

## Sports Report 17/03/2025

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**U13 Boys' Football v GSAL 'B'**  
**Won 3-2**  
**Goals : Amar (2), Rupert**



A short trip to GSAL proved bountiful as our mix of year 8 and 7 boys took on the GSAL Under 13 B team. An evenly balanced game saw end-to-end action and plenty of open, flowing play which kept the crowd entertained. A new centre back pairing of Max and Sid controlled the threats from the home team and set a solid foundation at the back with the help of wing backs Teo and James. This allowed Austin and Gurnek to have freedom and space in the middle of the pitch. With Amar pushing a high line, we were creating problems for the GSAL players from the start. With chances at both ends of the pitch, Gateways were rewarded first with a well flighted corner from Sid being pushed into the path of Rupert who slid the ball home near the back post. GSAL scored with a quality long range shot which Jack had little chance of stopping to see the teams equal at the break.

The second half proved just as lively with Amar punishing a rare GSAL keeper error and firing home to put us back in the ascendancy. Minutes later GSAL sent a good pass to the top of our area where their right sided player tucked the ball away to set up a frantic finish; both teams wanting to claim the bragging rights rather than hang on for a draw. We almost went behind for the first time as GSAL's best midfielder pounced on a ball at the top of the area, only to be denied by a fine save from Jack as he punched the ball clear. It was insistent pressure from our boys, a reflection of their positive approach to the game, that allowed Amar to bag the winner as he followed up a rebounded save and smashed the ball into the roof of the net.

Mr Phil Holmes

## Year 7 & 8 Boys' House Hockey

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Beningbrough**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Harewood**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Newby**



A vibrant afternoon was spent at Adel as every boy in the Year 7 & 8 games group battled for supremacy and the title of House Hockey Champions for 2025. Some very tight games ensured all games carried an influence upon the outcome with Beningbrough eventually securing top spot with good wins in their final two matches.

Harewood and Newby then had a good tussle for the runners-up spot, their main match seeing a draw which then shifted the focus to goals scored; Harewood just managing to pip the blues to 2<sup>nd</sup> place although Newby certainly had the most charismatic team!

Mr Phil Holmes

## U11, U12 & U13 Netball v Boston Spa



Another enjoyable opportunity for 23 girls to play against Boston Spa. The girls were challenged this week against Boston Spa's A team which made them think about passing and spacing. As the mini quarters progressed, the girls started to get into the rhythm of the game and enjoyed playing lots of different positions to test their knowledge and skills.

With no Lower 4's at school due to their residential, it was fantastic to see some of the Upper 3 girls taking a lead in their team. All the girls were super supportive of each other, and it was clear to see the girls developing as a team. We have thoroughly enjoyed hosting Boston Spa as part of the extra-curricular programme, and we hope this will continue next academic year.

Miss Jade Preston



## Year 9 & 10 Girls House Football



On Thursday the Year 9 & 10, 52 girls played, fast-paced and thrilling house football matches, showcasing a good level of skill, determination, and sportsmanship. The matches saw all the girls divided into teams and they competed fiercely for house points. The event highlighted not only the girls' athletic abilities but also their commitment to teamwork and the spirit of healthy competition.

The game displayed excellent ball control and strategic play throughout. The players' commitment to maintaining strong formations, coupled with fluid passing, made for engaging and competitive matches. The girls showed a good understanding of the game's tactics and successfully played corner balls, goal kicks and throw ins. Key highlights from this first round were fast-paced football, excellent saves in goal, good formations, impressive passing and gutsy tackling.

Scores from this round;

- Beningbrough 10 points
- Harewood 5 points
- Newby 1 point

Mrs Laura Braithwaite



## U15 Boys' Football v GSAL 'B' Lost 4-0



Following last week's excellent performance at Queen Ethelburga's, the team entered this fixture with confidence. However, this match proved to be a role reversal, with GSAL controlling possession and dictating the tempo, making it difficult for us to gain a foothold in the game.

From the outset, GSAL moved the ball well, forcing us to defend deep. Despite our efforts to play with pace and intent, misplaced passes and well-timed interceptions from the opposition disrupted our attacking play. The first half ended with us trailing 2-0, but with the wind behind us in the second half, we remained optimistic.

The second half saw a more positive response, with Lucas and Mub controlling the midfield, allowing us to build attacks more effectively. Miles was a constant threat going forward, while Jack and Miles remained solid in defence. Despite several chances, we were unable to find the back of the net, and as we pushed forward late in the game, GSAL capitalised, scoring two late goals to seal a 4-0 victory.

While not the result we had hoped for, there were plenty of learning opportunities to take forward. We look forward to bouncing back in the next fixture.

Mr Tom Davidson