

Sports Report 24/03/2025

Monday 24th March U13 A and B Girls Football v Harrogate Ladies College Won



Half of the year group proudly represented Gateways in an exciting football fixture against HLC, competing in two fast-paced 7-a-side matches. The girls were eager to showcase their skills and took to the pitch with determination.

For the A team, in defence, Imogen, Grace, and Ruby were outstanding, putting in strong tackles and making it difficult for the opposition to break through. On the right wing, Mia was fully engaged in the game, playing brilliantly and making a real impact. She was a key asset to the team. On the left, Lottie worked tirelessly up and down the pitch, creating width and providing great passing options. In the centre-forward position, Rose was a standout performer. She consistently made herself available, linked up well with her teammates, and showcased her skills throughout the game.

The B team carried their momentum from their strong performance against Cundall Manor, showcasing excellent spatial awareness and holding a solid defensive line. In attack, the girls applied relentless pressure on HLC, forcing turnovers and creating scoring opportunities. By halftime, Gateways had edged ahead 1-0, thanks to a composed finish from Ella M.



After a tactical reshuffle, Ellie joined the B team and made an immediate impact. She took control of the game with confidence, dictating play and unleashing a series of stunning long-range shots, finding the net with ease. Her brilliance helped secure an emphatic 4-0 victory for Gateways. Ivy and Rina grew in confidence throughout the match, always making themselves available as key passing options. Ella K worked tirelessly to win possession, showing great determination and skill as she drove the ball up the pitch. Meanwhile, it was fantastic to see Isabelle make her debut for Gateways - she defended bravely, fought for every ball, and refused to back down until she regained possession.

A fantastic team effort, full of energy, skill, and determination!

Mrs Hannah Nichol

Monday 24th March U13 Football v Tadcaster Grammar Lost 1-4



Almost reminiscent of David v Goliath, we travelled to Tadcaster to play our final fixture of the season. With over a hundred boys to choose from the home team were always going to be able to find a strong group of players and so it proved, including a centre back who wouldn't have looked out of place in year 10!

The game was the perfect way to close out a vibrant and energetic term for our boys. End-toend from the first whistle, we carved an early opening only for a defender to stick his body in the way of the final pass, a trend that continued throughout the game. Tadcaster opened the scoring with a very fortunate rebound from our player to drop into the path of their striker



who slotted home from point blank range. There wasn't anything either of our 'keepers, Jack or Will, sharing the duties once again, could do for the following three goals as all were smashed into the top corners. The third goal was a real screamer from 25 yards and it gave the scoreboard a rather unfavourable look for our spirited team.

Typical of their improving maturity, and thanks to the work rate of Gurnek and Teo, we never gave up hope as we pressed for several chances; Will H striking a pure shot just wide, Amar hitting the post and then we had a missed penalty midway through the second half. With time running out, Rupert saw Jasper make another good run down the far left. One quality pass later and it was Jasper in possession. He created the space to send the ball back across the box which was controlled by Rupert before hammering home from the edge of the area.

A goal was the least these players deserved. Throughout the game they had shown tenacity and determination, encapsulated by Wilson in the centre of defence who had been impressive amidst a flurry of Tadcaster activity. Well done to all players who have represented school this term, we have seen over 60% of our boys play for Gateways.

Mr Phil Holmes

Thursday 27th March 2nd Round of U4 & L5 Girls Football



The girl's house football competition saw 56 girls competing for points for their houses. The teams battled it out with high energy, fierce determination, and incredible teamwork. Each team played their hearts out, but in the end, Beningbrough emerged as the deserving winners, with Newby securing a close second place and Harewood finishing in third. We saw some



impressive tackles, accurate corner kicks, and outstanding saves. Well done to all the girls who played. The points will now be sent to Mr Reeves to go towards the house trophy.



Mrs Laura Braithwaite