

# Top sporting state schools of 2018

Dozens of national competitions have been completed and hundreds of schools have turned in a series of remarkable sporting achievements after months of hard work.

To work out the best of the best, School Sport Magazine has poured over the outcomes of dozens of events to highlight those schools that have achieved the best results on the national stage in 2018.

So congratulations to winners Coopers Company School, from Essex, who have regained their number one slot after finishing third last year. Coopers reached the summit for the second time, three years after a superb all-round season that saw them enjoy national success in athletics, basketball, cross-country, swimming and tennis competitions. Well done too to second-placed Northampton School for Boys, who finished in the top two for the third successive year with accomplishments in football, basketball, athletics, rugby union and cross-country competitions.

Congratulations also to Aylesbury High School, in third, who bounced back into the top three, after successful runs in badminton, basketball, tennis and cross-country.

Well down to fourth placed Barking Abbey School, in Essex, Cheshire's Wade Deacon High School, in fifth, who made the top ten for the first time.

As well as the other 24 teams who have made it into the top 30 of our sixth annual chart – not to mention the hundreds of other schools that haven't made the list this year but are still providing excellent competitive opportunities for their pupils.

An indication of just how difficult it is to reach the list can be seen when you realise that reaching the top 100 means you are in the top 1% of sporting schools in the country while the top 100 represents the top 20%.

Our top sporting state schools of the year reflects competitive achievement in a range of sports throughout 2018 and honours those schools that take competitive sport especially seriously.

Based on more than 20 different sports and more than 120 different national competitions, keep watching online at [www.schoolsportmag.co.uk](http://www.schoolsportmag.co.uk) for our extended top 100 list which will be uploaded shortly and our top independent sports schools of the year which will be revealed in our January edition.

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| 1 (3)   | Coopers Company & Coburn School        | 17 (-)  | Dr Challoner's High School                  |
| 2 (1)   | Northampton School for Boys            | 18 (29) | St Aidan's High School, Harrogate           |
| 3 (-)   | Aylesbury High School                  | 9 (12)  | Altrincham Grammar School for Boys          |
| 4 (2)   | Barking Abbey School                   | 10 (-)  | Eastwood Academy                            |
| 5 (-)   | Wade Deacon High School                | 11 (10) | South Hunsley School                        |
| 6 (8)   | Thomas Telford School                  | 12 (21) | Bishop Wordsworth School                    |
| 7 (30)  | Southend High School for Boys          | 13 (-)  | Westcliff High School                       |
| 8 (-)   | Kesgrave High School                   | 14 (-)  | Bourne Grammar School                       |
| 9 (13)  | Southend High School for Girls         | 15 (77) | St Peter's Catholic High School, Manchester |
| 10 (11) | Aylesbury Grammar School               | 16 (31) | Chelmsford County High School               |
| 11 (33) | Wycombe High School                    | 17 (-)  | Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrit      |
| 12 (42) | St Peter's Catholic High School, Wigan | 18 (36) | Dr Challoner's Grammar School               |
| 13 (24) | Gosforth Academy                       | 19 (37) | Wright Robinson College                     |
| 14 (-)  | Durham Johnston School                 | 20 (-)  | St Monica's High School, Manchester         |
| 15 (-)  | Colchester County High School          |         |   |
| 16 (34) | John Hampden Grammar School            |         |   |

