

## Sports Report WC 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

U16 Netball v Harrogate Grammar School

Gateways 41 – 33 Harrogate Grammar School



The U16 netball team had a really strong game against Harrogate Grammar Schools U17 netball team. The girls started strongly by moving the ball through attack quickly and staying close to their opposition players. By the end of the first quarter, Gateways were ahead 9-5. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter ran goal for goal for a long period of time. However, the girls remained calm and towards the end of the quarter, were able to pick up some of the loose balls to help increase the lead to 21-15. The second half continued in the same manner and both teams were working hard to force errors. Although Harrogate Grammar did get a run of goals in the final quarter, it was not enough to take the win away from the girls. Every player worked tirelessly on attack and defence to support each other and their desire to perform to a high standard was very clear. Each quarter the team came together to discuss elements they could work on to stop the opposition being able to come back into the game. The girls were able to execute the things discussed majority of the time which helped them to continue to lead throughout each quarter. Fantastic overall play and a great win -well done!

Miss Jade Preston

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Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
U15 Volleyball v Garforth Academy  
Gateways 1-2 Garforth



This was another huge moment for Gateways School as they hosted their first ever boys' inter-school volleyball match! I would love to take credit for the inception of the sport however, credit must go to the pupils on this one and particularly to Oliver Furnell and Thomas Newdall who've orchestrated the practices and the co-ordination of the team with Thursday's outcome being just reward for all their efforts.

On the face of it, a 2 sets to 1 defeat might seem like a disappointment however, when you look a little more closely at the games themselves you realise that there was very little between the two sides. Going down 25-22 in the first set, Gateways bounced back to win the second 25-23. The final set was a tense affair with Gateways serving to stay in it at 23-24 down. It wasn't quite to be as the serve was netted however, what an amazing start for this set of boys who've literally been playing together for a couple of weeks!

Despite not being a main-stream sport for many schools, we'll work hard to get more fixtures for this group and maybe, like the basketball, it's another sport that can be added to the plethora of activities on offer at Gateways School!

A massive well-done to all the boys who took part.

Mr Simon Scholfield

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