two pairs of father and son: Colin and Chris Cowdrey, and Jack and Rob Leiper
- One pair of brothers: Mark and John Crawley

Attached to this release is an alphabetical list of all the schools who have winners, plus the full list of Wisden Schools Cricketers of the Year from 1900 to 2019.

Wisden Cricketers' Almanack has long carried details of schools cricket. As far back as 1865, the second edition included an account of Eton v Harrow.

Averages from individual schools have appeared since 1887, a sequence unbroken – even by war – until last year, when the pandemic intervened. However, *Wisden* has named the leading schools cricketer for every year back to 1900.

In 2007, the Almanack introduced a new award, the Wisden Schools Cricketer of the Year. The aim was to help raise the profile of schools cricket. The first winner was Jonny Bairstow, the second James Taylor, the third Jos Buttler. The most recent winner, Tawanda Muyeye, has just been signed by Kent.

Each year's winner is chosen on the basis of his or her performance in schools cricket, as reported in *Wisden*. The only criteria for a school's inclusion are that it must not be age-restricted, and must have a sixth form and a fixture list of an acceptable standard. There are notable exceptions, but the majority of schools featured are from the independent sector, reflecting the paucity of cricket in state schools and colleges, a trend *Wisden* is keen to help reverse.

Wisden's schools correspondent, Douglas Henderson, along with the editor, Lawrence Booth, and his editorial team have selected winners for every year from 1900 to 2006 based solely on the schools averages in the Almanack.

George Knight, who in 1939 scored 1,250 runs and took 89 wickets for Victoria College, Jersey, is now 100 years old. He was delighted to be told about his award 81 years later. In a tribute to mark his 100th birthday last August, the *Jersey Evening Post* said he was "the most outstanding all-round cricketer this island has produced".



Highlights and stats

Including the 13 formal winners since 2007, there are 120 Wisden Schools Cricketers of the Year from 1900 to 2019. Nine players have won it twice: all played county cricket, and seven played Tests for England:

N. W. D. Yardley (St Peter's School, York) 1933–34
P. J. Dickinson (King's College School, Wimbledon) 1936–37
T. E. Bailey (Dulwich College) 1941–42
J. G. Dewes (Aldenham School) 1943–44
M. C. Cowdrey (Tonbridge School) 1949–50
P. D. Johnson (Nottingham High School) 1968–69
C. J. Tavaré (Sevenoaks School) 1972–73
H. Morris (Blundell's School) 1981–82
A. N. Cook (Bedford School) 2002–03

Among the 111 players who have won the award in the 120 years, 90 went on to play first-class cricket, 79 county cricket, and 28 Test cricket. Of the Test players, 25 played for England, nine as captain.

Tonbridge School has the most winners (H. M. Bannister (1908), F. H. Knott (1910), M. C. Cowdrey (1949, 1950), D. R. Aers (1965), C. S. Cowdrey (1975)), followed by Brighton College and Felsted School with four each. Dulwich College also has four winners, including Trevor Bailey's double.

The Cowdreys (Colin and Chris) are one of two father and sons to win the award. Jack Leiper (1938) and Rob Leiper (1979) both won it for their performances for Chigwell School.

Ian Botham didn't win, but his son Liam did (for Rossall School in 1994).

Two brothers have also won the award, Mark Crawley (1986) and John Crawley (1989), both for Manchester Grammar School, which features three times in five years: Mike Atherton won in 1985.

Individual records for school seasons in the British Isles, as recorded by *Wisden*

The most runs scored in a school season is 1,623 by Iain Sutcliffe for Leeds Grammar School in 1993. The second-highest aggregate was also in 1993 – 1,613 by Glyn Treagus for King Edward VI School, Southampton.

The most wickets in a school season is 134 by Francis Farrelly for Stonyhurst College in 1913. The most wickets in a school career (for the First XI, and recorded in *Wisden*) is 473, across eight seasons (1962–69) by Peter Johnson for Nottingham High School.

Eleven players have done the double of 1,000 runs and 50 wickets in a season since 1900, including Mike Atherton (Manchester Grammar School) in 1984 and Bazid Khan (Brighton College) in 1999. But only one player is recorded in *Wisden* as having scored 1,000 runs and taken 100 wickets in a season – Bob Barber for Ruthin School in 1953. Barber went on to play 28 Tests (1960–68).

How to buy *Wisden* 2021

For schools (including members of staff, pupils and parents) who wish to order the new edition of *Wisden* annually, the best price available is the less-than-half-price (£25) offer if you take out a subscription. To subscribe, please visit: www.wisdenalmanack.com/subscribe.

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For more details on school records and on winners' (and their nearest rivals') school stats, visit:
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LIST OF WINNERS' SCHOOLS

<u>School</u>	<u>Winners</u>
Abingdon School	1
Aldenham School	2
Allhallows School	1
Ashville College, Harrogate	1
Bedford Modern School	2
Bedford School	2
Belvedere College, Dublin	1
Bishop's Stortford College	1
Blundell's School	2
Bradfield College	1
Brighton College	4
Canford School	1
Charterhouse	3
Chatham House	1
Cheltenham College	1
Chigwell School	2
Clifton College	1
Colfe's School	1
Colston's School	1
Downside School	2
Dulwich College	4
Durham School	2
Eastbourne College	1
Emanuel School	2
Eton College	2
Exeter School	1
Felsted School	4
Fettes College	1
Forest School	1
Gordonstoun School	1
Haileybury	1
Highgate School	2
Ipswich School	1
KCS, Wimbledon	3
Kimbolton School	1
King's College, Taunton	1
King's School, Canterbury	1
Leeds GS	2

<u>School</u>	<u>Winners</u>
Malvern College	2
Marlborough College	3
Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby	2
Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood	2
Millfield School	2
Nottingham HS	2
Oundle School	1
Plymouth College	1
Pocklington School	1
Radley College	1
Reed's School	1
Repton School	1
RGS, High Wycombe	1
RGS, Worcester	2
Rossall School	1
Rugby School	1
Ruthin School	1
Sedbergh School	1
Sevenoaks School	2
Sherborne School	1
Shrewsbury School	1
St Edward's School, Oxford	1
St Paul's School	1
St Peter's School, York	3
Stonyhurst College	1
Taunton School	2
The Leys	1
The Manchester GS	3
Tonbridge School	6
Trinity School, Croydon	1
UCS, Hampstead	2
Victoria College, Jersey	1
Wellingborough School	1
Wellington College	1
Winchester College	1
Woodhouse Grove School	1
Worksop College	2



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WISDEN SCHOOLS CRICKETERS OF THE YEAR 1900-2019

1900	E. W. Dillon	Rugby School
1901	J. E. Raphael	Merchant Taylors', Northwood
1902	S. A. Trick	Merchant Taylors', Northwood
1903	G. T. Branston	Charterhouse
1904	H. C. Tebbutt	The Leys School
1905	J. N. Crawford	Repton School
1906	C. Gimson	Oundle School
1907	G. H. Francis	Chatham House School
1908	H. M. Bannister	Tonbridge School
1909	P. G. H. Fender	St Paul's School
1910	F. H. Knott	Tonbridge School
1911	F. C. W. Newman	Bedford Modern School
1912	F. W. H. Nicholas	Forest School
1913	F. J. Farrelly	Stonyhurst College
1914	A. E. R. Gilligan	Dulwich College
1915	A. D. Denton	Wellingborough School
1916	J. D. Wyatt-Smith	Sherborne School
1917	G. T. S. Stevens	University College School
1918	N. E. Partridge	Malvern College
1919	A. T. Lay	Fettes College
1920	G. J. Bryan	Wellington College
1921	L. S. H. Summers	Emanuel School
1922	R. E. H. Hudson	Haileybury College
1923	K. S. Duleepsinhji	Cheltenham College
1924	R. W. V. Robins	Highgate School
1925	M. J. L. Turnbull	Downside School
1926	S. A. Block	Marlborough College
1927	L. R. W. Salmon	Allhallows School
1928	E. Ingram	Belvedere College, Dublin
1929	J. H. Cameron	Taunton School
1930	D. F. Surfleet	University College School
1931	C. R. N. Maxwell	Brighton College
1932	N. S. Mitchell-Innes	Sedbergh School
1933	N. W. D. Yardley	St Peter's School, York
1934	N. W. D. Yardley	St Peter's School, York
1935	G. E. Hewan	Marlborough College
1936	P. J. Dickinson	KCS, Wimbledon
1937	P. J. Dickinson	KCS, Wimbledon
1938	J. M. Leiper	Chigwell School
1939	G. W. Knight	Victoria College, Jersey



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1940	H. E. Watts	Downside School
1941	T. E. Bailey	Dulwich College
1942	T. E. Bailey	Dulwich College
1943	J. G. Dewes	Aldenham School
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1945	P. D. S. Blake	Eton College
1946	I. P. Campbell	Canford School
1947	P. B. H. May	Charterhouse
1948	M. J. D. Bower	Radley College
1949	M. C. Cowdrey	Tonbridge School
1950	M. C. Cowdrey	Tonbridge School
1951	R. G. Woodcock	Worcester Royal GS
1952	R. A. Gale	Bedford Modern School
1953	R. W. Barber	Ruthin School
1954	G. W. Cook	Dulwich College
1955	P. J. Sharpe	Worksop College
1956	R. A. G. Luckin	Felsted School
1957	C. D. Drybrough	Highgate School
1958	Nawab of Pataudi	Winchester College
1959	D. I. Yeabsley	Exeter School
1960	E. J. Craig	Charterhouse
1961	M. G. Griffith	Marlborough College
1962	M. D. Mence	Bradfield College
1963	R. K. Paull	Millfield School
1964	R. W. Elviss	Leeds Grammar School
1965	D. R. Aers	Tonbridge School
1966	C. Johnson	Pocklington School
1967	D. R. Owen-Thomas	KCS, Wimbledon
1968	P. D. Johnson	Nottingham High School
1969	P. D. Johnson	Nottingham High School
1970	B. R. Weedon	King's School, Canterbury
1971	W. Snowden	Merchant Taylors', Crosby
1972	C. J. Tavaré	Sevenoaks School
1973	C. J. Tavaré	Sevenoaks School
1974	P. G. Ingham	Ashville College, Harrogate
1975	C. S. Cowdrey	Tonbridge School
1976	I. R. Payne	Emanuel School
1977	D. R. Pringle	Felsted School
1978	J. W. Slingsby	Abingdon School
1979	R. J. Leiper	Chigwell School
1980	A. Seymour	Plymouth College



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1981	H. Morris	Blundell's School
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1983	M. A. Roseberry	Durham School
1984	N. J. Lenham	Brighton College
1985	M. A. Atherton	Manchester Grammar School
1986	M. A. Crawley	Manchester Grammar School
1987	H. A. M. Marcelline	Bishop's Stortford College
1988	N. Shahid	Ipswich School
1989	J. P. Crawley	Manchester Grammar School
1990	C. J. Evers	Royal GS, Worcester
1991	M. G. N. Windows	Clifton College
1992	R. W. Nowell	Trinity School, Croydon
1993	I. J. Sutcliffe	Leeds Grammar School
1994	L. J. Botham	Rossall School
1995	C. G. Taylor	Colston's School
1996	R. Wilkinson	Worksop College
1997	R. S. Clinton	Colfe's School
1998	P. J. S. Spencer	Brighton College
1999	Bazid Khan	Brighton College
2000	G. J. Muchall	Durham School
2001	T. B. Huggins	Kimbolton School
2002	A. N. Cook	Bedford School
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2004	J. Cole	Merchant Taylors', Crosby
2005	D. B. Pheloung	Felsted School
2006	P. L. Mommsen	Gordonstoun School

Formal award inaugurated

2007	J. M. Bairstow	St Peter's School, York
2008	J. W. A. Taylor	Shrewsbury School
2009	J. C. Buttler	King's College, Taunton
2010	W. G. R. Vanderspar	Eton College
2011	D. J. Bell-Drummond	Millfield School
2012	T. B. Abell	Taunton School
2013	T. Köhler-Cadmore	Malvern College
2014	D. E. Budge	Woodhouse Grove School
2015	B. A. Waring	Felsted School
2016	A. J. Woodland	St Edward's, Oxford
2017	E. T. D. Casterton	Royal GS, High Wycombe
2018	N. J. Tilley	Reed's School
2019	T. S. Muyeve	Eastbourne College