

## Sports Report 12/05/2025

### U12 & U13 Rounders v GSAL

U12 Gateways 30-22 GSAL

U13 Gateways 18.5-14 GSAL



The Gateways U12 & U13 rounders teams took to the field in an exciting fixture against GSAL and both teams delivered fantastic performances.

U12 secured an impressive victory having only started to learn the game this academic year. They finished with a final score of 22-30, showing great skill and team spirit throughout the match. Samaya stood out with some incredible hits, scoring full rounders. Ruby and Ella also impressed with their powerful shots, and the whole team worked brilliantly together. Ivy was named player of the match for her outstanding contribution on the pitch.

Meanwhile, the U13 team also claimed a well-earned win, finishing with a score of 14-18½. The team displayed excellent coordination and strong individual performances. Sadie, Luci

and Honor were the top scorers, hitting into the deep field which put the pressure on GSAL's fielders. In the field, Celia was a standout performer, taking several excellent catches in the deep field and playing an active role on 3rd post, helping to stump players out on the post. All the girls maintained control of the game to secure the win. The player of the match for U13 was Honor. A huge well done to both teams for their fantastic performances.

Mrs Laura Braithwaite

## U13 Girls' Cricket

### A Team

**Lost v Barnard Castle 241 runs to 274 runs**

**Lost v Terrington Hall 236 runs to 256 runs**



On Wednesday afternoon in glorious sunshine, our Under 13 girls travelled to Cundall Manor for the opportunity to test their skills against Terrington Hall and Barnard Castle.

With opposing sides choosing entire year 8 girls, our team boasted 6 of our 8 from year 7, reflective of the time many have spent honing their skills at extra-curricular practice or at cricket clubs outside school.

The first game against Terrington saw us fall to defeat despite often playing smarter cricket. With the bat we were consistent in striking the ball if it was on middle or off stump but need more experience in taking advantage of anything down leg side. Sadie led by example with our first boundaries, her cricketing experience making light of anything on the leg side, with a glorious 6 over midwicket. We were a little more reserved, as a team, from that point but still set a decent target. This pattern remained in our second game, this time against Barnard Castle, who had a team full of club players who regularly experienced the hardball, full pads and helmets, style of cricket. This was the big difference between the two teams.

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Terrington and Barney both chased down and surpassed our totals. This despite some exceptional bowling from all our girls; Ruby learning the hard way that softball cricket punishes consistent bowling as the ball sits up for the batters to have a swipe at. Our main issue was a lack of wickets, 5 runs being deducted each time from the batting team. We lost 20 runs v Terrington (and lost by 20) whilst only taking one wicket, a fabulous clean bowled from Lottie, against Barney.

Overall it was a fabulous chance to play against relatively balanced teams. With increased awareness of how to place shots and bowl a little tighter, these girls are set for a lot of fun and success in the future.

**B Team won**  
**Cundall Manor B Team:107**  
**Gateways B Team: 127**



Gateways B Team began their season with a strong performance against Cundall Manor B Team. After a productive warm-up and some focused batting and fielding practice, the girls were ready to take the field. Gateways fielded first and immediately set the tone with some impressively consistent bowling across 8 overs. Lucie and Celia stood out with exceptional catches that kept the pressure on Cundall, who struggled to find scoring opportunities. Cundall Manor finished their innings with a modest total of 77 runs. Gateways responded with confidence and determination in their batting, quickly chasing down the target and continuing to build their lead. Their focused approach saw them finish with an impressive total of 127 runs. In a twist, Cundall Manor had a second opportunity to bat in a 3-ball over



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format. This time, they showed more intent and managed to add another 30 runs. Gateways, despite a slight dip in consistency, held strong and maintained control of the match. Cundall made a late push but couldn't stop Gateways from securing the win.

Players of the Match: Lucie, for her outstanding catch and consistent performance and Sophie for her solid all-round contribution and team spirit. A fantastic team effort and a well-deserved victory to kick off the season – well done to all who played.

Mrs Hannah Nichol

## Year 7 & 8 Boys Cricket



In only their second session of the summer, due to the bank holidays, our cricketers focused on refining their bowling technique and accuracy. The session began with drills aimed at improving their consistency and precision, followed by a game that emphasised key batting skills. Players worked on "gapping the ball" – aiming to hit it into the gaps in the field and improving their running between the wickets.

The game, which lasted three innings, was highly competitive, with players showing great teamwork and enthusiasm. It was a fantastic session, with noticeable progress made by everyone involved. Looking forward to more improvements in the upcoming sessions!

Mr Tom Davidson

## Year 7 & 8 Boys Softball



With the summer games lessons now well underway, the pupils have been tackling and working on their softball skills. The session centred around live game scenarios, giving pupils the chance to apply their skills in real time. Players were encouraged to read the field, aiming their hits into open spaces left by fielders - a key skill that created great moments at the plate. A major focus was also on understanding the difference between offside and onside hits, helping players make smarter choices with their swings.

The friendly competition between the teams was intense, with only a handful of runs separating them by the final inning. Effort levels were high across the board, and it was great to see everyone pushing themselves to improve.

A solid step forward for the group, and the progress is already showing. We are excited to see what the next session brings.

Mr Ali Bahcaci