

A new era ushered in for Sports Day



An ever-increasing number of pupils at Gateways meant a change of approach for our annual sporting extravaganza. It is no longer feasible to run an event that combines both High School *and* Prep School simply due to the time available and the number of races to be run. However, with change there always comes opportunity, so it was time for a new approach!

Out went the skipping race and the egg and spoon and, despite some being a little saddened by the jettisoning of the traditional sports day staples, most people recognised the need to adapt and modernise! In their place, we saw the introduction of more recognised athletic events such as long jump, discus and javelin.

The running of the event also saw a change. Rather than all focusing on one single track event, each year group moved around on a carousel, from straight track sprints to throwing, then onto oval track distance running finishing their loop at the long jump. To cap it all, a relay spectacular provided the finale!

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Every pupil competed in every event allowing for total inclusion yet not losing the important elements of competition in the process. The fact that everyone competed meant that the house competition was fully inclusive as well!

It was a successful trial and one that looks likely to stand the test of time.

Well done to ALL the pupils and staff who contributed to the success of the event and thank you also to all the parents for their superb support!

Visit the Gateways School Facebook page for more photos from Sports Day.

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