

Sports Report 07/10/2024

U12 and U13 Netball v GSAL



35 U12 and U13 girls enjoyed the opportunity to play a competitive game against GSAL. The girls have been working hard in their games lessons to focus on moving into space and trying not to ask for the ball when they are behind a player.

All of these games had elements of the ball going back and forth and the girls had to settle into their play and make sure they took a breath before releasing the ball. Throughout the game, the girls increased their defensive pressure and had to work hard to stay close to their players. They often timed their movement to perfection and were able to intercept the ball in all different areas of the court.

Shooting had been a focus of our games lesson only an hour earlier, so it was nice to see the girls having a go at the new technique and often having a lot of success.

In our games lessons, we will continue to work on stronger passes and look forward to the girls having another opportunity to showcase their progress.

Miss Jade Preston and Mrs Laura Braithwaite

Boys Football v Tadcaster Lost 3-5



The opening fixture for the U13 boys was a tale of two halves. Despite dominating play in the opening exchanges, our team missed a good opportunity to open the scoring before the home team moved swiftly up the pitch and scored the first goal.

Our spirit was epitomised by Gurnek's high energy display and he was rewarded with the final touch as we equalised. Sadly, this didn't transfer itself into equity for the rest of the half, as Tadcaster won the first and second balls and we succumbed to their physicality. Even with Will F making some strong saves, we couldn't repel the Tadcaster pressure and quickly opened a 4-1 half-time advantage.

The half-time focus was to be stronger in the contact, move the ball with greater assertiveness and, ultimately, win the second half. The boys were much improved. A rather helpful goalkeeping blunder helped Lucas to turn the ball into the bottom corner and halve the deficit. We pressed for more....a golden chance fell to Rupert who sent the ball into the top of the net, only for their keeper to go from the ridiculous to the sublime with a majestic save as we turned to celebrate a goal. Tadcaster went directly to the other end of the pitch and scored; their only real chance of the second half turning the game from potentially 4-3 into a 5-2 scoreline.

However, this seemed to galvanise us rather than break us, a wonderful sign of the character within the team. More pressure allowed us to break open their back four and Rupert to claim his goal this time, the end result being a 2-1 win in the second half and our half-time target achieved.

Mr Phil Holmes

High School & Sixth Form

U14 & U15 Netball v Cardinal Heenan



Three netball teams travelled to Cardinal Heenan for some challenging fixtures. It was a slow start for all 3 teams with the girls letting the opposition get a run of goals in the first few minutes. After the first quarter, the girls regrouped and started to change direction before asking for the ball to ensure the ball was uncontested. The opposition were particularly good at staying tight on the girls and often challenging them the most when they didn't have a ball. The girls remained calm and composed and represented Gateways really well during the fixture.

Each quarter, the girls improved and started to play at a quicker pace and gained more possession of the ball. The strength in the passes got better and the girls recognised the importance of keeping their feet moving and driving onto the ball. The aim will be to pass the ball higher to deny the opposition opportunity to make attempts at intercepting a flat pass.

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