

## Sports Report 03/03/2025

### U12/U13 Girls Football v QE



On a bright, sunny day, our Under 13 girls took on Queen Ethleburgas in a spirited match. Although QE started strong and pushed us onto the back foot, our goalkeeper Ellie made some impressive saves to keep the pressure at bay. Early on, we struggled to string together passes, but gradually, the team began to work the ball well down the wing, launching a series of positive runs forward.

In the second half, with Sadie stepping into goal, the team's confidence received a boost as she made several great saves. Despite the renewed energy and some energetic runs by Celia, the team continued to find it challenging to get the ball into the back of the net.

Well done to the girls—they tried so hard, even though they struggled to overcome the early deficit.

Mrs Hannah Nichol

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A determined display against a side who were entirely year 8 couldn't quite prevent us from being on the wrong side of the scoreline. We started brightly and had several chances in the first ten minutes, though none of them quite clear cut. Gurnek came close with a good header which drifted just wide of the left-hand post as QE struggled to cope with our speed of movement.

Eventually they began to assert their physical dominance and used their left winger to good effect, comfortably the fastest man on the pitch. As the game ebbed and flowed, QE scored an opening goal and then forced a good save from first half goalkeeper Will. A late goal from a good move put the hosts 0-2 up at the break.

Focusing on trying to keep the ball for more than just two or three passes, we again started brightly. Our players were slightly guilty of taking an extra touch inside the box which meant we scuffed the shot or the QE defenders could shut down the threat, hindering our chance to close the scoreline. QE again started to wear down our midfield and it was Zion and Sid who were holding the shape at the back and extinguishing the flames. As with the first half though, eventually we conceded and, despite a lot of endeavour, the stronger physical team came out on top. A final score of 0-5 didn't quite show our worth but it was a good chance to learn together as a team and for the year 7 players to see what they should be working towards with regards to athleticism and skill level.

Mr Phil Holmes

## Seniors Boys Football v Fulneck Won 1 – 0



The Senior Boys Football team traveled to Fulneck for an exciting 9-a-side match. In the first half, the team faced challenging conditions, playing uphill and against a strong wind. Despite these difficulties, they maintained a high tempo and focused on moving the ball quickly. The team created several scoring opportunities, but the opposition's impressive goalkeeper was consistently on hand to keep us at bay. Their solid defensive efforts also prevented us from getting on the scoreboard, but the team's performance showed promise as they continued to press forward.

In the second half, the team adapted to the conditions, looking to capitalise on the slope and wind. They played more direct, accurate long passes and applied pressure with a high press in defense. This strategy created several more chances, but once again, finishing proved to be a challenge. Eventually, the team broke the deadlock, taking the lead, but despite continued efforts, we were unable to add another goal in the final 10 minutes.

Overall, the team played well, with Jamie and Isaac standing out at the back, ensuring the defense remained strong. Alfie and Ben controlled the midfield, dictating the pace of the game, while Avraj was a constant threat in attack, causing problems for the opposition throughout.

Mr Tom Davidson

## KS3 Netball Club v Boston Spa Academy



KS3 girls that have been attending netball club since September had the opportunity to play against Boston Spa on Wednesday evening. Originally, they were going to bring two teams but could only manage to bring one, so we rotated our four teams against them.

Each rotation was a new game, and our girls played with girls they wouldn't usually play with in their own age group. Each game was fast paced and it was encouraging to see the girls thinking about the roles of their position and using the space on the court. Strong passes allowed the ball to travel easily from third to third in our attack and when we needed to defend, some well-timed interceptions were made to regain possession. We won 3 of the 4 games - very well done to all the girls who played in these friendly matches.

Mrs Laura Braithwaite