

Sports Report 05/02/2024

U15 Girls Football v St Aidans



The Gateways Under 15 girls travelled to St Aidans for their first football fixture of the season. Despite facing this experienced St Aidans team who had impressive skills, the Gateways team demonstrated resilience and determination throughout the fast paced games. The girls showcased commendable teamwork and promising moments of cohesive play. Player of the match was Liberty for her fast feet and impressive work rate. The girls really enjoyed the experience and were smiling throughout.

Mrs Hannah Nichol

Monday 5th February 2024

Under 15 Boys Hockey vs Horsforth

Gateways 3 - 4 Horsforth



The first game of the season for the boys was an end-to-end thriller. Horsforth had an experienced midfield group who controlled the early stages of the game but Gateways gradually grew into the game, shaking off the uncertainty that comes with being relatively new to the sport.

The year 10 boys began to take responsibility and this energy fed into the year 9 players who showed intelligent movement and decision making; Adrian and Miles being two players who adjusted quickly.

With some swift passing and high lines of running, Gateways took the lead, thanks to Alfie finishing off a smart move. The lead didn't last long as we were drawn into playing the ball through the middle of the pitch and into the sticks of Horsforth's leading players. Despite Ivan's wonderful string of reaction saves, our defence couldn't stem the flow and we went into half-time 1-2 in arrears.

The second half followed a similar pattern. Charlie being set up well for two goals and yet we allowed Horsforth too much time on the ball near our 'D'. With the score at 3-4, we pushed forward to try secure an equaliser. A sweet strike from Alfie grazed the outside of the post as the final whistle sounded. This was a sterling effort from our players against an entirely year 10 Horsforth team.

Mr Phil Holmes

Wednesday 7th February 2024

Seniors Netball vs Woodhouse Grove B



The Senior netball team had a trip over to Woodhouse Grove to play their second team in a league fixture on Wednesday. This was a good opportunity for the girls to showcase what they had learnt from playing a competitive netball match against the boys in Games last week. The girls played at a quick speed of play with lots of long balls which the opposition often struggled to keep up with and this helped the girls to gain an advantage in attack the first quarter. In defence, we were playing new combinations, and this was a challenge as there were a lot of the girls wanting to go for intercepts. However, we were successful as we managed to limit the opposition to only one goal during the whole game. As the game progressed, the girls played a range of combinations and were having a go at trying short and long passes to keep challenge themselves. It was nice to see the different combinations and hopefully this is something we can continue to take into future games.

Miss Jade Preston

Wednesday 7th February 2024

Seniors Hockey vs Queen Ethelburga's

QE 5 - 1 Gateways



The Seniors travelled to QE for a game which was played in glorious North Yorkshire sunshine. The hosts line-up boasted a handful of girls who had adult National League experience and proved to be both a wonderful learning opportunity as well as a fast-paced challenge. It was also being used by several of our PE GCSE students for assessment in a practical option (hence the bib letters to aid the examiner).

With several of our players rediscovering their positional sense as the game wore on, we held good shape and moved the ball with fluency and freedom. Aply led by Jamie, the team fed off his distribution and saw Tom, Oliver and Alfie R move quickly into position to quell the opposing threats and then look to counter-attack.

Ivan was excellent in goal and produced a number of high class saves but couldn't stop two well executed shots from hitting the boards. That didn't dampen any enthusiasm as we played with pace and energy, eventually working the ball from our 16 through the midfield where Alfie R fed Sam at the top of the D and he released Alfie H, whose first time shot finished off a fine team move.

Ultimately, the experience of our opponents saw them stretch their advantage in the second half but not without having to overcome the quality play from our Gateways team.

Mrs Hannah Nichol & Mr Phil Holmes