

Sports Report 25/09/2023

Monday 25th September 2023

U14 netball vs Leeds West Academy

Gateways 3 - 11 LWA

U15 netball vs Leeds West Academy

Gateways 15 - 5 LWA



Earlier this week, the U14 and U15 netball teams travelled to Leeds West Academy for some friendly games. The U14 girls worked well as a team and progressed each quarter. The team managed lots of interceptions and focused on playing the ball around to make sure they passed to someone in a space. As a team, the girls remained positive and always worked hard to stay close to their opposition player. The girls enjoyed their first game of the season and will continue to attend extra-curricular practice to keep improving their footwork and movement to ensure they are able to keep possession of the ball for longer periods of time and increase the opportunities they have at goal.

The U15 netball team played really well with lots of new combinations being played. The girls had the opportunity to play a range of positions and test their knowledge of the rules of the game. They quickly got into the motion and passed the ball well to ensure they kept the ball away from the other team. Throughout the game, they consistently made good efforts to win the ball back on the opposition centre pass which limited the oppositions shots at goal. As the

game went on, they grew in confidence and began moving into space and changing direction before receiving the ball. As a team, they worked well together in all thirds of the court and regularly communicated with each other to make sure they were making the right choices.

Both teams look forward to playing their next matches next week as the U14 netball team continue to have friendly games and the U15 netball team have their first league match against Horsforth.

Miss Jade Preston

Tuesday 26th September 2023

U15 Rugby

Gateways 12 – 15 GSAL 'B'



This was an outstanding game of rugby; a fitting way to open our brand new rugby pitch.

GSAL arrived having destroyed RGS Newcastle three days prior to our game. They were confident, positive and expectant. Imagine their surprise then when Seb, Jere and our twin engines of Isaac and Oscar set about them and nullified their attacking threats. Our defence was explosive and aggressive and the improvements a joy to see.

With ball in hand we were fluent and expansive. Eventually we moved the ball through several pairs of hands to release Ivan, then bursting through the clutches of four defenders before racing 70m and score our opening try. This was converted by Oliver B to give us a 7 – 0 advantage. The boys grew in stature and belief, helped by strong and direct runs from Matthew (on his debut) and Jere. Jacob became more accurate and smarter with his

distribution from scrum half and helped release Charlie S who raced 40m to score our second try. We led 12-0 at half time.

GSAL eventually wore down our resolute defence; their rugby experience beginning to show and clawed back two tries. Our boys were superb but the difference in size (theirs was an all year 10 team) began to give them territory and they scored with 3 minutes to go to close out the game, 12-15.

As an opening statement goes, this was brilliant. It should set the tone for a successful term and, as our visitors said after, we are a very good side.

A wonderful afternoon and a wonderful way to officially open the rugby pitch.

Mr Phil Holmes & Mr Tom Davidson

Thursday 28th September 2023

U12 netball vs PHGS

Gateways 7 – 15 PHGS

U13 netball vs PHGS

Gateways 3 – 8 PHGS



U12 and U13 had a competitive afternoon of netball fixtures against Prince Henrys Grammar School. The opposition challenged the girls as they played a quick paced game and regularly moved the ball in different directions. This was both the U12 and U13s first game of the netball season, so it was a good experience to get a number of girls playing.

Each quarter, the girls never gave up and they kept trying different combinations. Our defenders were great and managed to turn over lots of ball to try and take it down the court.

One area for the girls to work on is getting in front of their players so that they can receive the ball cleanly in space. This will help them control the game and ensure they can keep possession of the ball.

Miss Jade Preston

Thursday 28th September 2023
Senior Netball v Queen Ethelburgas
(Sisters in Sport competition)
Gateways 32-66 QE



The senior netball team played the first round of the Sisters in Sport competition on Thursday. This competition is for U19 age group. The girls representing Gateways have just gone into their first year of Sixth Form and one still in year 11, so still at least a year young for this competition. However, although there was a significant height difference between our girls and the QE girls, we were able to compete with excellent skill through the centre court and with very high shooting statistics. The game was played with great sportsmanship and the girls never gave up, fighting for possession, working the ball among themselves, denying the opposition possession when the ball was at our shooting end. When our shooters had the ball, they had the confidence to convert their attempts to points on the score board. Unfortunately, when the opposition attackers were head and shoulders above our defenders, it did make it almost impossible to defend their shots and they made use of this height if we threw a higher than usual ball. Although we lost this match, it is not the end of the competition as we will now compete in the plate competition. Player of the match, as voted for by the opposition, was Lucy D.

Mrs Laura Braithwaite

Thursday 28th September 2023

U13 Rugby v St Peters & GSAL

Gateways 6 – 2 St Peters

Gateways 6 – 6 GSAL



High School & Sixth Form

The U13 Rugby team travelled to St Peters York to take on St Peters and GSAL in a 10 aside tournament. 13 boys competed throughout the 2 games; we used rolling substitutions so all players could get plenty of game time and gain valuable experience. Some of our players were playing their first games of rugby, and they performed extremely well against tough competition.

In our games lessons we have had a focus on ball movement, moving to space, body awareness, low body tackling and ball presentation, these were all on show throughout the two games.

We started strongly, winning our first game 6 -2, scoring some quality tries and defending with energy and bravery. Our ball movement and offloading allowed our strong runners to find space and keep St Peters on the back foot.

We started our game against GSAL as we finished the game against St Peters, with Tariq and Sam running in two good tries. GSAL responded well with some physical, direct running and strong tackling. It threw us off our game, losing at half time 5-2. The team regrouped and regained some belief and played their best rugby of the day, clinching a draw with a try at the end of the game leaving the result at 6-6.

The whole team can be proud of their efforts, hopefully these results will give the boys increased confidence moving into the rest of the term.

Mr Tom Davidson & Mr Phil Holmes