

“Whitgift already has some of the finest sports facilities of any school. Our on-site golf facility allows us to extend the curriculum to include the sport for every boy, and give our students the best chance to develop their talents to the fullest extent.”

Dr. Christopher Barnett, Headmaster at Whitgift School, Croydon, Surrey

User Story

Golf stars of the future will be able to train all year round thanks to a new golf facility at one of the country's leading independent schools.

Whitgift School in Croydon, Surrey has chosen a bespoke setup from Huxley Golf, the PGA official supplier and installer of premier all-weather putting and chipping greens and who have carried out installations for some of the world's top golf clubs and tour professionals.

Whitgift School, has installed a new practice golfing area within their school grounds, which has allowed them to add golf as a major part of the curriculum. The independent day school, which educates 1,200 students, aged 10-18 from the South East of England, can now offer students training and coaching using equipment that is specified by professional golfers. Its alumni already include professional rugby, football and cricket players working at UK clubs.

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Neil Kendrick, Master in charge of Golf and ex-Surrey county cricketer, says:
"Traditionally, the UK has lost many golf stars to American colleges, because of their excellent facilities, but the Huxley Golf installation at Whitgift School will allow us to train the golf pro's of the future on our own turf. Many schools have to travel to nearby clubs to be able to play the sport, but we can now use that time to give students even more teaching and practice in our own dedicated space."

The installation consists of two separate areas on the Whitgift site, which was previously unused land and was constructed over a one-month period. The upper area is made up of a 150sq yard Huxley Premier Nylon Golf Green, several chipping stations and a tee area for pitch shots. The Golf Green is of the same specification as those chosen by The Golf Union of Wales for their centres of excellence including at The Celtic Manor Resort, Newport, host to the 2010 Ryder Cup. The tee area is constructed using Huxley Premier Tee Turf as used by many of the world's top golf courses on their practice areas and as alternative tee areas on the courses themselves.

Ken Emmins, Estates Manager, says: *"The installation is easy for Whitgift School to maintain because of the high quality surfaces that Huxley Golf are renowned for. Bar clearing leaves, the hard wearing and durable surfaces will only need attention once or twice a year, whereas natural turf requires almost daily maintenance."*



Illustrations:
front - Pupils pitching from Huxley Premier Tee Turf to Huxley Premier Nylon Golf Green.
back, left - Pupils practising on Whitgift's Huxley Premier Nylon Putting Green.
middle - Coaching in one of the double bay nets.
right - Chipping stations surround the Huxley Premier Nylon Golf Green.

The lower area contains a 100sq yard Huxley Premier Nylon Putting Green, like those chosen by some of the world's leading golfers including 8 major winners and also has two double bay cage practice nets, which are surrounded by Huxley Golf's pathway material so as to reduce the amount of maintenance around them.

Paul Chester, Sales Manager for Huxley Golf comments: *"The facility allows serious coaching and practice in a controlled environment using the very best all-weather surfaces available. It is amazing to see what can be produced in an area which was otherwise totally disused and is now a top class and comprehensive practice facility which can only benefit the long-term development and success of Golf at Whitgift School."*

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