

Sports Report 16/10/2023

Monday 16th October 2023

U15 Netball v Roundhay

U14 Netball vs Roundhay



On Monday the U14 and U15 netball team played against Roundhay High School. As the game started the girls lacked in confidence as the opposition got off to a fast start. However, as the girls got into the game, they started passing more accurately and could get the ball into the shorting circle more often. Similarly, the U14s struggled to get rhythm into their passing but towards the end of the match they worked hard to communicate better as a team and started to ask for the ball in a free space. This helped them to keep possession of the ball for longer periods of time. Both teams need to work on their shooting accuracy to ensure they can score more goals. This would help to keep the game closer at times. Overall, both teams worked hard to stay with their players and tried to intercept the ball with two hands.

Miss Jade Preston

Wednesday 18th October 2023

U16 Netball vs Prince Henrys Grammar School



The U16 netball team had a tough game against Prince Henrys Grammar School. The opposition had a large number of players, and they consistently changed their combinations each quarter which made it difficult to get used to the team. The girls did really well to often look after their centre passes. As they started to move the ball quicker, the oppositions defence struggled to get their hands on the ball.

The speed of the game increased each quarter to challenge us and eventually the ball was pinging up and down the court with neither team really gaining control. In the second half of the game, the opposition took control away which meant we had to focus on keeping possession of the ball and driving towards the player. This is something the girls need to continue to work on to ensure they are not giving the ball away regularly in matches.

Miss Jade Preston

Wednesday 18th October 2023

Senior Netball vs Prince Henrys Grammar School

(Sisters in Sport Competition)



The Senior netball team played the second round of the Sisters in Sport competition on Wednesday. This is a knockout tournament and therefore the motivation to win was quite high. Unsure of Prince Henry's ability, Gateways knew to find their shooters relatively quickly and convert the shorts into goals as soon as possible. We scored 3 goals in the first minute of the game, and Prince Henrys scored 2. The girls knew it would be a competitive game and that they must score from possession and try to capitalise on any interceptions or mistakes from the opposition. Through the game it was goal for goal, there were minimal mistakes from both teams and the shooters from both teams were extremely accurate. The score after three quarter was 35-37 to Prince Henrys. As I was doing the team talk before the last quarter, it was clear to see that the Gateways knew they could win the game if they played safe and all work as a team to force errors and turn Prince Henrys errors into goals. They kept their nerve and pulled away with 2 minutes 30 seconds to go to finish the game 49-43 as a win. I would like to congratulate all the girls for playing an excellent game of netball, well done!

Mrs Laura Braithwaite

Tuesday 17th October 2023

Rugby v GSAL

Gateways U12 'B' 8 - 6 GSAL U12 'C'



Now, here's a sign of the progress the boys have made this term. We had the opportunity to play a hastily arranged game at GSAL, with their request to not put out our full team as we would be too strong for their C team. Music to our ears!

We still required the spine of our Under 12 team, and even included two year 8 players to help direct the play, but the main headline would be the selection of five year 6 pupils who have impressed so far in their own age group.

And what a team performance this was. The powerhouse forwards included Griff and Zion, the latter in his first ever game of rugby. Both loved the combative nature of the game and, as the match played out, their opponents started to wane as the barrage of physicality overwhelmed the hosts; Griff ending the game with a hat-trick of tries.

Off the back of this excellent play, Jayan had the time and space to move the ball but was removed from play once he'd scored a try to balance the game out. Austin showed his potential with speed and evasion and Sid followed the lead of the power pair to score two tries himself.

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But the afternoon was all about the younger boys. Lucas and Jasper showed their game intelligence with excellent passing and decision making, Seb ran with guile and fluency whilst Ollie scored two tries to help retain our lead. The standout performance though came from Rupert who hit rucks with fantastic body shape, tackled with ferocity and shocked several GSAL players into a standstill in the middle of the pitch.

This was a delight to watch. The future looks bright.

Mr Phil Holmes