



## L A L E H A M L E A

A Catholic Independent Primary School for boys and girls aged 3 to 11

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### **Former Laleham Lea Pupil is Rugby's Latest Star**

Laleham Lea Independent Catholic School in Purley is celebrating the success of former pupil Ben Waghorn who played his first game for Harlequins under 18s on Sunday (May 9<sup>th</sup>).

The star Centre has been playing rugby at county level for Surrey for the past two years and had been invited to join the Irish Exiles to play against Wales last year before the match was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The 17-year-old's talents were spotted at an early age, with Laleham Lea encouraging Ben to develop his skills playing rugby with the nearby John Fisher School whilst still a 10-year-old Laleham Lea pupil.

Continuing to play above his Year group, Ben recently joined Harlequins Academy and his first match at the famous Stoop versus Northampton Saints came less than a month after joining the team.

Laleham Lea Head teacher Karen Barry said: "We always knew Ben had a special talent and we encouraged him to develop this from a very early age, as we do with all our students. I remember saying we would see him playing for England one day and this is just the latest exciting step on that road."

“Well done Ben on all your achievements so far; we are all very proud of you and cannot wait to see you in an England shirt hopefully one day soon.”

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**About Laleham Lea School**

Laleham Lea is a Catholic Independent Primary School situated in Purley, Surrey providing education for boys and girls aged 3 to 11 years. The school aims to provide a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum within a happy learning environment. The majority of pupils are Catholic, but we warmly welcome children of all faiths who are sympathetic to our ethos.

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