

Sports Report w/c 19th May 2025

U10 Mixed cricket v Bronte Friday 16th May

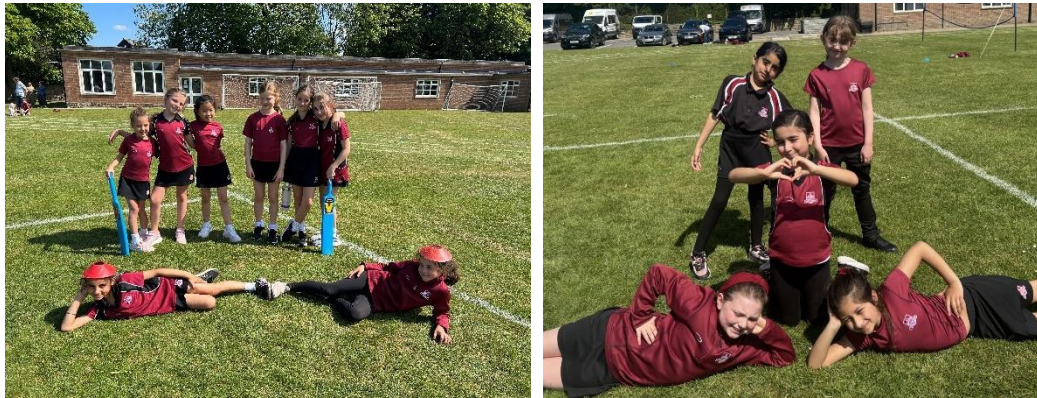


With the Lower 3 group in London, the opportunity arose to take the full Upper 2 group across to Bronte House for a cricket event. With the teams divided into mixed ability and gender teams, it was a chance for all the players to learn from their peers and develop more understanding regarding fielding positions, bowling at different batters and then picking when to run and when to stay put.

Overall this was a great exercise and one which allowed many of our players to surprise themselves with the progress they are making. The scores were variable but this wasn't the point of the exercise. It is invaluable to have our pupils pushed outside their comfort zone and today allowed them to feel this. Excellent batting from Ollie Mc and Oscar led to a high number of runs in their team. Quality bowling from Beatrice F and Estelle restricted the runs in their respective teams. There were successes across the 4 pitches. Long may it continue, much like the wonderful sunshine!

Mrs Hannah Nichol, Mr Tom Davidson & Mr Phil Holmes

U9 Girls' Cricket v Highfield Tuesday 20th May



We had the opportunity to play all our girls and create 4 Gateways teams as we travelled across to Highfield for this fixture. With some of the players involved in the matches still in the very beginnings of their cricketing journey, bowling duties were shared between some of the players and then the staff who could send some underarm deliveries that allowed the batters a chance to hit the ball and run.

Scores were kept but with a main focus of skill development and an awareness of when to run and when to stay at the crease. Standout moments included our A Team securing a thrilling victory, winning by just 1 run in a closely contested match.

Vesper stood out with an impressive batting performance, hitting three well-placed fours and delivering a remarkable shot in the penultimate bat, which helped swing momentum at a critical moment. The mixed bowling attack showed encouraging signs, with Stella, Harper and Kimran bowling well to maintain pressure on the opposition. A well-deserved win and a great learning opportunity for all involved.

Our strength in depth was evident as our D team had a fantastic match against Highfield, coming away convincing winners. The girls managed to get the opposition out 14 times and kept them to only 7 runs throughout. Every person fielded with determination, and it was great to see the teamwork amongst the girls, communicating and praising each other when they had done something well. Meera had a standout performance and was awarded player of the match for her quick decision making when stumping people out and working well as part of a batting pair.

Miss Jade Preston, Miss Beth Adamson & Mrs Hannah Nichol

**U9 Boys' Cricket v Highfield
Tuesday 20th May
A Team Won
B Team Drew
C Team Won**



Our A team dominated from the first ball, showcasing tight bowling, committed fielding, and some powerful hitting with the bat. In a 16-over-a-side match, we bowled first and immediately applied pressure with accurate line and length, taking 8 wickets and restricting the opposition to 228.

With the bat, we showed intent from the outset—Isaac set the tone by hitting the first three balls of the innings for four. All four batting pairs demonstrated clean striking and much-improved running between the wickets. Freddie and Xavie were outstanding, adding an impressive 51 runs in their 4-over partnership, helping us reach a final score of 306.

It's been brilliant to see the progress made this half term. I hope the team can continue their success after the break.



The B Team enjoyed a lot of success with the bat after Virayn won the toss and elected to set a total. With the outfield playing fast and firm, the opening pair Joshua and our captain scored 20 runs from 24 deliveries. Naell and Arjun added 18, Sammy and Ethan A were our penultimate pair with 8 runs before Theo T and Freddie pushed our total to 266 (teams begin on 200 runs at this age group) with a knock of 30 from their 4 overs.

Our bowlers were far superior and gave far less wides. This sometimes backfires though as a well bowled delivery is able to be hit, whereas the visitors bowling was so erratic, we couldn't score more than 2 for an off the mark effort. Theo was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 2 overs, 3 wickets for 5 runs. Yet Highfield enjoyed the chance to hit the better balls and pushed their total to 262 with one over remaining. Thankfully Sammy stayed calm and, with 5 dot balls and one boundary, the game ended in a 266 run tie.



The U9C team enjoyed a brilliant afternoon of cricket in their recent fixture against Highfield. It was a fantastic opportunity for all the boys to put their skills into practice and develop their understanding of the rules in a competitive setting. The match was closely contested, with both teams showing great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout.

There were some excellent performances across the board, but a special mention must go to Theo P, who impressed with both the bat and the ball, contributing significantly to the team's success. His accurate bowling and confident batting were standout moments in the match.

In the end, Gateways secured a narrow victory, edging out Highfield in a tense and exciting finish. Well done to all the boys involved – it was a great display of teamwork, effort and growing confidence.

Mr Tom Davidson, Mr Charlie Grasby & Mr Phil Holmes