

## Sports Report 03/02/2025

### U12 and U13 Netball v QE



The U12s and U13s played their final netball game for this academic year. It has been a fantastic year for the girls with lots of positive play throughout and definite signs of progress. The games have been both challenging and enjoyable with the girls having to think quickly and adapt what they were doing against different opposition.

This match was particularly scrappy with the ball pinging up and down the court. The girls had to adjust to QE playing lots of lofted ball and they recognised the importance of moving their feet and then jumping. As the game progressed, the challenges onto the ball became more physical by both teams and the girls had to stand their ground when collecting the ball. This allowed lots of tips and chases to take place during the match. In attack, we started to change direction to lose our players before asking for the ball. This helped with the speed of play and allowed both the U12s and U13s to get a run of goals. Overall, the U12s came away losing 14-8 to QE's A team and the U13s won 22-13 against QE's B team.

We now look forward to moving onto the football term with the girls!

Miss Jade Preston

## U13 Hockey v Roundhay



We took two teams across to Roundhay to maximise playing opportunities for the boys. With the numbers split evenly, we were able to play a year 8 team and rotate with a year 7 team, across the afternoon.

The older group started the match and were a little taken aback by the pace provided by two Roundhay players who clearly spend their weekends with hockey clubs! Nevertheless, the progress shown by our boys during the game was testament to their increased game awareness as we began to match their speed when releasing passes and eventually allowed Amar to break clear and score a well worked team goal.

The younger group had a tougher time and this proved to be a very steep learning curve. Roundhay dominated the centre of the pitch and for many of our players this was their first taste of 7-a-side hockey. We did begin to play with more precision in our passing and follow the instruction of looking to play down the weak side of our opponents. We created some chances, Lucas and Rupert almost having the space to fire a shot but the experience of the Roundhay defence kept our boys at arm's length.

All-in-all this was a very encouraging afternoon. The extra year of being able to work on skills and gain game experience could be seen between our two teams and hopefully the year 7s will have learned from seeing our MVP Teo's movement in midfield, Clem's improvement in defence and James and Nouri being more courageous when moving forward with the ball.

Mr Phil Holmes

## U14 and U15 Netball v Allerton Grange



The U14s and U15s rounded off the netball term with a good game against Allerton Grange. It was nice to see the girls mixing between age groups and having the opportunity to work together and showcase the progress they have made.

The mixed A team played some fantastic netball against a quick team. We had to move the ball and change direction regularly to make sure the ball was uncontested which helped the girls to score plenty of goals in attack. In defence, the girls had to stay tight and look out for the high balls which were often intercepted by Caitlyn. Both the attack and defence picked up plenty of rebounds to help the girls win the game 20-12 overall and player of the match awarded to Sophia.

Our next team consisted of players who had played really well in our games lesson last week and wanted to try out against other schools. The girls started out a little hesitant and let the opposition gain confidence which meant the score blew out. As the quarters progressed, the girls started to recognise that they had to move into a space and not asked for the ball behind. Defensively, the girls tipped and intercepted lots of balls and we now just need to begin to reward that in attack.

This was a positive experience overall and we look forward to continuing to make progress with netball next year.

Miss Jade Preston

## U15 Boys Football v Fulneck Won 6-3



The U15 football team delivered their best performance of the season with a convincing 6-3 win against Fulneck. From the first whistle, the team displayed outstanding energy, teamwork, and commitment, moving the ball fluidly and making intelligent runs off the ball.

Throughout the game, the players showed great determination, dominating possession and battling for every opportunity. A special mention goes to Sam, who was excellent in goal, making crucial saves to keep the team in control. Miles was a constant attacking threat on the wing, stretching the opposition's defence, while Tariq stood firm at the back, making key tackles and driving forward with purpose. Mub and Will were once again instrumental, dictating play, controlling possession and posing a relentless attacking threat.

This was a fantastic team performance, demonstrating skill, resilience, and teamwork. Well done to all the players!

Mr Tom Davidson