

Sports Report 09/10/2023

Monday 9th October 2023

U15 Netball v Co-op Academy



The U15 netball team had a fantastic performance against Co-op academy. The girls played against the year above and were determined to win the game. In the first quarter, we started slow with a lot of unforced errors. Although we were losing the quarter, the girls came off knowing exactly what they needed to do to improve and were able to do this in the next quarter. They increased the speed of the play and on their centre pass, they moved the ball around the court to catch the defenders off guard which helped increase the success. When we got a turnover, we were often too quick for ourselves and rushed the first pass which meant we gave the ball away. However, the girls worked together to track their players and were often able to win the ball back.

This game was one of the most competitive games we have played in so far and it required the girls to step up their performance each quarter. They had real determination to get to the ball first and often matched the oppositions physicality.

All the way through quarter 3 and 4 the game was going goal for goal until we were able to get a turnover and move the ball down court with accuracy and speed. The final score of the game was 16-14 to Gateways and this was one of the best performances the U15 netball team have had so far. We look forward to continuing to play the Co-op academy in other sports and in future years.

Miss Jade Preston



Wednesday 11th October 2023

U16 and Seniors Netball vs St Aidans



The U16 and Senior netball team travelled to St Aidans school for some competitive friendly netball games. This was a good experience for both teams to be tested physically as the opposition challenged the players for every ball. Although both teams had a slow start, they soon got into the rhythm of the game and were able to turnover a large number of balls. Often, we would give the ball away as we were trying to play too quick against an opposition that were able to keep up with the pace.

I was really impressed with the work ethic of the girls as they played one of the longest games of netball that they will play at school level and each of them worked hard to stay close to their player. I was also particularly pleased with the positivity that they were showing to each other as they were supporting each other through the court and making sure someone was always a backup option.

Each quarter the girls became wiser to the opposition and tried different tactics to make the opposition think. This made the game very competitive and kept the score quite close in the end.

Miss Jade Preston



Thursday 12th October 2023

U15 Rugby vs Woodhouse Grove



Gateways School Under 15 team emerged triumphant with a commanding 71-12 win against their opponents in a thrilling display of skill, teamwork, and determination.

From the opening whistle, Gateways showcased their intent with relentless aggression and precision. Their forwards dominated the scrums and lineouts, securing ample possession for the team. The backline exhibited remarkable pace and tactical brilliance, constantly putting pressure on the opposition's defence.

Tries came thick and fast for Gateways, as they consistently breached their rival's defence. The handling and passing skills were impeccable, ensuring that every player was a threat in open play. The team's cohesive efforts allowed them to execute brilliant set plays and quick breaks that often left the opposition in disarray.

Defensively, Gateways remained resolute throughout the match, with fierce tackles and wellorganised lines that minimised any scoring opportunities for their opponents. The disciplined defensive effort stifled the opposing team's attack and secured vital turnovers.

By halftime, Gateways had established a significant lead, and they continued to build on it in the second half. The impressive depth of the Gateways squad allowed for fresh legs to maintain the intensity, and their fitness proved invaluable as they ran in try after try.

Despite their victory, Gateways School displayed exceptional sportsmanship throughout the match, respecting their opponents and the spirit of the game.



This outstanding performance reflects the hard work, dedication, and training that the Gateways U15 team has put into their season. With their 71-12 triumph, they have not only showcased their rugby prowess but also their teamwork and determination. Congratulations on this impressive victory, and their fans eagerly await their next exciting rugby encounter.

Mr Tom Davidson & Mr Phil Holmes