

# ST KATHERINE'S SCHOOL PE & SPORT NEWSLETTER

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## 7 BOYS RUGBY ROUND UP

### A quick look back at Year 7 boys rugby from the first term of the school year!

Sidcot - Tuesday 8 October

Having played the tournament at Yatton, Sidcot school arrived at St Kath's for the first home fixture in Year 7 and the first full fixture against another school. This was a good chance for the boys to play again together, also welcoming some extra members from training as the format of this game was 12 a side.

St Kath's dominated large parts of this game, running out with a few early tries from Riley Bristol. Although credit goes to Riley for finishing the tries well, credit must also go to his team mates who played well in the build up, making yards and space up the pitch for Riley to finish. Notably, Joseph Brooks scored his first ever rugby try in this fixture; playing the line well and darting out to intercept the ball before running the pitch and scoring an easy finish. Credit must go to Joseph for this try, he was 'cruelly' denied a similar opportunity at the Yatton tournament, being blown for offside before having a chance to run away with it. A special mention in this fixture for Liam Hacker as well, making his debut for the school team and topping this off with a lovely intercept, step and run for his first try as well.

Overall a strong St Kath's performance, full of determination and hard work for each other and the rugby skills/specifics are slowly starting to feature in our game, something that was kindly noted by the Sidcot staff; praising the boys for their defensive shape and structure.

Worle - Thursday 10 October



Another week and another fixture, this time with Worle coming to visit St Kath's. This game of rugby was a credit to both schools. The game was competitive, fast paced and both groups of students played some really good rugby. St Katherine's had the edge early on, managing to go into the half time break 4-2 up. Out of the 4 tries scored in the first half, an interception and  $\frac{3}{4}$  length of the pitch run by Harry Money to the corner was by far the most impressive, Harry showing an impressive and unwitnessed turn of pace to make the line before being caught by the chasing pack. Coming into the second half, St Katherine's started slowly and on the back foot, mainly due to an impressive start by Worle. Worle managed to push the boys back and scored two tries in quick succession to level the scores. This game and half was a real test of the St Katherine's character, going on to concede again and trailing 5-4. After a real battle, tense and nail biting second half; the game was sitting at 7-7 with 5 minutes to go. St Katherine's scored more tries in the second half due to some impressive finishing skills by Riley Bristol who ended the game with 4 tries in total. With 5 minutes to go and Worle piling on pressure, it was interesting to see the St Kath's boys dig in deep and defend resolutely. This was summed up by a real show of character and leadership from Joel Martineau, demanding from his team not to kick the ball and instead to give it to him, 5 metres out from our own try line. Joel received the ball, drove forward and weaved his way clear of our try line, making some important and impressive ground just in time for the final whistle to go and the scores to finish 7-7.



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Nailsea and Backwell Tournament – Tuesday 15 October

Following from the Worle tournament, we attended a tournament at Nailsea and Backwell. This was the second tournament in a series of 3, following on from the Yatton introduction tournament. This tournament saw an introduction of some new rules for the boys, including uncontested scrummaging and rucking. It was impressive to see the students pick up the new rules well and implement them into our game, having only managed to practice once with the new rules due to conditions.



The first game saw us run out 5-2 winners against Nailsea, this was particularly impressive as the boys were really committed to hitting each ruck and scoring 2 tries as a result of this.

Our second game was a challenge. We came across a really strong and well organised Backwell team who ran out 8 tries to nil in the first half. At half time, the boys' character and resilience was being questioned and they arguably produced the performance of our season managing to only concede a try in the dying seconds of the game.

Finally, at this tournament, Gordano ran out 3-1 winners against us in a competitive and tight game, considering we had beaten them in the first tournament. A standout moment from this game and the tournament was Riley Bristol scoring a try after running the length of the pitch and through a number of Clevedon players.



Well done to everyone who has played rugby for the school in Year 7!

Costantinos ANTONIO, Jimmy ARGO, Oliver BEER, Riccardo BENONI, Zachary BRENNAN, Riley BRISTOL, Joseph BROOKS, Noah BULMER, Charlie DEXTER, Zachary FURNISS, Nicolas GAFFNEY, Liam HACKER, Theo HART-JONES, Warren HOOPER, Nakye IVEY, Charlie LANE, Joel MARTINEAU, Lucas MATTHEWS, Adam MILKINS, Harry MONEY, Riley O'BRIEN, Logan O'DONNELL, Reuben PEACOCK, Oscar PEARSON, Isaac PHILLIPS, Antoni PRZYBYLSKI, George RODMAN, Kenzo SCADDING, James SLADE, Jack SPENCER, Preston STABB, Morgan TEMPLE, Sonny TOTO, Lucas WAKE, Declan WEST, George WILKINSON

Mr Dawes



## GIRLS NETBALL V CLEVEDON

### Impressive Clevedon work the St Kath's sides hard in tough fixture

Year 7: St Kath's A 2 – 8 Clevedon A

Clevedon rolled out a team that were unbeaten all season and beat their last team 28 goals to nil. The St Kath's team were immediately under pressure from the start with the C and GA from Clevedon working the ball across their attacking third with ease. Clevedon took a 4-nil lead despite some tremendous defending by both Ana Oluwo and Mae Kingston. However, once the St Kath's girls settled into the game, possession was much more even and Dahira Odaway found great space to move the ball from defence into attack. This spurred at the St Kath's girls on and the ball found its way into the attacking third given Megan Stenner the chance she needed to get St Kath's first goal.

In the second half a change in shooter saw Lexie Parsons come on to the court. Linking well with Anna Petrie, they created chances to make the game much closer with Anna taking one chance to get the teams' second goal. However, Clevedon rallied round and began to score freely with a bout of possession towards the end of the game. This worked centre Lauren Weeks and WA Eve Osborn hard, but they were definitely up to the challenge from the Clevedon girls. The game finished with the Clevedon win, with player of the match was voted as Ana Oluwo.

Year 7: St Kath's B 0 – 6 Clevedon B

A really tough game for St Kath's girls saw number of the players from Clevedon from the first game play against them in the B game match. Possession was mixed from both sides with a lot of the play taking place in the centre third. Roxie Garrett and her opposing centre were involved in most of the plays from defence into attack and Roxy was well supported by WA Bess Stevens and WD Ruby Slaven. Shooting for the St Kath's side were River Clarke and Eva Hayes, who had to work hard for their chances. Despite having a lot of the possession, the St Kath's side could not convert this into goals with minimal chances for shooters, however the Clevedon side seemed able to hit the target and started to stretch out the lead. In the second-half changes to position saw Lyla Moore and Chloe Elliott come on to the court. In much more balanced and slower paced second half saw both teams use possession much more effectively. The defence of Portia Nash and Emily Creese were kept busy constantly under the post in preventing further Clevedon goals however the Clevedon side was successful in this match with a six goals to nil win. Player of the match was voted as Roxie Garrett.

Year 8: St Kath's 3 – 33 Clevedon

A really tough challenge for the St Kath's girls today in the fixture against Clevedon. The St Kath's Year 8's went into this match undefeated all season having had numerous wins over local schools with some score lines to nil, however this game was a much different challenge with Clevedon also undefeated. With Clevedon having an A team only it would be a challenge for the Year 8's who were fielding a combined squad. It was certainly a game for the defence of St Kath's, who were involved heavily and as ever Leah Wardingley and Ruby Gray were up to the challenge defending admirably against the onslaught of the Clevedon attack. Jessica Porter also entered the defence in the second half of the game to support both Ruby and Leah in their defensive duties. They were supported well by Maddy Thomas in WD who linked well moving the ball out of defence and into attack. Demi Cornick as C worked incredibly hard to create chances for the team and she was replaced by Toula Hudson in the second half of this fixture who again had a tough job in trying to create chances for the St Kath's side. In attack Polly Cole and Hollie Lang had limited chances but took them well with three girls. Angel Chinn as WA supported the attack well trying to create opportunities for the shooters. Sophie De Wet and Josie Rafferty also joined the attacking side in the second half to further the chances, with Josie scoring third and final goal of the St Kath's total. A really tough game for the Year 8's with their first defeat. Finally, player of the match was voted as Ruby Gray,

Year 9: St Kath's 8 v 15 Clevedon

A large squad with players from both A & B team travelled to Clevedon to face probably our toughest friendly fixture of the winter. In the opening quarter St Katherines matched Clevedon in all areas on the court and finished the quarter level at 1 goal apiece. In the second quarter Miss Wilsher rotated players and tried to experiment with players in different positions in preparation for the North Somerset Tournament the following week. Clevedon also rotated players and moved a strong player into shooter, so despite hard work from Mia Melias and Jemima German in defence Clevedon scored 6 goals to our 1. Half time score 7-2. In the second half St Katherine's continued to work hard and the final two quarters were much closer with some great goals from Olivia Ring, Scarlett Newby and Poppy Baldwin-Brooks. The girls worked tirelessly in both in defence and then transferring the ball into attack. Particular mentions to Zara Mace, Daisy Wilkinson, Lillie-Mai Hawker and Jamie Packham in centre court.

The final score was 15-8 to Clevedon with Mia Melias nominated as player of the match. Although the score line was a clear Clevedon victory the girls worked hard and put into practice elements we had worked on in training and played very well against a strong Clevedon side.

Miss Ball, Miss Wilsher and Mrs Price



## GIRLS FOOTBALL TRIP TO WEMBLEY

### Girls travel to the home of England football to watch the Lionesses

With the huge success of the women's English football team it was no surprise that Wembley Stadium was a sell-out for the friendly between England and Germany on Saturday, the 9th of November. Girls that have represented the school or have attended football club were given the opportunity to attend this high-profile game at the home of English football.



Making the long and very wet journey down to London, the girls enjoyed the atmosphere of nearly 80,000 people within the Wembley Stadium. Flying the flags and with painted faces, the girls supported the English team well amongst the great atmosphere created by such a full stadium. For many of the girls it was their first football game and for this to be an international match, it was really exciting for all. Germany started well and had a lot of possession giving England very little chance to create anything upfront. This possession by Germany eventually led to the opening goal which muted the stadium momentarily. This however was not going to deter the fans who travelled a long way to support the Lionesses.

England began to get back into the game and started creating chances, one of which was a penalty directly in front of where we were sat so the girls had a great view of the penalty being taken, however unfortunately Nikita Paris missed the opportunity and the game remained in Germany's hands. Persistent pressure by the England side eventually led to a goal by Ellen White and the crowd erupted, the girls really enjoyed experiencing this. There were plenty of Mexican waves which the girls enjoyed, even attempting to start one themselves.

The second half was much more even with possession and England created many chances to win the game however in the closing minutes of the game, it was Germany putting pressure on the England defence that led to a goal and the lead. Despite there only being two minutes left England still managed one last chance on goal, however this was saved at the post by the goalkeeper from Germany with a great save. At the final whistle Germany won the game two goals to 1, however the girls enjoyed their experience of Wembley and were in high spirits. A great game, a great stadium and a fantastic day.

### Miss Ball





## SUPER 1S CRICKET TASTER

### Lucky group of students get to experience a Super 1s cricket taster session

On Monday 11 November we were fortunate enough to welcome Dominique from the Somerset Cricket Board to St Katherine's. Dom was with us to run a Super 1s cricket taster session which is a new initiative being run by the board this year. The aims of the initiative are to get a broader base of participation at the grass roots of the game. Over the next two years the Somerset Cricket Board hope to have Super 1 weekly cricket sessions taking place in Bath, Bridgwater, Frome, Glastonbury/Street, Taunton, Weston Super Mare & Yeovil. There is already a club up and running in Weston-super Mare and our students were set to get a taste of what Super 1s is all about!



John Joseph BUCKLAND, River CLARKE, Toby EVANS, Roary GALLAGHER, Emily SELL, Max WHITESIDE-KNOTT, Muhammed ZAIN-UL-ABDEEN

The students were quickly put through their paces and found themselves batting, bowling and fielding in no time! It was great to see the enthusiasm, engagement and enjoyment amongst the group as they became embroiled in their cricket. The students were working hard to develop their physical skills but also to develop the enjoyment of the game with a view to hopefully encouraging some to want to come and get involved in some cricket more regularly. The sessions are fun, played with a softer ball and teach the basics of cricket! Super 1s will not only improve an individual's cricketing ability, but also their social and lifelong learning skills.

Take a look at some of our students in action!





As I mentioned, there is already a club up and running in WSM and if students are interested in going along – they should have a look at the information in this letter: <https://www.somersetcricketboard.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/WSM.pdf>

Thanks to Mrs Slater & Mrs Robinson for their organisation and also a special thank you to Mrs Thomas who came over to the session with the students. Well done to everyone for their efforts!

Mr Cook

## NORTH SOMERSET X COUNTRY

### SK athletes run to record best result at Championships for a number of years

On Wednesday 13 November teams of runners from St Katherine's met up with the best from the other North Somerset Schools to test themselves on the cross country course. This year The Championships were held at a different venue with Backwell kindly playing host and providing a beautiful autumnal course! Our athletes were arguably better prepared than in previous years with a practice session under their belts and a full compliment of teams ready to run! For the first time in the last few years, we fielded full teams in the minor, junior and inter age categories with the hope of posting a pleasing team score! This brilliant bunch didn't let themselves down and all ran magnificently to post the best St Katherine's team result for a number of years!



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## Minor Girls 2.0km

Kate ALLEN  
Dulcie DONNELLY  
Eva HAYES  
Bella MATTHEWS  
Thea SHELDON  
Alice WHITE

## Minor Boys 2.0km

Joseph BROOKS  
Charlie DEXTER  
Liam HACKER  
Daniel HEWETT  
Joel MARTINEAU  
Preston STABB  
Musab WARSAME  
Abdulrahim YUSUF

## Junior Girls 3.0km

Poppy B-BROOKS  
Rose BARKER  
Ruby GRAY  
Gabriella MARCOVITCH  
Scarlett NEWBY  
Leah WARDINGLEY

## Junior Boys 3.4km

Buster BARNES  
Dylan HEWETT  
Jake PACKHAM  
Billy STRINGER  
Layton THOMPSON  
Mohamed WARSAME

## Inter Girls 3.4km

Molly GREEN  
Isabelle HOWIE  
Judit MOLNAR  
Daisy MONEY  
Maya VAN HEERDEN

## Inter Boys 4.8km

Fergus CRETON  
Jazper PEACEY  
Toby RICE  
Mursal SHARIF

### Minor Girls

The Year 7 girls found themselves up against a strong field of 57 runners from a full compliment of North Somerset schools. The race was a tough one and this age group of girls always have the longest wait of all of the runners! Despite all of this the girls didn't give in and really rose to the challenge. All of the girls finished strongly and gave a really consistent team performance out on the course. All up, the girls finished 8th out of the 11 schools in North Somerset but were comfortably ahead of the school finishing in 9th position; in fact 39 points clear of them! The girls were only 21 points off of 6th position. Congratulations to Thea Sheldon who finished in an impressive 20th place securing the most points for the Year 7 girls team.

### Junior Girls

There were 57 more runners in the junior girls category and the girls didn't have long to wait at all until they were into their running. The girls worked together in a sub group with Scarlett, Poppy and Ruby spurring each other on as they made their way around the 3k course. Congratulations to Leah Wardingley who finished in a very respectable 23rd position and secured the most points for her team. This is a really great achievement given that Leah is only in Year 8 and running for her first year in the junior category which includes Year 8 and 9 runners. Overall the girls finished in 6th position of the 11 North Somerset Schools and were only 7 points off of fifth position. Well done ladies!

### Inter Girls

The best performance from any of the girls teams came from the Year 10 and 11s who really set the example for the younger athletes. There were slightly fewer athletes in this race category but if anything, that made things even more difficult and it was quite tricky to judge your pace. When the racing is tricky it can often be a little experience that makes the difference! Judit Molnar has been running cross country brilliantly for all 5 of her years at St Katherine's thus far and given that she holds three current school records for the race, nobody was surprised to see her finish inside the top 10 with a superb 7th place. Judit may have earned the most points for her team and a qualification spot for Avon Schools, but she was superbly supported by runs from Maya, Isabelle, Molly and Daisy. Special mentions to Maya who finished in a really strong 17th position and also to Daisy Money for stepping in at short notice to ensure that her friends weren't at any disadvantage! A great team ethic and a superb team performance that saw the girls finish in fourth position for their race category.



### Minor Boys

It was the youngest group of boys that gave the best male performance of the afternoon and given that they were the first to run out on the new course, this was a pretty impressive display! The standard of our house competition was high in Year 7 with Joel and Abdulrahim really pushing each other all of the way. No surprises then that the boys both clocked in for top 10 finishes with Abdulrahim coming in 7th and Joel just metres off taking the gold medal! Given that there were over 60 runners in the age category, both of these finishes were really special but Joel in particular deserves huge praise for his silver medal winning performance. The two higher finishers were supported well by their team mates and all up the boys finished in fourth position just 8 points off of a medal place!

### Junior Boys

The Year 8 & 9 event had some big names and the top 3 finishers in the team really weighed in with impressive performances. Mohamed Warsame was the first to cross the line and given his distance running pedigree, that was no



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surprise. In actual fact, St Katherine's top 3 runners in this category claimed spots 15, 16 and 18 after Mo, Jake and Layton ran superbly as a mini pack across the course. Who could forget the Jake v Layton battle of Year 7 on the course? It was great to see the boys still pushing each other this year too. Congratulations to the boys who all finished in fifth position, just four points off of the next nearest school.

## Inter Boys

There were two more top 10 finishes from the Year 10 & 11 boys and it didn't take a genius to work out who could be responsible for them! Jazper Peacey is a one-man distance record breaking machine while Mursal holds the Year 10 cross country title. Jazper and Mursal combined make for a fairly effective running duo and came in fourth and eighth place respectively. The two boys were really well supported by Fergus and Toby who both gave excellent performances for the team. Fergus ran a really impressive race finishing inside the top half of the runners and Toby really pushed himself and displayed a huge amount of teamwork. Where other boys faltered, Toby put himself forward to run where otherwise the team would have been left short – a great example of the sort of character he is! Overall the boys finished in 5th place, just 4 points from the school in front and only 6 points off of a medal spot!



## Overall

With all of the teams performing really well, we were delighted to finish in fifth position overall – the best school performance we have had at cross country for several years. The standard of running is always really high and it takes a special sort of student to put themselves forward to run at this event; especially those in Year 8 and above because they often know what they are letting themselves in for! I am really proud of all of the athletes who gave huge efforts for their teams and am delighted with our finishing position. If you look at the schools above us, they are all much larger in size and so we are punching well above our weight in relative terms!

Position	School	Points (lowest = best)
1	Gordano	239
2	Churchill	318
3	Backwell	341
4	Clevedon	525
5	St Kath's	552

Special mentions to the students below who have earned themselves a qualifying spot to represent North Somerset at the Avon Schools Cross Country Championships in early 2020!

- Joel Martineau – 2nd in Minor Boys
- Jazper Peacey – 4th in Inter Boys
- Judit Molnar – 7th in Inter Girls
- Abdulrahim Yusuf – 7th in Minor Boys
- Mursal Sharif – 8th in Inter Boys

A massive well done to every single runner. Thank you for representing the school at one of the most challenging events of the year!

Mr Cook





## 9 GIRLS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

### Quartet of SK teams qualify for North Somerset finals

Two netball teams travelled to Backwell for the North Somerset competition on Wednesday 18th November. The A team faced 6 games to qualify for the finals and knew that Backwell and Nailsea would be the two strongest teams that would stand in our way!



The A team started off with a 2 convincing wins against Churchill and Priory and went into the game with Nailsea full of confidence. We established a 3-1 lead early on but then failed to take some critical chances and let Nailsea back into the match and eventually narrowly lost 6-4 with not much separating the two teams. Backwell followed and in another very closely fought game we lost by just one goal 4-3. Determined to give themselves the best chance of qualifying St Katherine's ensured they won their final two games against Backwell B and Sidcot. The girls had had a successful afternoon and although they narrowly missed out in qualification for the semi finals they played some really good netball and definitely stepped up their standard from last year. Player of the matches were spread amongst the team with Poppy Baldwin Brooks (2) Bella Wake (2), Scarlett Newby, Zara Mace and Daisy Wilkinson all gaining nominations from the opposition teams. The B team had a very difficult draw in their group facing 5 A teams in their pool. The girls played with commitment and great effort throughout and although failed to win a game they again showed great improvement on last year's play. It has also been great to see some new faces come to practice and strengthen the squad and even begin to push some of the more established players for their positions! Again, players of the match were spread around the squad Daisy Medder (2), Mel Bartlett, Anaia Wokoh, Olivia Ring and Lillie -Mai Hawker.

The girls have shown a huge commitment to training and work hard to both support each other and improve their skills and gameplay. It's really pleasing to consistently be able to field 2 teams to our fixtures and have such great numbers coming to training. Here's to even more improvement and success next year!





## 7 & 8 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

### Quartet of SK teams qualify for North Somerset finals

On Tuesday 19 November we turned our attention to the first indoor athletics competition of the academic year. It's fair to say that St Katherine's enjoyed a phenomenal amount of success in these competitions last year with our 7 & 8 teams performing exceptionally well. The old adage 'success breeds success' has proven to be the case with our indoor athletics teams! 3 years ago our current Year 9 boys took their Year 7 event by storm and have continued to dominate in local and county competitions ever since – in the subsequent years each of our teams seems to have fed off of their success and we were really excited to see if our latest intake of students would follow suit! The event might have come earlier in the calendar this year but we weren't about to be caught on the hop and our teams were ready to go after several weeks of practice, trials and final team run throughs!

Yet again, an evening of indoor athletics at St Katherine's turned out to be rather successful ...



Coby BARBOSA-GOIA, Macy BROWN, Macy CURTHOYS, Charlie DEXTER, Sienna DI NARDO, Samuel DIXEY, Millie HORN, Mattijs KORSWAGEN, Hannah LANGE, Chrishawn LEWIS, Joel MARTINEAU, Bella MATTHEWS, Frank MCCANN, Sienna MCLEARY, Nahla MENGÓUD, Patricia NEWBURY, Ana OLUWO, Jake PACKHAM, Antoni PRZYBYLSKI, Thea SHELDON, Milo SMITH-CLARKE, Madeline THOMAS, Layton THOMPSON, Charlie TOPP, Jack VINE, Leah WARDINGLEY, George WILKINSON, Daniel YOUNG, Sophie YOUNG, Abdulrahim YUSUF

We always offer to host the indoor athletics competitions and although I'm biased – we do an excellent job! Our indoor facilities are immediately next door to one another which suits the competition well but the real reason is for our students! Normally at these events, teachers from competing schools take responsibility for the field events but at St Katherine's we enlist the help of our young leaders! We have a great reputation for leadership and the group of students below all volunteered their time after school in order to assist with the running of the competition. The standard of their work was excellent and lots of teachers commented on how smoothly the event ran! Our leaders were brilliant this year which always helps to put our competitors at ease.



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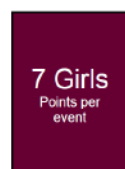
There is simply no atmosphere quite like an indoor athletics competition – any event where you have multiple teams competing next to each other always makes for a good atmosphere but there is just something about sportshalls! The competitors all perform in front of a packed audience and the noise is electric. There is so much support for the athletes that it really spurs them on to some special performances. On more than one occasion we had to remind our teams to be quiet for the start of races but you couldn't fault their support for their teammates. It can be quite a daunting prospect to step out onto the track or into the field as an individual, knowing that the whole outcome of the performance rests on your shoulders! There's one thing that can help you dig deep and muster that special performance and that is the noise and cheering of your team mates who are all willing you on. When you know that you are going to return to the team and no matter what the outcome, they are behind you 100%, it gives you the freedom to go out in search of your best.

Mr Turner, who runs the competitions and has been doing so for many years, always comments on the sheer determination that our students display in their performances. Our students are prepared to go that extra little bit and push themselves beyond their known limits to get the job done and on so many occasions, the difference this makes is decisive! The PE block was packed to the rafters with students pushing themselves harder than they ever have before, all united in their determination to earn as many points as they possibly could for their team! Our students know that you don't need to win every single event to finish on top in this competition but they do know that every single performance matters! Team SK didn't care who was performing, if they were in red & black and giving 100% then they were getting their full support regardless of any outcome!

## Year 7 Girls

The Year 7 girls were surely worried about the start to their campaign when their first relay was a little bit of a disaster! The obstacle relay is always tricky, especially when you're first up and haven't seen it in action before! Having finished last in the opening race of the evening they were looking to bounce back and did exactly that with a brilliant double gold from Patricia Newbury in the A race and Anna Oluwu in the B race. Other impressive performances on the track came from Thea Sheldon in the 6 lap race as well as Anna and Millie Horn in the paarlauf. Thea has already shown her distance running prowess on the cross-country course and finished with a gutsy bronze in the longest individual race. Anna and Millie went 1 better in the paarlauf finishing with a silver medal position and at the half way point, the girls were in fourth position overall 55, 54, 52, 51 and 48 the overall standings.

The girls needed some equally impressive work in the field and found their reward with A gold medals from Anna Oluwu in the shot and Patricia in the vertical jump. Anna threw over 5 and a half metres while Patricia leapt up to 43 centimetres in the vertical jump. Patricia also weighed in with a bronze in the standing triple jump while team mate Bella Matthews almost equalled Patricia's vertical jump finishing with a B gold and 42 centimetres. The final relay of the day saw St Kath's take gold with a superb finish to the evening. The girls weren't expecting to qualify but thoroughly deserved their silver medal after a gritty comeback in the field – well done ladies!



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					8		
7			7	1			

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							4		
	3		3			8			
		7		7	2				

5 Teams: Track 66 from 85 points – 78% | Field 59 from 75 points – 79% | Total 125 from 160 – 78%



## Year 7 Boys

The Year 7 boys gave the most dominant performance of all of our teams across the evening and dropped just 5 points across all of the events – an amazing achievement. Needless to say that they absolutely smashed the competition but there was a lot more to their amazing feat! The boys kicked off their campaign with a gold in the obstacle relay after Charlie Dexter got proceedings off to a flyer – there was little left for Chrishawn Lewis to do on the final leg other than bring home the gold. The boys then headed into the field and you can see their near flawless display meant that they

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dropped just 2 points here! There were double golds in every single event bar the speed bounce and the vertical jump. Chrishawn and Antoni threw the 2 furthest shots of the whole competition with Chrishawn out 2 metres and 39 centimetres ahead of Antoni! When Chris' first throw hit the side wall he needed a big throw and didn't do badly at all with his second! Joel Martineau bounced more than 10 more than his nearest rival in the speed bounce with Abdulrahim taking silver. Charlie Dexter and Dan Young doubled up in the long jump with scores of 1.92 and 1.80 respectively while Joel and George took double gold in the triple with 6.06 and 5.50 respectively.

The boys continued their excellent performances on the track with Milo Smith-Clarke and Abdulrahim Yusuf giving the standout performances. Milo smashed his 2 lap race to earn gold but also ran a superb relay leg to bring the gold home in the 4 x 2 lap race as well. Abdulrahim was sublime in his 4 lap race – I've never seen anyone finish so far ahead of everyone else; there were two separate races going on when he was on the track! Joel didn't disappoint in the 6 lap race either after making it a fast, nasty finish for everyone else in the field! The boys finished with a gold medal in the 4 x 2 relay to cap off a superb and utterly dominant display.

**7 Boys**  
Points per event

OR	2A	2B	4A	4B	6	Pa	R
15	10		10		10	15	15
		4					
				3			

S1	S2	SB1	SB2	SL1	SL2	ST1	ST2	V1	V2
10	5	10		10	5	10	5		5
			4					9	

5 Teams: Track 82 from 85 points – 96% | Field 73 from 75 points – 97% | Total 155 from 160 – 97%



## Year 8 Girls

The girls started with a bang with gold in the first two races of the day in the obstacle relay as well as the 2 lap A race. Maddy, Sienna, Sophie and Sienna navigated their way through the obstacles to bring the baton home safely. Sienna McLeary ran a very strong 2 lap race to take gold in the A competition but other than that the girls all found the racing tough on the track ... and it was! At the half way point, the girls were back in third position and more than 10 points adrift of Gordano who were in first position by some way!

The girls needed a special series of field events and fortunately, they found them! The girls amassed 7 more points than any of the other schools in the field. Massive efforts from Hannah Lange helped them out hugely as Hannah came over from School Show rehearsals to win gold in the shot and in the standing long jump! Hannah threw the shot an impressive 7 metres and 25 centimetres which was nearly a metre further than anyone else! It wasn't just left to Hannah in the field as Maddy Thomas earned top points in the speed bounce with an impressive 72 bounces! Leah Wardingley also contributed 8 points with her bronze medal in the vertical jump after a tough competition. Back on the track to finish the quartet of Leah, Nahla, Maddy and Sienna M were superb in the last relay and easily had the best changeovers of any of the relay teams on the evening. They were cool, calm and calculated in their hand-offs and this saw them take the last gold of the evening and finish top with a very slim cushion of 4 points.

**8 Girls**  
Points per event

OR	2A	2B	4A	4B	6	Pa	R
15	10						15
		2	6	1	7	7	

S1	S2	SB1	SB2	SL1	SL2	ST1	ST2	V1	V2
10		10		10	5		5		
			4						4
	3							8	
						7			

5 Teams: Track 63 from 85 points – 74% | Field 66 from 75 points – 88% | Total 129 from 160 – 81%

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## Year 8 Boys

The Year 8 boys started off their efforts with a dominant gold in the obstacle relay after impressive runs from all four boys but especially Coby and Jack who started so well that they left Jake and Charlie very little to do. The boys then went into the field where they were almost flawless! They dropped just a single point throughout all of the field events and even that was Layton's triple jump which was the third highest jump of the whole competition! Charlie and Frank – scored enough for double gold in the shot with 7.93 and 9.15 respectively! Jake and Layton bounced their way to double gold in the speed bounce – two superb scores of 81 and 76 respectively which was again 1st and 3rd overall. Stephenson boys Coby and Charlie teamed up in the long jump both clearing 2 metres when only three boys in the competition did so. Jake swept up gold in the triple jump by 2 centimetres with a leap of 6.48 while Coby and Frank took double gold in the vertical jump with 54 and 44 respectively. At the half way point, the boys were comfortably in the lead by 20 points with the standings at 89, 69, 62, 60 and 54.

As it turned out, they needed their 20 point lead as things didn't exactly go to plan on the track! Charlie gave the track run of the evening with gold in his 2 lap race. Layton gave typically gutsy performances in his 2 lap, 6 lap and relay races but it was their performances in the relay races that let them down. They dropped the baton ... twice in the last relay and still recovered to take silver despite the fact that on the second occasion, the baton ended up in the crowd! How on earth they finished with a silver I don't know but it just shows that they probably would have won gold if things had gone a little more to plan! Samuel and Mattijs teamed up well for the paarlauf to take silver. All up, performances weren't as good as they could have been on the track but their performance in the field saw them take a comfortable victory with a margin of 10 still left at the end.

**8 Boys**  
Points per event

OR	2A	2B	4A	4B	6	Pa	R
15	10						
				3		13	13
		2	6		4		

S1	S2	SB1	SB2	SL1	SL2	ST1	ST2	V1	V2
10	5	10	5	10	5	10		10	5
							4		

5 Teams: Track 69 from 85 points – 81% | Field 74 from 75 points – 99% | Total 143 from 160 – 89%



## Summary

Area	7 Girls	7 Boys	8 Girls	8 Boys
Track %	78	96	74	81
Field %	79	97	88	99
Overall %	78	97	81	89

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For the second time in as many years, four St Katherine's teams have qualified for the North Somerset Finals which will take place early in the New Year! These teams will go on to compete for a place representing North Somerset at the Winter School Games. The teams were delighted when the results were read out in the sports hall at the end of the evening and many of our teams were surprised with their finishing positions.

## Leaders

Our students are always really keen to help out at these events, often having been involved lower down the school as competitors themselves. This year a mix of 9 and 10 students assumed responsibility for running, measuring, recording and officiating a whole range of events as well as doing a little bit of coaching and encouragement along the way. The boys and girls that gave up their evening were a real credit to themselves and I am extremely grateful to them for their time and effort.



Jamie-Leigh BELL, Ben BOHIN, Matthew BRENNAN, Kanye CHRISTIE, Arthur CLEAVER, Molly GREEN, Isabelle HOWIE, Daisy MONEY, Caolán PEARCE, Issy PRIME, Toby RICE, Remi SMITH, Jessica STANLEY, Louis STRATTON, Will STRATTON, Isobel TAYLOR

All of our leaders led with real distinction and all helped to make for a really special event! Our thanks to all of the leaders, competitors, teachers, supporters and colleagues who helped make for a really special evening.

Another brilliant evening of indoor athletics at St Katherine's!

Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved!

## The PE Faculty

Event	Year 7 Girls	Year 7 Boys	Year 8 Girls	Year 8 Boys
Obstacle Relay	A TS, MC, MB, MH	CD, GW, AP, CL	MT, SDN, SY, SM	CBG, JV, JP, CT
2 Lap	A P Newbury	M Smith-Clarke	S Mcleary	C Topp
	B A Oluwu	D Young	N Mengoud	L Thompson
4 Lap	A M Brown	A Yusuf	S Young	J Packham
	B B Matthews	G Wilkinson	S Di Nardo	S Dixey
6 Lap	A T Sheldon	J Martineau	L Wardingley	L Thompson
	1 A Oluwu	A Przybylski	N Mengoud	M Korswagen
8 Lap Paarlauf	2 M Horn	A Yusuf	M Thomas	S Dixey
	4 x 2 Lap Relay	A TS, BM, AO, P N	DY, MSC, AY, JM	LW, NM, MT, SM
Shot	A A Oluwu	C Lewis	H Lange	C Topp
	B T Sheldon	A Przybylski	S Mcleary	F McCann
Speed Bounce	A M Brown	J Martineau	M Thomas	J Packham
	B A Oluwu	A Yusuf	S Di Nardo	L Thompson
Standing Long Jump	A M Horn	C Dexter	H Lange	C Topp
	B M Curthoys	D Young	S Mcleary	C Barbosa-Goa
Standing Triple Jump	A P Newbury	J Martineau	M Thomas	J Packham
	B B Matthews	G Wilkinson	L Wardingley	L Thompson
Vertical Jump	A P Newbury	C Lewis	L Wardingley	C Barbosa-Goa
	B B Matthews	C Dexter	N Mengoud	F McCann



## 8 BOYS RUGBY V CLEVEDON

**Boys battle elements in a bitterly cold, wet and windy affair at Clevedon School**

On Thursday 21 November a group of 23 boys from Year 8 travelled to Clevedon School for one last friendly fixture before their last tournament of the school season. The weather conditions were foul and the light was fading fast but not even the elements could stop the boys from enjoying themselves on the rugby pitch! Helpfully the boys had waterproofs and layers and seemed quite happy on the side although we did operate a fairly swift rotating door policy when it came to substitutions! Fortunately this kept most of the boys warm enough which was lucky for them – I on the other hand, was finding it pretty chilly! The boys were in great spirits and although the result didn't go in our favour, the improvement and progress was clear for everyone to see including Mr Owen the Clevedon teacher, who commented on it at the end of the game! More importantly than anything else, the boys were a real pleasure to take and really good fun which made for a





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great evening of school rugby!

Coby BARBOSA-GOA, Arthur CLEAVER, Samuel DIXEY, Reagan DREWETT, Dillan FAULKNER, Monty FAULKNER, Monty FISHBOURNE, Ethan GARBUTT, Alfred GISBORNE, Nas GYIMAH-SARPONG, Bailey HASELL, Frank MCCANN, Mason MCIVER, Joseph MCLOUGHLIN, Owen MOSS, Jake PACKHAM, Tom STANCLIFFE, Max STINCHCOMBE, Billy STRINGER, Ryan TEMBO, Layton THOMPSON, Jack VINE, Will YOUNG

The boys started and looked cold as soon as it came to the first tackle opportunity of the match! The start couldn't have been worse as a Clevedon player buried his head down and went through our midfield like a hot knife through butter; when he eventually met resistance in was bumper car style tackling which just didn't get the job done. Clevedon scored from the resulting field position and in actual fact their first two tries of the game came with little defensive resistance from the SK boys although both scores were well finished by their talented winger.

Starting two tries down isn't exactly the best way to kick off a contest but if anything it did spur the away team into action. Eventually the tackles came and there were several boys who stepped up to the defensive mark for the rest of the match. Tom Stancliffe was typically physical and when he wasn't directly involved in the tackle, he was making himself known at the ensuing breakdown. Captain Frank McCann and Vice JJ Mcloughlin led from the front in their defensive efforts and really set the standard. In one particular passage of play in the second half, JJ made a superb low chop tackle and Frank + 1 launched a superb counter drive to turn over possession. Looking at our team, there was a large size difference between the two sides but if ever there was evidence that size doesn't matter on the rugby pitch, it was in the tackling of Billy Stringer and Arthur Cleaver. Billy was heroic in defense once again cutting down players of a much bigger stature on a regular basis and Arthur Cleaver made the tackle of the game! Arthur's scrag was a superb covering tackle on the dangerous Clevedon winger who was hunting for his hatrick. Arthur came across at pace making sure that the winger didn't change gear on him. Once Arthur had a hold of his man he used his body weight to drag the player in to touch in a technically superb tackle.

It may seem as though all I have talked about so far is defense and that is because the boys found themselves without the ball for large portions of the early part of the match. As the game wore on, they started to gain possession and made yards going forward with ball in hand. There were boys all over the pitch who made ground with the running option; Nas, Max, Layton, Tom, Frank, Billy and Ryan all carried strongly in the first half of the match and made half breaks and found the softer shoulders of the Clevedon defense with half steps and nice lines. The boys started to look menacing with ball in hand but frustratingly for them, they just looked to force too many offloads in too much contact and split too much ball. For that reason, no sooner had they earned 10 or 15 yards forwards, they were conceding twice as much fighting to get some defensive organisation and shape after turning over possession.



As the game wore on, the boys maintained their defensive efforts while at the same time adjusting their intent to play to align better with the weather conditions that they faced. It was lovely to hear boys talking about elements of close contact play that we have looked at in training and making a real effort not to send individuals into contact where they were likely to get held up. Jake Packham and Dillan Faulkner combined well at the start of the second period of the game which saw Jake put Dillan away in a lovely gap where he then made at least 15 yards before being tackled. The boys were really growing into the contest and none more so than Ryan Tembo who was really starting to have an impact. Ryan had started by making several excellent tackles, some of which were so powerful that they dislodged the ball. This gave Ryan so much confidence and he started popping up all over the pitch. In one particular passage of play, Ryan found himself ball in hand with a huge gap in front of him and Ryan really showed that he's not just a power athlete, he also has a good turn of pace!

The aim for the final period of the game was to get into the Clevedon red zone and try to build some pressure which could result in a try scoring opportunity. The ball went through the hands sharply and with intent and eventually found Layton Thompson who had stepped into the line from full back. Layton got on the outside of the Clevedon defense and made his way into their 22 – if there was anyone on the pitch who we wanted carrying that ball it was Layton; fiercely determined, strong, single minded and with ridiculously illusive footwork! The Clevedon boys got back to Layton well but St Kath's managed to establish some possession in the danger area as a result of the team move.

The Clevedon boys were a strong outfit and at the end of the contest were comfortably clear of the St Katherine's boys. We got together at the end of the game and had a quick reflection on the last two seasons – it was clear to everyone



stood around that this is a group of individuals that have gelled as a team and really gained traction this season. Man of the match was a joint award and went to Billy Stringer for his defensive exploits and also to Ryan Tembo who enjoyed a superb performance making his school debut.

Thank you all for a really enjoyable evening on the rugby pitch gentlemen!

Mr Cook

## 7 BOYS RUGBY V CLEVEDON

### Loads of boys out in the cold, damp and dark conditions away at Clevedon

Unfortunately, there isn't much to be written or said about our away fixture to Clevedon, as due to some cold weather it was agreed that we would have 2 games going on at once (refereed by St Kath's and Clevedon Staff) and constantly rotate players. The most notable and impressive thing from this fixture was the number of students that had been committed to training and subsequently represented the school. We were able to field 3 teams with a vast number of students making their debut for the school. It was really pleasing to see so many students out on the rugby field and getting involved in a school fixture and enjoying some rugby! It wasn't half cold though!

Mr Dawes

## U16 GIRLS FOOTBALL V OLDFIELD

### Girls bow out in the second round of the Somerset cup

On a freezing afternoon at Bristol Cathedrals pitches at Failand, the U16 girls faced Oldfield, a traditionally strong side from Bath, who fielded a number of very capable club players.



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From the kick-off it was clear that this would be a tough game and very clear that they had a number of skilful and strong players.

The defence of Ella Leakey and Molly Green were under pressure from the start but cleared the ball well to limit the Oldfield chances. Maya Matthews battled well in midfield in a physical game and put their most dangerous player under pressure constantly. Despite all of the St Kath's effort the Oldfield team had the majority of the possession and after some spectacular goal line clearances from keeper Chloe Weaden the Oldfield team found the back of the net to take the lead. This was swiftly followed by a wonder goal in the top corner for their second.

The St Kath's heads didn't drop and they were quick to respond with a break down the left, with Jamie Leigh Bell playing a great ball through for Jolie Breakwell. The Oldfield keeper was alert however and managed to clear the ball for a throw in. Another break in play saw the Oldfield keeper fumble the ball and allow Leah Porter a shot in goal, with the keeper making up for her error with a great block save.

Despite this pressure the first half ended with a further two goals to Oldfield who lead by 4. A score line that was not reflected in the chances created by the St Kath's side.



After a good half time talk and a clear message to halt any attack through the middle it was St Kath's that were the attacking threat in the second half. Sophie Weaden and Beth Edwards linked well with full backs to break down the wings and there were some great through balls played. A fantastic break saw Maya Van Heerden and Issy Howie link well and put Leah Porter through on goal, who converted this chance to score St Kath's first goal.

This initiated some fire in the Oldfield team and immediately from the kick-off they piled the pressure on the St Kath's defence. Isobel Taylor and Daisy Money were incredible, making some incredibly tough interceptions, huge tackles and clearances. They were joined by Hetty Cleaver who made some important tackles to ease the pressure.

It was in the dying seconds where a huge clearance by Isobel Taylor saw Leah Porter through on goal, with the entire 10 player Oldfield side chasing her down. Her shot was saved really well by the keeper and the final whistle went. Unfortunately, a loss, but lots of good football played by both sides. Player of the match was given to St Kath's keeper Chloe Weaden.

Miss Ball

## AUTUMN HOUSE SPORT

### Students compete for points in frenzied dodgeball and benchball events

Term 2 always kicks off with dodgeball and benchball competitions which are often a favourite among the students! I'm not sure whether it is the frenetic and chaotic nature of the games that appeal to the students or the short, sharp competitions that are so difficult to predict. Quite literally, anything can happen in these events and the momentum can shift with just a few catches here and there! It is impossible to predict who will win these competitions and perhaps that is what makes them so frenzied! Restricted time for these events means that the competition all hangs on a random draw that kicks off the events; sometimes houses can be fortunate whereas on other occasions they are forced to play more matches or play against a tougher opponent. Once again this year we had absolutely everything with drama across all of the year group competitions – quite literally teams have been seconds away from taking maximum points or qualifying for the next round only to have defeat snatched from underneath their noses!

There are always great stories to tell after dodgeball and benchball competitions and this year is no different!



### Year 7 Benchball

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## Turing claim Year 7 Benchball title!

Having competed as individuals in the cross country back in October, the Year 7 girls had their first taste of team competition in the benchball finals. With 6 teams represented across the 6 tutor groups the teams were put into a random draw with 2 of the teams getting a bye straight into the semi-finals. The lucky teams were Pankhurst 1 and Yousafzai 2. This left the 4 remaining teams to fight it out in 2 rounds for the remaining semi-final places.

The first round saw Pankhurst 2 face Stephenson. Pankhurst started well, however Stephenson had a surge on to the bench with Chloe Patten taking a number of catches. Eva Hayes defended well for Stephenson and stopped the Pankhurst side from gaining anymore bench players before making the winning throw onto the bench to win it for Stephenson.

Next up was Turing against Yousafzai 1. Alicia Cole started on the bench for the Yousafzai side and it was tough at the start for her with so many Turing defenders, however after making a number of catches the game began to even up. This game went down to a single player on each team with Evie Roberts making the winning throw for the Turing side.

The first of the semi-finals saw Pankhurst 1 face Stephenson. Pankhurst had a really tough job with only 4 players and with Abby Tanner on the bench had to make 4 passes before they could go onto the bench. Stephenson used this to their advantage and soon had all but one player on their bench. Yasmine Oukrine was their final player and made the winning pass for Stephenson.

The second semi-final saw Yousafzai 2 face Turing. Eve Osborn was excellent for Turing on the bench and immediately made some difficult catches to put her team at an advantage. Ruby Tucker supported Eve well on the bench in a dominant performance by Turing. Mae Kingston defended really well but this wasn't enough to stop Sabira Caraye making the final and winning pass on to the bench for Turing.

Playing for 5th and 6th positions Yousafzai 1 faced Pankhurst 2. Dahira Odaway made an excellent catch on the bench for Yousafzai to give them a lead, however Thea Sheldon caught Sabrina Leightons pass to even the game. A great battle between these two houses went right down to the final players. Patricia Newbury defended well against Anna Petrie however, it was Anna that made the final pass onto the bench to win the game for Pankhurst 1.



Playing in the final, for 3rd and 4th place saw Yousafzai 2 face Pankhurst 1. The small team from Pankhurst used Abby Tanner on the bench and despite having a 4-player deficit, quickly made the necessary additional passes and she was quickly joined by Sophie Biscare, Supriya Kaur and Ruby Slaven to win the game and 3rd position.



The final saw Turing face Stephenson, with both teams keen to get an early advantage it was Turing and the great catching of Eve Osborn that began well. Both teams got players on the bench and there was some excellent defence for Stephenson from Eva and Yasmine and for Turing from Macy Curthoys and Alice Clarke. However, it was Turing that had the slight advantage in their final and won overall.

### Year 7 Dodgeball

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## Yousafzai take top spot for Year 7 boys!

It often takes Year 7 a while to get to grips with house competitions and so unfortunately, it wasn't a surprise to see that we didn't have a full compliment of houses ready to contest the first team competition of the year. Pankhurst were unable to field a single team and so were resigned to bottom of the pile before play had even commenced. That meant that we were down to a four-horse race with Turing, Stephenson and the two Yousafzai tutor groups all in the hunt for the dodgeball title. The draw dictated that Turing took on Yousafzai 2 in the first game and Stephenson took on Yousafzai 1 in the second semi-final.

Yousafzai 2 were an extremely strong outfit with a huge number of sporty boys but they still needed to go out and get the job done! Charlie Dexter was really confident that his house was going to win and even started the semi-final with Fortnite dances at the same time as managing to avoid being hit! The boys from the yellow house proved too strong for the Turing boys despite their best efforts. The Stephenson boys suffered the same fate at the hands of the other Yousafzai tutor group which meant that the yellow house was guaranteed top spot after both of the semi-final matches had concluded. Y2 went on to beat Y1 in the final quite comfortably but it mattered little as their house took all four points from the competition. Little surprise that those boys took victory with the lines of Joel, Charlie, Charlie, Harry, Lucas, Daniel, Joseph and Ollie Jackson in their ranks – even if Ollie did drop the ball below!

Turing did get themselves a victory against rivals Stephenson in their runners up final but it was a really closely fought affair! Daniel Young, Abdulrahim and Daniel Hawkes provided strong resistance but eventually the strength of the play from Cos Antonio, George Wilkinson and Riley Bristol proved too much for the red house.



### Year 8 Benchball

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## Stephenson retain benchball title!

The Year 8 girls benchball competition was typically well attended with huge numbers of girls in attendance. The two Turing houses were drawn against each other in the play-off games with T2 winning out. Stephenson 2 defeated Pankhurst in the other play-off game but little did both tutor group teams know that they would eventually meet in the final! Turing 2 defeated Stephenson 1 in the first of the semi-final matches before Stephenson 2 defeated Yousafzai in the other. With all of the qualifying matches taken care of, it was time for the three finals. Pankhurst defeated Turing 1 in the losers final while Stephenson 1 beat Yousafzai in the runners up final. Stephenson 2 took victory for the girls in the winners final defeating Turing 2.

Avalon, Maddie, Sienna and Sophia did a fantastic job for S2 on their bench and were either over as one of the starting players of quickly joined their teammates in the matches. Congratulations to Stephenson for retaining their title as benchball champions!



### Year 8 Dodgeball

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### All teams finish in same spots as Turing win!

As things panned out, the final standings were exactly the same this year as they were last year, but the competition was very different! Pankhurst turned out a full team and a competitive one at that – to help their cause, the random draw dictated that they received a bye straight through to the semi finals along with Stephenson 1 who were last year's finalists!

Yousafzai and Turing 1 were up first and on paper it was a really close game to call. The boys from the yellow house were a little depleted and Turing 1 had a full compliment. Tariik and Frank did a good job of keeping things in order for the yellow house and it was left to Samuel, Jack and Max to take out the strength from the blue house. Tom Stancliffe was firing on all cylinders while Nas and Billy were sneaking around the court trying to take out yellow players one by one. Despite the support they had from their Turing teammates, they were resigned to the loser's final which they ended up drawing with S2. Yousafzai went on to the runners up final and managed to beat Pankhurst although things were perhaps a little closer than they would have liked!

Turing 2 quietly went about their business against Stephenson 2 in their first play off game. The strength of the blue players was just too much for the red house as Layton, Jake and Owen ripped through the opposition. Some of the 19 S2 boys had moved across to S1 in a smart move which left Monty Faulkner, Harvey Niemcyk and George Garland to take the lead. The Stephenson 2 boys fought hard but had to settle for a spot in the loser's final which they drew against Turing 1.

The S1 boys faced Yousafzai in their first game and things were mightily tense! Yousafzai were seconds away from going through to the final as Stephenson 1 had a mini collapse. Thanks to some calm and collected dodgeball from Coby, Charlie and Dillan, they wrestled back momentum and headed through to the final against Turing 2. There had been a lot of talk in the run up to the final about who would win the contest and the two teams who were predicted to reach the final had made it there. In actual fact the game was a bit of a damp squib with neither team producing their best dodgeball. One team had to win the final and it was Turing 2 who were crowned champions for the second year running!





### Year 9 Benchball

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## All teams finish in same spots as Pankhurst win!

With all six tutor groups represented it was a random draw that saw Yousafzai 2 and Turing gain byes straight into the semi-finals. It was left to the 4 remaining teams to battle it out for their place.

The first game saw Pankhurst 1 against Yousafzai 1, Pankhurst had less numbers but some great defence from Daisy Medder and some agile catching from Zara Mace saw them win the game, despite the best efforts of Yousafzai. Next up was Pankhurst 2 v Stephenson. Both sides had just 5 aside so it was a tough battle from the start. Great defence from both teams saw a slow start, however once the first players got on the bench it was a quick turnaround, with Jemima German finalising Pankhurst's win with her final throw.

The first of the semi-finals saw Pankhurst 1 play Yousafzai. Yousafzai had a huge number advantage and the task seemed almost impossible for the Pankhurst side to win. However Zara made some huge catches and was supported well by Kaiya Greenwood. Great defence by Jamie Packham and Lili Mai Hawker was not enough for Yousafzai to win their second game and gain a place in the final. Pankhurst 2 defeated the Turing girls in the last semi-final game which decided the final round of matches.

Stephenson beat Yousafzai 1 before Yousafzai 2 got the better of Stephenson. It was an all Pankhurst affair in the grand final which meant that they were guaranteed top spot regardless of the outcome. The girls from the green house relaxed and played some great benchball with Pankhurst 2 taking eventual victory.



### Year 9 Dodgeball

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## Turing edge Pankhurst in tightest of finals!

Two impressive teams were drawn against each other in the first playoff game in the form of Turing and Yousafzai 1. In the end it was a comfortable victory for Turing by fewest outs but not without some shaky moments along the way. Yousafzai lost Alfie King which had a big impact and then Kanye saw Turing home alongside great support from Balint and co. The draw also dictated that the two Pankhurst tutor groups would play one another in the second play-off game and Pankhurst 2 made their way through the field. Resistance came from Jake Drysdale but in the end Matty B and Mac teamed up to take the victory for P2. Turing then faced Yousafzai in their second game of the competition and this was the closest game by far. Turing suffered early setbacks as Taygan and Kanye went out early which gave the Yousafzai boys hope. Yousafzai were in a commanding position with Waide and Kenny still in the game alongside enough of their team mates to have won by elimination. With 30 seconds to go the odds were stacked against Turing and they were really on the ropes. Calm play from Ryan Bundy saw Turing home as he picked off the opposition players almost 1 by 1 to mean that the blue house won by elimination.

Stephenson won their right to a bye through to the semi-finals thanks to the way that the draw worked out. They were up against Pankhurst 2 in their first match and the early signs weren't great for the red house. Hussein landed some shots and troubled the Pankhurst house removing Matty B and Mac Marshall but fortunately they were able to steady the ship and sail their way to victory. Najib was last man standing for Stephenson and continued to the last using his head to good effect! Stephenson went on to lose to Yousafzai 2 in the runners up final but not before making another impressive stand with captain Ian Isaac the last man standing alongside his trusted teammate Najib.

The Year 9 boys final was the closest final of any I can remember in dodgeball competition history and I don't think that

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anyone could have predicted the outcome! At the end of normal time, neither house was able to win by fewest out due to the lack of players they had left in the game which meant that we were headed for mercy dodgeball. Matty, Mac and Will took on Kanye, Ryan and Gabe for Turing in an additional minute of play where nobody could return to the game once out. Turing went right out on the offensive and were the only house that really attacked in their extra time – it was little surprise then that Gabe managed to eliminate one of the Pankhurst boys giving them little to no time to recover from the loss. Turing were delighted to have won such a close game but you couldn't help but feel for the Pankhurst boys who had given so much and really improved on their performance from last year.



## Year 10 Benchball

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## Yousafzai take surprise victory over other houses!

With 5 tutors groups in this year group, there was a lucky team who were given a bye straight through to the semi-final, and in a random draw, this team was Pankhurst, whilst all others teams played each other in an elimination first round which saw the unlucky Turing 1 team get knocked out by their counterparts Turing 2, despite having a number of strong players including Isobel Taylor, and Issy Howie.

This meant there would be semi-finals that saw Pankhurst face Yousafzai, and Turing 2 against Stephenson. In the first of the games Pankhurst were limited by their numbers and had to make additional throws before they could have team mates on the bench. Great defence by Molly Green and Chloe Weaden gave them a chance but the strength of Yousafzai's defence in Lauren Clifford and Asha Storer was formidable, with Yousafzai claiming the first final spot.

Next up saw Stephenson play Turing 2, this was really close with both sides gaining players on the bench early on. Isra Sandhool started on the bench for Stephenson whilst Sophie Weaden and Katie Hill defended well. For Turing 2 Yusra Hassan started on the bench and Jolie Breakwell remained in defence until the end. A really close game but just edged by the Stephenson side.

The runners up final for 3rd and 4th positions saw Turing 2 face Pankhurst, with even team numbers this was a quick game, India Sydenham started on the bench for Pankhurst whilst Ayaan Abdi started for Turing. Both sides started well but getting their final players onto the bench proved difficult due to excellent defence. Maya Van Heerden stopped many attempts by Daisy Money and Molly Green however it was Pankhurst that finished the game first, claiming the 3rd spot.

The final saw the largest two teams face each other and it was Stephenson that had the better of the starts with more players on the bench, Jamie Leigh Bell joined Ella Leakey on the bench whilst Ella Leakey, Sophie and Katie remained in defence. Yousafzai however began to claw the game back and started to pick up the pace. In a flash it was left with Katie

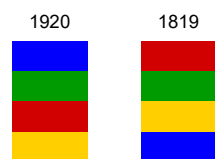






Hill and Asha Storer facing each other, with a number of their attempts dropped by the bench. Finally it was a win to Yousafzai with Phoebe Durrant catching Asha's final throw.

### Year 10 Dodgeball



## Favourites pipped again as Turing victorious!

The draw dictated that the two Turing houses would play-off in one of the two games where teams had to compete for a semi-final place rather than automatically qualifying for one. Once again, Stephenson sailed through into an automatic spot and it was left to the other houses to fight it out! Nana GS strategically weighted one of his two houses while still maintaining a fighting chance for the other house but there was little surprise that his weighted team made it through their opening contest. The other Turing house still had a buy back game into the draw against Yousafzai who had lost their opening play off game to Pankhurst. The Yousafzai boys played smart dodgeball and the efforts of Joe Paice and Lewis Cole really saw them through despite some great dodgeball from the Turing 2 team. Ethan Bose, Ben Cook, Ethan and Hamza fought hard but the Yousafzai boys captained by Lewis and Joe Betty came through the game.

Pankhurst looked sharp in their opening game against Yousafzai with Ollie Stratton almost making it his one-man mission to eliminate every single one of the yellow players. Some of the throwing speeds were ferocious and gave the dodgers little chance of getting out of the way. This game was a little one sided but the first semi final game was far from one sided as Turing 1 took on Stephenson. As is so often the way in dodgeball, early eliminations of big players can have such a big impact and none come bigger than Ben Lumoso who was taken out inside the opening 30 seconds. Rafael, Izaac and Hugh were excellent for Turing and were really smart in their play to eliminate some of the bigger Stephenson names. Stephenson had turned out in force and had excellent numbers and it was a good job too! Things looked as if they might be getting close at the end with Jack Rossiter, Jack Thoburn and Jordan adding some resistance alas the result saw Turing heading for the winner's final with Stephenson resigned to the runners up final.

The second semi-final was a dramatic affair that nobody predicted! Yousafzai were up against the toughest house on paper Pankhurst. The game started fairly inconspicuously with neither team landing any big shots and it wasn't until the back end of the three minutes that things livened up. Joe Paice and house mate Lewis Cole seemed determined to remain in the game and slowly went about eliminating all of the big guns for Pankhurst. As the green numbers dwindled, the game was heading for mercy with neither house having enough players in the game to win by fewest out. The extra time proved futile with the houses each having two players left in the game at the end of the additional minute; for about 40 seconds Yousafzai were 3-2 up alas they also lost a player before the time was out. For the first time this year the game went to a half court shot with Ollie Stratton and Joe Paice lining up on the halfway mark. Incredibly, it was impossible to split both boys' first shots as they thundered into the backboard in exactly the same place. Unfortunately for the yellow house, it was the second shot that proved decisive – a cruel way to lose an excellent contest. Yousafzai really did give it everything and it was a superb semi-final to watch.

Having suffered such a cruel defeat a game earlier, the last thing Yousafzai wanted was a consolation final immediately after. Stephenson took full advantage of this and removed their opponents in a little over half of the time with a very dominant and powerful display. Turing surprised everyone and continued a fantastic autumnal season with victory over Pankhurst in the final – it just goes to show in dodgeball – if you can eliminate a couple of big threats early, then it is very difficult for the opposition to recover.





### Year 11 Benchball

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## Turing finish top for last benchball competition!

A solid turn saw all four teams represented in their final girl's house benchball competition. Randomly drawn, the four teams were placed in 2 semi-finals with Pankhurst facing Yousafzai in the first. A smaller number of players for Pankhurst meant they were under pressure to make more passes onto the bench before they even could send players over. However, they put up a strong fight with Lara Roper and Edith Powell leading the way. Unfortunately, the strength and numbers of Yousafzai were too much and with Daisy Tiley catching well on the bench and great defence from Molly Jackson, Yousafzai took their place on the finals.

The next semi-final saw Turing, who has the biggest turnout and Stephenson play. Stephenson started well with Anida Bonomo on the bench, but she was defended well by Salma Omar and Nasma Ismail. Turing got plenty on the bench and it became hard for Beth Edwards to defend, eventually leading to a Turing win.

In the losers final, Stephenson faced Pankhurst. With both sides fielding the smallest numbers this was an incredibly short game. Beth defended well whilst Lucy Turner started on the bench for Stephenson and Joanne Bromfield started for Pankhurst. The game was over in a flash with Stephenson winning and claiming 3rd position.

The final saw Turing face Yousafzai, both sides were hugely competitive and the game was even throughout. Freya Barnett made some incredible interceptions for Yousafzai whilst Nasma Ismail did the same for Turing at the opposite end. The game went down to the final players for both sides, but it was Turing that completed the end first and won the game for first place.



### Year 11 Dodgeball

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## Surprise victory for Turing!

The Year 11 competition is a little more straightforward with only four tutor groups! The draw was done for two semi-final games which saw Pankhurst take on Stephenson with Turing facing Yousafzai. Based on last years result, you would have expected to see a Yousafzai Pankhurst final but things didn't pan out that way for the yellow house!

Pankhurst saw off the charge from Stephenson in their first semi final but it was a difficult test for the boys in red with a number of their key players missing or absent. Ethan Emery and Mursal were the best performers for the red house with Mursal eliminating more opposition players than other red player and Ethan lasting longer than any of his teammates. The strength of Pankhurst came through with George and Tyrese leading the charge alongside Finlay and Brandon. Stephenson then faced an even tougher losers final tie after the shock defeat of Yousafzai meant they played against arguably the strongest house on paper – needless to say that Stephenson didn't win!

Yousafzai were out in force and had most of their big guns but in dodgeball, once you lose your big guns a three-minute game just isn't long enough to recover and that was their problem. Turing played smartly against them with Louie and Jazper taking out Max early in the game. Harley and Finley teamed up to remove the rest of the Yousafzai boys and they were left out of the game and helpless to affect proceedings. In actual fact, I don't think Yousafzai caught one of their players back into the game. Things did get better for the yellow house when they tore apart Stephenson to take third position and some consolation.

Turing were playing smart dodgeball – a real contrast to previous house competitions! They were looking to take out big



players early and were really clever in their throwing which meant that the opposition had no chance of catching anyone back into the game. Not even the guile of Zaeem or Finlay could stop Turing winning the competition.



### Overall Results

	House	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Total	
		Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank
BOYS	Pankhurst	0	4	1	4	3	2	3	2	3	2	10	3
	Stephenson	2	3	3	2	1	4	2	3	1	4	9	4
	Turing	3	2	4	1	4	1	4	1	4	1	19	1
	Yousafzai	4	1	2	3	2	3	1	4	2	3	11	2
GIRLS	Pankhurst	2	3	1	4	4	1	2	3	1	4	10	4
	Stephenson	3	2	4	1	1	4	3	2	2	3	13	2
	Turing	4	1	3	2	2	3	1	4	4	1	14	1
	Yousafzai	1	4	2	3	3	2	4	1	3	2	13	2
OVERALL	Pankhurst	2	4	2	4	7	1	5	1	4	3	20	4
	Stephenson	5	2	7	1	2	4	5	1	3	4	22	3
	Turing	7	1	7	1	6	2	5	1	8	1	33	1
	Yousafzai	5	2	4	3	5	3	5	1	5	2	24	2

Congratulations to everyone who took part for their houses.

The PE Faculty

## 6F BOYS BASKETBALL V NS STARS

### 6 boys push the Stars all the way in close encounter on the basketball court

On Sunday 24 November, 6 boys arrived for their second friendly match of the year against NS Stars. In actual fact, the boys were only 5 strong until a matter of seconds before tip-off, Shadrach arrived! I've never seen 5 boys so happy to see a sixth as they knew that this meant they would at least have some opportunity for recovery during the game. The boys elected to leave their warm up for the first period of the game and understandably so – they were going to be pedal to the metal for the next hour! We quickly discussed altering some of our normal strategy in order for us to conserve energy and play as efficiently as possible – as it turned out, the boys executed the game plan perfectly and started the final quarter of the match trailing by just 5 points. It made a pleasant change for boys to be moaning about not being able to come off rather than not having enough time on the court! Given the way they played, perhaps we should play with the bear minimum more often!

The game started really evenly as the players traded opening 2-point efforts. When they were asked before the game, the boys offered up 20 points as a target for the match – in actual fact they admitted they were more realistically looking for 15 but wanted to be optimistic! On that note, I settled on 25 for the game and as it happened, that was exactly what we finished on! The first quarter turned out to be one of our most lucrative of the entire game and it was thanks to their optimistic efforts that they finished the period still very much in the game. Caolán (6) and Louis (2) added the points but it was Matty's rebounding and steals that really stole the show in the opening period. Matty notched up 7 rebounds and 3 steals for the first 10 minutes which is not bad going at all. Matty is such an athletic player that he also caused the Stars a lot of problems under their own basket drawing contact on two occasions. Zhang also racked up 2 steals and so all up it was the senior boys who were leading the charge during the opening segment of the match. A small flurry of Stars points at the end of the period looked ominous and although it gave them a slight cushion, it didn't last too long to be of serious

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concern.



Shadrach BUNKETE, Matthew CRUTCHLEY, Caolán PEARCE, Toby RICE, Louis STRATTON, Hao Hao ZHANG

Caolán and Shadrach took on the responsibility for the point scoring in the second period of the match; Caolán went on one of his typical scoring sprees with 3 points to his name while Shadrach made the Stars pay from the line with two excellent free throws. Louis was starting to handle the ball nicely and the movement that Toby had in and out of the restricted area was making life tricky for the Stars defense. Louis was taking advantage of Toby's sharp movement and using it to find other players who had cut well to the basket. Matty and Zhang kept rebounding and stealing the ball which allowed the home side to get a strong foot hold in the match. Normally the boys don't struggle to work decent opportunities to the basket; in actual fact they move the ball really well and their own movement is excellent. Where they often struggle in the contest is defensively, especially when fatigue sets in. Before the game the boys had decided to conserve some energy and defend zonally. It took them a little while to get some fluidity in their defensive work but when they did, they were really tricky to break down. Matty and Toby in particular started communicating really well about when they were switching players so as not to give the Stars any easy opportunity to the basket. Other boys also started to communicate alongside them and eventually the defensive chatter was proving really effective. The Stars boys found it hard work to get openings and if they missed their first shot, Matty was there to rebound the ball if Zhang hadn't stolen it first! At half time the boys were in the fight at 13-20 but needed to find something special in the third period.





Finding something special was exactly what they did as they fought hard to get traction and some momentum. Matters were helped by the efforts of Caolán, Louis and Zhang who all added vital points in the period but it was the team defensive effort that restricted the Stars boys to just 6 points from the period. The zonal defense was working really effectively and not only was it stopping the point scoring, it forced the Stars boys to overplay and often wound up with us stealing the ball before they had a decent opportunity at our basket. Caolán was responsible for three of the steals and in some of the photographs you can see why – the boy is quite literally all arms and legs, it's a wonder any opposition players can make any sort of pass with him trying to intercept it! The boys also found some momentum with their offensive efforts and during this period the two younger boys, Shadrach and Toby really stepped up to the challenge. Both may have been physically smaller but neither were about to take a backward step! Their clever movement and intelligent passing meant that they were a constant threat and the Stars couldn't afford to double up on some of our stronger and older ball handlers. The boys had worked out that if they found themselves in a decent shooting position and Matty had managed to haul himself up the court to get under the opposition basket, then it was probably worth a shot. If it got anywhere close then Matty had more than half a chance of rebounding it and going back up to the basket.

Trailing by 5 points into the final period the home side were looking up for the challenge. Having made it through 30 minutes of basketball, they knew they could now empty their tanks in search of taking the game to the wire. Caolán and Louis added more points to take our own total to the targeted 25 and the desire to win was clear to see with Caolán, Matty and Louis all stealing possession for the team in the last period. In all honesty, the Year 13 boys really came to the party in the last few minutes of the game alas their efforts weren't enough. Some smart and calm basketball from the Stars boys took advantage of our fatigued defensive frailties and they earned themselves a small points cushion putting the game beyond us with just seconds to play. The boys weren't about to give up yet and with 10 seconds on the clock, Louis sprinted to the side line to get the ball back in play for the reds by launching a perfectly weighted long pass to Matty who had advanced for the final time. Cousin and team mate Caolán Pearce was bearing down on the basket when Matty almost instantly fed the ball to him above the hoop. Caolán managed to grab the ball with two hands but couldn't direct it basket bound despite releasing the ball just milliseconds before the buzzer sounded. The final play of the game was straight out of an NBA playbook and really epitomised the efforts of all of the boys across the morning.

As always, it was an absolute pleasure to be courtside on a Sunday morning to watch a group of young men really stepping up to a challenge. Given that we only had 6 players, the boys gave an excellent account of themselves and pushed their opponents all the way. MVP went to Caolán Pearce for his physical contribution as well as his points contribution. Had a few more of our basket opportunities sunk, the result could have been very different.

Hard luck but congratulations gents – 25 points it is!

Mr Cook

Player	Points	Assists	Rebounds	Steals	Blocks
S Bunkete	2	0	2	0	0
M Crutchley	0	0	13	4	0
C Pearce	15	0	6	5	0
T Rice	0	1	3	1	0
L Stratton	6	2	4	3	0
Z Zhang	2	1	2	4	0

## BRIGHT SPARKS ASHTON GATE TRIP

### Students visit the home of Bristol City and Bristol Bears in preparation for matchday

On Monday 25 November, a group of Year 9 students visited Ashton Gate stadium in Bristol. The group are taking part in a project run in conjunction with the Bristol Bears Community Foundation called Bright Sparks. The aims of the project are to provide students with a range of experiences and give them a bit more of an insight into the world of professional sport as well as passing on some key messages from some influential figures. The St Katherine's group were due to assist with a match day parade later in the month and so visited the stadium in order to prepare for the game.

The students had a quick tour behind the scenes which included the warm up room, the changing rooms and some of the media collateral. After a backstage tour, the group headed out pitchside where there was some serious maintenance going on. The group had the opportunity to sit in the dug out and also got a quick briefing on their upcoming job for the match day where Bristol Bears took on Stade Francais.

Here are a few shots.

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## 7 BOYS RUGBY FESTIVAL 3

**Youngest boys give great showing in final progressive festival**

Weston Tournament - Tuesday 26 November

Following our attendance at the Yatton and Nailsea / Backwell tournament, we finished the tournament series with a trip to Weston Rugby Club.

Our first game saw us come up against Backwell. This was a test of mental strength for the boys, considering how dominant Backwell were in the first half of the last tournament. Unfortunately, Backwell were too strong for us again and although the boys turned out a much-improved performance, the score line finished 5-0 to Backwell.

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What was really impressive from St Katherine's in this tournament was our ability to bounce back and dig in deep after a disappointing first game. Throughout every game after, the boys worked hard for each other, defending well and played some really good running and attacking rugby. All of this combined, but especially the work rate and team ethic resulted in us winning the remainder of our games beating Priory 3-1, Nailsea 4-2, Churchill 4-0, Hans Price 4-0 and Hans Price 2nd 5-1.

Try scorers in this tournament included: George Wilkinson, Riley Bristol, Isaac Philips, Anthony Przybylski, Charlie Dexter, Cos Antonio (including a hattrick), and Joel Martineau.



Mr Dawes

## 8 BOYS FOOTBALL V ROBERT BLAKE

**Boys bounce back from National Cup defeat by making Somerset Cup last 16**

On Wednesday 27 November, a group of football playing boys from Year 8 found themselves together yet again on the minibus for another away cup tie! This time it was in the Somerset Cup and the boys were desperate to get back out on the football pitch after their unfortunate penalty shootout defeat earlier in the year in the National Cup. Things weren't



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exactly plain sailing on the morning of the cup game as we had to find replacements for a trio of our front line strike force! Huge thanks to the three boys who stepped in at short notice – massively appreciated by everyone!

Buster BARNES, Cosmo BROWNE, Dominic DA SILVA, Samuel DIXEY, Dillan FAULKNER, Monty FAULKNER, Jack JANSEN, Mattijs KORSWAGEN, Frank MCCANN, Harvey NIEMCZYK, Jake PACKHAM, Oliver SONGER, Billy STRINGER, Jack VINE, Will YOUNG

When we eventually arrived, having been to about 4 different locations prior to the right one, the boys were impressed with the facilities that Robert Blake had to offer. They were going to play their match on a 4G pitch! The boys were quickly reminded of the 4G surface that they played their last cup game on but in actual fact, the size of the pitch was quite different! The boys started well in the opening 10 minutes at the quality of their start gave them an early lead. They were looking really dangerous down the right hand side in particular with Samuel Dixey finding a great deal of space and taking on the full back readily. The boys in the midfield worked their socks off in the opening few minutes and got on the ball really frequently. They were on the ball a lot but were overplaying a little and getting caught in possession or hurried into misplacing passes which gave Robert Blake opportunities to create attacks. The last 4G pitch they played on was absolutely huge whereas this was quite a lot smaller and there was markedly less space.

The boys might not have been able to find their best football but that didn't stop them from being a threat inside the Robert Blake penalty area. It would have been all too easy to say that we were going to struggle for goals without a recognised striker on the pitch! We had loads of brilliant attacking players but just none who would say they absolutely play up front! Ollie Songer was the first to get his name on the scoresheet with a neat left footed finish from inside the area. Ollie is actually a superb goalkeeper but fortunately we are blessed with goalkeepers in Year 8 and Mattijs took the gloves on this occasion so that Ollie could fill the hole up front. Ollie and Jack were going a great job playing out of position but we were finding it tricky to threaten right through the middle of the pitch.



We had so much ball in the first 15 minutes of the game that it was crazy. When they weren't in possession, invariably Cosmo or Jake hounded the opposition ball carrier until they regained the ball and when they were in possession both boys drove the ball through the midfield with great poise and balance. Dom and Samuel were offering out wide but in all honesty, there wasn't much room out there! Cos and Jake were often forced into dribbling the ball too much but it was because they didn't always have the obvious ball to release and they were our main attacking threat. After 11 minutes, captain Jake Packham had his first goal of the game after some neat interplay on the edge of the area provided Jake with a smart lay-off. Jake shifted the ball onto his favoured right foot and drove it hard and low passed the goalkeeper into the back of the net.

You could have been forgiven for thinking that with a two-goal cushion, that the boys would have played with a little more freedom. In actual fact it was the opposition who really mounted a comeback. Up until this point, the boys in the back four had been relatively quiet apart from some typical clear up work from the odd hopeful pass. Jack and Frank looked commanding at the back but that was in part due to the pressure that Cosmo and Jake were offering in front of them. For a few minutes after Jake's goal, the Robert Blake boys found a little too much space and were able to create opportunities. They had a few boys who struck a lovely dead ball and looked dangerous with time and space. A handful of opportunities arose from a corner kick, one of which flashed straight across the face of goal, Mattijs made a really sharp save from a speculative effort from range which was definitely heading goal bound and the Robert Blake centre forward turned the ball over the ball from close range having been picked out from another cross. The boys could consider themselves fortunate that they still had a two-goal lead at this point in the game. Just before the half time break, St Kath's managed to grab another through Buster Barnes – another brilliant attacking player but a lad who prefers to play wide rather than through the middle. Buster took his goal really well and with real composure giving his team a commanding lead at the break.

The restart saw boys return to the field having warned each other against the danger of becoming complacent. Robert Blake absolutely had the fire power to score three unanswered goals in this half and the boys would need to be on their guard to ensure they saw out the contest. The first 10 minutes were complete panic stations as the boys fought hard to find their feet in the second half. It was as if we had completely forgotten how to pass the ball to each other and our frailties in possession led to some very panicky defending from all 11 boys! 8 minutes into the second half of the game, the Robert Blake boys were on the scoresheet and having scored first, you could sense they were looking for a





comeback. There was a serious storm that needed weathering and the SK boys found themselves backs to the wall in order to do so. Monty, Dillan, Jack and Harvey were resolute in their defensive work during this period of the game and refused to let Robert Blake settle with any sort of comeback momentum. Confusion from crosses saw players unsure of each other's actions but fortunately, the boys did have one thing in common – they were adamant that RBSC weren't going to score next. Mattijs made a number of really impressive saves during this period of the game and swept behind his line well in order to add some calm to proceedings. One of his saves was after a defender fired the ball into the post and it came back and cannoned against his face – after striking him really firmly in the head, the ball was heading goalward at an agonisingly slow pace and Mattijs had the presence of mind to dive and keep the ball on the right side of the line!



The boys may have been 3-1 up but the game was balanced on a knife edge and you couldn't help but feel that the next goal was going to be crucial. Despite being on the back foot, St Katherine's were still a threat going forward but were all too often guilty of trying to force the pass to someone who wasn't in a great position. Eventually Jake Packham decided that enough was enough and he grabbed the game by the scruff of the net. Jake drove the ball wide but instead of looking to cross where there was no immediately obvious recipient, Jake cut back inside and onto his deadly right foot. Once again, Jake opened up and made the opposition pay, this time striking the ball firmly from the left across the goalkeeper and into the bottom right hand corner. The goal was the one that killed off the contest and gave SK the breathing space they needed. Not even another goal from Robert Blake could unsettle the red machine and it was only a matter of minutes until Ollie Songer fired home once more. Jake had an amazing ability to deliver such an inviting ball from any attacking set piece out wide and it was a superbly struck corner kick that provided Ollie with the opportunity for his second. Jake normally hangs his deliveries under the crossbar or just in front of the penalty spot to cause maximum confusion but this time deliberately drove the ball low and hard across the face of goal. Only one player made any move to attack the ball and that was Ollie who was rewarded with a goal for his decision.

At full time the boys had the result that they desperately wanted and they could head back to the minibus knowing that they had secured themselves a spot in the last 16. Man of the match was a difficult decision with so many boys stepping up with superb performances. Jack Jansen and Harvey Niemczyk are two of the most composed boys I have ever seen on the ball and both are brilliant at reading the game and arriving in the right place at exactly the right time. Samuel Dixey was a menace down the right hand side while Ollie Songer filled a massive hole up front alongside Mattijs who was rock steady in goal. Jake Packham was just magnificent and unplayable – he set up goals, scored two of his own (one vitally important and at a pivotal moment in the game) and worked his socks off in the middle of midfield but man of the match went to Cosmo Browne whose passing range and footwork was exquisite alongside a work ethic that rivalled Jake which is no mean feat at all!

Congratulations boys - a good result, great football & most importantly ... really good fun! Well done to everyone for their efforts & performances!

Mr Cook

## 7 GIRLS NS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

**St Kath's represented by three teams in the NS competition**

A Tournament

In a really competitive A tournament, the St Kath's girls were keen to do well, with the team: Megan Stenner, Lauren Weeks, Afifa Jagwe, Mae Kingston, Eve Osbourn, Ana Oluwo, Anna Petrie and Alice Clarke all working hard throughout the tournament to gain good results. First game they faced new opposition in Sidcot. This was a defeat for the St Kath's side to the tournament's overall winners, with Mae receiving player of the match. Next up was Nailsea, in which the girls

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gained their first win, 2-1 in a busy and end to end match, Afifa receiving player of the match on this occasion. Priory, the semi finalists from the group were next and a really closely fought match saw Priory just edge the game 1 - 0, with Ana Oluwo gaining player of the match. The final game was against Hans Price, a solid 2 - 1 victory and some sharp shooting by Lauren saw her voted as player of the match. Overall 3rd position in the pool stages for the girls.

## B Tournament

St Kath's entered two teams in this competition, both of equal strength and ability. The first of the teams involved River Clarke, Billie Winter, Dhaira Odaway, Ruby Slaven, Bess Stevens, Lexie Parsons, Emily Creese and Portia Nash. An excellent start against Hans Price saw them take the lead through a goal by Billie, however the Hans Price team levelled the score in the closing seconds for a 1-1 result. Next up was a tough challenge of Backwell, in which the strength of the opposition saw Backwell win by 3 goals. In both opening games Dahira was voted as player of the match. Further games against Clevedon, Worle and Priory saw narrow losses and great performances by the St Kath's players. With Billie Winter gaining two player of the match votes.



The second team in this competition involved Lyla Moore, Eva Hayes, Grace Baker, Roxie Garrett, Chloe Elliot, Chloe Patten and Fern Clarke. This team had some really strong performances and drew 4 of their 5 games. First, they faced Gordano and the game was well battled, resulting in a 0-0 draw and Roxie receiving player of the match. Following this they faced Priory, again a really close game in which both teams had chances but again finished goalless and Roxie again receiving player of the match. Nailsea were next for a goalless draw where Fern had the vote of player of the match. This teams only defeat was against a strong Sidcot side by 2 goals where defence were worked hard and Chloe Patten got a well-deserved player of the match vote. Finally, a 1-1 draw against Worle, with Eva Hayes converting a chance, only to see it levelled by the Worle attack.

Miss Ball

## 8 BOYS RUGBY FESTIVAL 3

### Boys enjoy final festival treat on artificial grass pitch down at Hornets RFC

On Wednesday 4 December the Year 8 boys had their final festival of the season and were treated to an experience down at Hornets RFC. The boys were fortunate enough to be able to use the AGP for their final festival which meant that there were no excuses for dropped balls, slipping, sliding or any other mud related moaning! When they arrived, the boys were excited about getting out on the pitch and the festival was also an opportunity to play against some schools that they hadn't already played against this season.

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Coby BARBOSA-GOA, Arthur CLEAVER, Samuel DIXEY, Dillan FAULKNER, George GARLAND, Alfred GISBORNE, Nas GYIMAH-SARPONG, Frank MCCANN, Joseph MCLOUGHLIN, Jake PACKHAM, Tom STANCLIFFE, Billy STRINGER, Ryan TEMBO, Layton THOMPSON, Will YOUNG

The boys' first game was against Worle School and they all knew how good a side Worle were having played against them earlier in the year in a friendly fixture. St Kath's started the better of the two sides and kept the ball alive really well. Jake, JJ, Layton and Arthur were moving the ball from side to side and really testing the Worle defence. Boys were finding space and making mini breaks all over the pitch. Worle were up against it for the first few minutes and it was Frank McCann who dotted down to score the first try of the match. Frank finished strongly after his team mates had given him excellent field position. St Kath's continued to frustrate the opposition for the early part of the contest and saw a lot of the ball. The boys were high on confidence and really starting to throw it around – it was this abandon alongside some errors that let Worle back into the game and two quick tries quickly reminded us how good a side they were. The red side dug deep and fought their way back into the contest with some excellent play from Samuel Dixey out wide. The equalising try came from Tom Stancliffe who picked the ball up on an arced run and went outside the Worle winger – Tom fended off about 3 attempted tackles before touching down to equalise and set up an interesting finish. Worle came back fighting and were desperate in their search of a winner. St Kath's defensive work was heroic as boys flung themselves into tackles; Coby, Frank, JJ, Jake and others all put their bodies on the line but eventually after the full 16 minutes had elapsed on the clock – Worle equalised agonisingly! St Kath's were left deflated but the immediate reflections were that they had performed well against a side they knew to be strong!

Their next contest was against Sidcot and their opposition started strongly and were firing on all cylinders. The boys found themselves behind after just 3 minutes and needed something special to get back in to the tie. Jake was pulling a



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lot of strings in this game and really cleverly using his pass and kick to great effect. He released Alfred, George and Nas who all made superb mini breaks but also put the ball on his boot to pressure the Sidcot boys. Dillan was having a great game carrying the ball through the midfield and St Kath's were really pressuring their opponents and forcing them to defend big and for long periods. Just before Tom Stancliffe scored his equalising try, an injury blow to Coby meant that he had to leave the field and wouldn't return for the rest of the afternoon – a big miss! Nonetheless the boys rallied and their eventual pressure led to Tom bursting his way through tacklers to touch down in the corner and get his team back into the game. A little naivety from some of the St Kath's boys and some unfortunate errors gifted Sidcot possession which they used really well despite some impressive defensive resistance from Billy Stringer, Ryan Tembo and Will Young. Sidcot went ahead after 10 minutes and St Kath's were all out in search of an equaliser that didn't come their way! A tough defeat but lots of positives to take into their next game.

The third match of the afternoon was against Priory and by far and away this was the best game of the afternoon to watch. Both the teacher from Priory and I were stood on the side line and really enjoyed the rugby spectacle that was on offer. There were tries from great handling moves, tries from intelligent kicking, pieces of solo brilliance as well as some good old fashioned grunt and boys making some really big tackles. Layton Thompson scored the first try of the game after fielding a high ball that came over his head on the half way line. Layton then proceeded to weave his way in and out of multiple Priory tacklers before scoring after 4 minutes – such a difficult skill to take a high ball on the turn and Layton made it look easy! St Kath's started to find their kicking feet and a lot of their nudges were really smart – Samuel Dixey pushed a ball down the line when he had run out of space and Jake was still looking for constant go forward with boot or with ball. However, one kick did go slightly awry and landed in the hands of perhaps the strongest Priory runner who needed no invitation to pin his ears back. He headed straight for the heart of the SK defence and was met with a monstrous hit from Jake Packham! The collision was massive – Jake might be small in stature but his heart and physicality more than make up for this; this was a proper, courageous and brave tackle that really set the tone for the rest of the game. Priory were made to work so hard for their yards but put together a series of unbelievable offloads and phases to score an amazing try. The St Kath's tackling was brilliant as boys hauled their men down following Jake's example but somehow Priory kept the ball alive and were rewarded for it! It was only fitting that Jake went on to score the winning try of the match which capped off a superb performance!



The sun had gone down for the final game and temperature plummeted to near freezing. Not only did the temperature drop but the standard of rugby also fell and the final game was a real struggle for everyone who came onto the pitch! The boys were working so hard for so little reward – it was just one of those games where nothing goes in your favour and the harder you try, the worse it gets! We've all been there and unfortunately the boys vented their frustrations on each other which didn't do anyone any favours. Needless to say the boys went on to lose the last game and only managed a consolation try through a Jake Packham intercept – in all honesty, a complete gift for Jake and a gift for St Kath's too!

I didn't want to dwell on the final game at all because I firmly believe that this group of boys have made stark progress on the rugby pitch this season! We have regularly had more than 20 boys to practice, almost 30 different boys have represented the school and so many of those have really developed their rugby ability this year! It is lovely to see so many of the boys venturing to rugby clubs to continue that development and the whole team is really benefiting from their increased practice and knowledge. This group of young men are a lovely bunch to work with and I have enjoyed every single minute with them on the rugby pitch this season! I am really excited about the rugby playing future of this bunch and if the last 2 years are anything to go by, the next 3 are going to be quite a ride!

Congratulations to all of the boys who have represented the school this season. Special mentions to Frank and JJ whose leadership has really galvanised this group into a fantastic team.

Well done everyone!

Mr Cook



## 10 GIRLS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

### Girls prove tough to beat in local hockey tournament at Sidcot School

On Wednesday 4 December the Year 10 girls hockey team travelled to Sidcot School to contest some fixtures against other local schools. The tournament was split across two different locations with the intention of giving the girls some quality pitch time in slightly longer matches. All up the girls had two matches against Sidcot and Broadoak.



The first game against Sidcot finished 0-0 with the St Kath's player of the match going to Hetty Cleaver in goal. The second game was against Broadoak and also finished 0-0, this time the player of the match went to Isobel Taylor. Special thanks to Isobel Taylor who wrote the notes below following the matches - thank you!

Izzy H - player of the match at least once and spent a lot of the afternoon driving the ball down the line past the defence and passing into the D. Izzy was very good at pressuring the opposition at the attacking end of the pitch.

Chloe W - great at clearing the ball when it came into the D and also had firm defence against the opposition whilst defending the goal. When taking free passes Chloe was very good at passing the ball out to the sides for Izzy H and others to receive and drive down the line.

Jolie B - very good at neatly receiving the ball and driving it down the line to then pass to Daisy and also great at tackling the opposition coming down the line on the left using her reverse stick. Jolie managed to take the ball into the D on multiple occasions.

Daisy M - Daisy was very good at finding space to receive passes from Jolie down the line and driving into the D to shoot. Daisy had great positioning in the D and this enabled her to have possession of the ball inside the D many times.

Issy P - great positioning in the D which allowed passes to be received and taken in for her to have a shot. Issy was very good at gaining possession of the ball as well as getting the ball off the opposition.

Maya M - great at putting pressure on the opposition's defence and at driving the ball into space up and into the D. Maya had many attempts at shooting due to her excellent positioning in the D and she was consistently in good spaces for receiving passes.

Sophie W - excellent pressure on the opposition dribbling the ball, she gracefully received many passes through the middle which enabled her to drive the ball out to the side and down the line for Issy P, Daisy and Jolie to receive inside the D. Sophie was also very good at intercepting and blocking the opposition's passes.



Hetty C - player of the match at least once and saved 6 amazing goals (one of which, a girl chipped the ball into the air and Hetty blocked it with her body, deflecting it out to the side and allowing Chloe to come and clear the ball from the D and down the line). Another girl chipped the ball but Hetty raised her leg and blocked it from entering the goal then Izzy T came in and cleared it from the D allowing players on the wing to drive the ball down the line.

Molly G - amazing at defending any balls travelling down the right side of the pitch and great at playing the ball down the line for Izzy H to receive. Molly was also good at driving the ball down the line to the top of the pitch then immediately returning back down to defend and she was also very good at blocking passes being made into the D.

Ruby A - great at defending when the opposition drove the ball down the left side of the pitch and managed to clear the ball off to the sides when in danger of attack. Ruby stayed on her player the entire time and was very good at blocking any passes made to the person she was marking.

Maya VH - great at being in space down the line for Izzy H to pass the ball to and also very good at driving the ball into the D. Maya received many fast passes down the line which gave us some really great attacking options out in the wider areas of the pitch.

Izzy T - player of the match and put great pressure on the opposition when they were driving the ball down either sides and also the centre of the pitch. Izzy was very good at intercepting strong fast passes made by the opposition through the middle of the pitch and then immediately driving the ball out to the sides for either Jolie or Izzy H to receive. Izzy tackled many people inside the D and therefore prevented them from scoring as well as making a great clearance of the ball from the D.

Ella L - great at defending the ball when it travelled down the line on the left then passing the ball for other people to receive and drive up into the D. Ella was excellent at offering passes behind when our teammates were being pressured by the opposition. Ella's great spacing on the left side allows her to gain possession of the ball quickly and clear it out to the sides.

Izzy Taylor - Year 10

## U14 GIRLS FOOTBALL V WRITHLINGTON

### U14 girls bow out in the 2nd round of the cup to talented Writhlington

A long drive saw the U14 girls face a historically strong side in Writhlington in the Somerset Cup. The girls' opponents started well and the Writhlington side made an immediate impact with a shot wide of the goal and kept the pressure firmly at the St Kath's goal mouth. Despite the best efforts of keeper Jena Walker and strong challenges of Leah Wardingley and Ruby Gray, the Writhlington side scored a number of goals in the first half.



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Nahla Mengoud and Ellie Baker linked well in the middle and Tia Walker had some good possession on the left, making ground for the St Kath's side. Jamie Packham on the right had a solid game and linked well with Sophie Young up front.

Some changes at half time saw Maddy Thomas drop into defence with Daisy Medder and Leah moved into goal. Leah pulled off a fantastic save within seconds of the start and the ball was cleared well to Jess Whalen. Sophie De Wet had some importance touches up front too but the strength of the Writhlington side was too much for the girls on this occasion. Player of the match was voted as Ruby Gray.



Miss Ball

## 10 BOYS FOOTBALL V CLEVEDON

**Boys face tough test in first round exit yet make pleasing start to schoolboy season**

On Thursday 5 December the Year 10 boys travelled to Clevedon School for the first round of their Somerset Cup football campaign. The boys knew this was far from an easy first round tie having lost heavily to Clevedon back in Year 7. The Clevedon boys hadn't lost many, if any games since then and so they knew they had their work cut out on this occasion.



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Undeterred, the boys were adamant that they were going to give a better account of themselves this afternoon and despite their eventual loss, they put in an excellent display that will act as a real springboard into the friendly season that begins after the Christmas holiday. It was exciting to see new development and new additions to this team who had made such a great deal of progress last season. The gains from last season were largely down to the efforts of two boys Nana and Isaac for their contributions on and off of the pitch. Needless to say that these two boys lead this team and put in a huge amount of preparatory work prior to the match and also gave two flawless displays to set the example to their peers – what fantastic leaders these two are and the Year 10 boys are very lucky to have them at the helm!

Isaac ADEBO, Joe BETTY, Ben BOHIN, Shadrach BUNKETE, Abdi CULUSOW, Nana GYIMAH-SARPONG, Ciaran LARGE, Hugh LEWIS, Benjamin LUMOSO, Djafar MENGOU, Fuaad MUSA, George PETRIE, Toby RICE, Rafael RODRIGUES, Mansur YILMAZ

When we arrived at Clevedon, Nana and Isaac informed me that they had already organised their team into positions and decided on the formation that they wanted to play. This is quite often the case with captains of school football teams yet I often find they have a tendency to play their friends in their favourite positions and often their selections are completely counterintuitive for winning football matches! On this occasion, Nana and Isaac had put together an excellent plan and it was clear from their selection that they had made some really unselfish decisions in order to meet the needs of the team! I was struck by their maturity and impressed with their footballing knowledge and so I agreed with their decisions and the team that took to the field was exactly as requested by the captains.

The St Kath's boys started well and in the first 10 minutes of the game they did not concede and looked to set a platform for themselves. It wasn't a surprise to anyone that Clevedon had the lion share of possession and St Kath's spent the majority of their time defending, yet the boys managed to restrict their opponents to speculative efforts from range or pressure them into hurried snapshots that didn't trouble the target. Nana and Ben occupied the key defensive roles of centre half and were accompanied by Mansur and Hugh who slotted into the full back roles. The boys' defending was impressive and showed a lot of carry forward from the learning they did last year. The full backs forced the Clevedon players wide and made them go around rather than allowing them to cut back inside. Nana and Ben refused to be split and made sure they maintained excellent contact throughout the first 10. Isaac, Djafar, Ben, Fuaad and Abdi did all that they could to hurry the Clevedon midfield and didn't give them any time to settle on the ball. The pressure was good and forced the Clevedon boys into the odd mistake which gifted us possession. When the boys in the midfield did win the ball, they looked to play it forward and up to debutant Rafael as soon as possible. Raf has recently joined us from Portugal and really impressed in PE lessons – you're never quite sure what that is going to look like in a full 11-a-side game but his first few touches demonstrated that he was going to get on just fine! In fact his first touch of the game was to flick a bullet pass with the outside of his right foot, back to goal, through to Ben Bohin who gave chase and pressured the Clevedon defence into clearing the ball. Raf continued to work hard, defend from the front and show great quality and class whenever he did get a hold of the ball.



As much as St Kath's started well, Clevedon had real quality and they had quality all over the pitch. For me, their strength was in their two centre backs who were both excellent players. Their football started from the back and all of their defenders were really comfortable on the ball, especially the two central defenders. The Clevedon midfield was also really strong, again especially through the centre. With so much strength down the centre of the pitch, it was only a matter of time before the quality came good for them. Clevedon scored four first half goals on 12, 19, 21 and 22 minutes and to be really honest – St Kath's could only be disappointed with one of them. The other three were excellent moves. One of their goals was the neatest of give and go's that put the Clevedon player 1 on 1 with Toby. Another was a superbly struck bouncing ball that ruffled in off of the post and again didn't give Toby nor his defence any real chance at all. Before half time, Clevedon substituted some of their stronger players who had academy commitments which presented a real opportunity for the boys to get into the contest. St Kath's finished with the final word just before half time when a neat flick from Raf made its way to Isaac who played a perfectly weighted pass right into the path of Mansur who found himself bearing down on goal. One of the Clevedon defenders was off but the other soon snuffed out the danger and showed his quality yet again.

Half time saw St Kath's bring about some changes to give all of the boys a go. This was a great opportunity given the score to go out and play with real freedom and gel as a team. There was a real togetherness at the break and the boys took to the pitch for the second half determined to make an impact. They started really well and worked the ball around



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accurately causing the Clevedon boys problems. Nana and Isaac now paired up in the central midfield area and alongside Djafar, the boys began to exert some real dominance on the game. Just 6 minutes into the second half and St Kath's were on the scoresheet. Raf gave chase to a slightly overhit through ball but kept it in play and delivered a beautiful cross to Djafar who was left with the simplest of tap ins. It was a super assist and a great run from Djafar to give the boys the goal they needed and a little boost to their confidence. Joe Betty at full back was linking up well with Ciaran Large and the boys had some real joy down the left hand side. When they couldn't go around the outside, they came back to Nana or Isaac – both of whom were showing their impressive passing range. Nana was so strong on the ball and impossible for the opposition to shift – if they overcommitted to the challenge, Nana simply ghosted passed them. In contrast, Isaac was like a whippet, in and out of the space picking up on the ball and giving it as much as he could. He clipped several perfectly weighted balls through to Abdi, Mansur, Ben or whoever else was making the forward run.



St Kath's were in search of more goals and continuing to attack which did leave things a little exposed at the back. George Petrie and Shadrach did a great job of securing things when under pressure on the counter attack and Nana also worked hard to get back when his team mates had over committed going forward. The boys continued to go out in search of more goals but unfortunately the only other goal of the match was another Clevedon score that came about from a well-constructed counter attack. The St Kath's boys continued to play with real pride and energy for the remainder of the match and efforts from Ciaran Large, Djafar, Issac and Nana were unlucky not to find the back of the net. In short, this was a really pleasing performance and the 5-1 score line was one where St Kath's could take some real positives heading into the friendly season.

Man of the match was a tough choice with Isaac and Nana both showing their class throughout the game. On this occasion that award went to Nana for his versatility playing in two different positions and excelling in both.

Hard luck on the result gents but plenty of positives for another excellent football season to come!

Mr Cook

## PRIMARY SWIMMING GALA

### St Katherine's young leaders excel again at primary school swimming gala

On Friday 6 December a group of students from St Katherine's arrived at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre to assist with the North Somerset Primary Swimming Gala. A couple of weeks ago Mr German contacted me in the hope that we would be able to provide leaders as he had been let down by another provider. Leadership is something that we do pretty well at St Katherine's and we're never short of students who are willing to put themselves forward. There aren't many students who wouldn't volunteer for a day off but on this occasion we selected students who had volunteered their own time after school to assist us with competitions as a small thank you! It didn't come as a surprise to me that the students all received really high praise and quickly settled into what is always a hectic and busy event!

Jamie-Leigh BELL, Ben BOHIN, Matthew BRENNAN, Hetty CLEAVER, Lewis COLE, Molly GREEN, Isabelle HOWIE, Daisy MONEY, Jake PACKHAM, Issy PRIME, Toby RICE, Ariel RUGMAN, Jessica STANLEY, Will STRATTON, Isobel TAYLOR, Chloe WEADEN

The leaders were actually assisting with two separate galas – a competitive gala in the morning and a participation gala in the afternoon and so for that reason the morning was all about fairness, times and accuracy whereas the afternoon was all about encouragement and enjoyment. It was actually a really interesting challenge for the leaders and they were forced to change their manner and personality depending on the needs of the event. Lots of these students have already worked with key stage 1 children this year where the focus is definitely on fun and enjoyment but hadn't worked in a tougher competitive environment until the morning of this event. Students were quickly assigned roles as timekeepers, marshals and on results.

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Jake and Will took responsibility for the results table and teamed up brilliantly to get their jobs done. The boys didn't have it easy as with 8 lanes and 8 different timers, there were some minor adjustments that were needed in order to make sure the results sheet was accurate. One of the problems the boys had was that some times arrived to them in seconds and some in minutes and seconds so they had to fall back on some quick arithmetic not to fall behind! When I visited them on both occasions they were busy and worked brilliantly as a team helping to check each other's work as they went.

Jamie, Lewis, Ben, Issy and Toby were race marshals and had a particularly challenging job in the morning with so many swimmers all arriving at the holding area ahead of their races. The marshals had to organise them into the correct heats and there were 3 heats for each race with 22 schools in attendance! Each heat had 8 swimmers and they also had to make sure that they had the correct name for each swimmer so that the results that went into the computer were accurate. They had a lot to get right and it all had to be done in quick time as the majority of races were only 25 metres which didn't give them much time between races! Nervous primary school children are always particularly tricky customers and aren't always the best at listening to instructions and so our marshals used all of their experience and patience to make sure that the pre-race was as pain free an experience for the swimmers as possible. They did a superb job and after only a short while found a method of working that was slick and efficient.

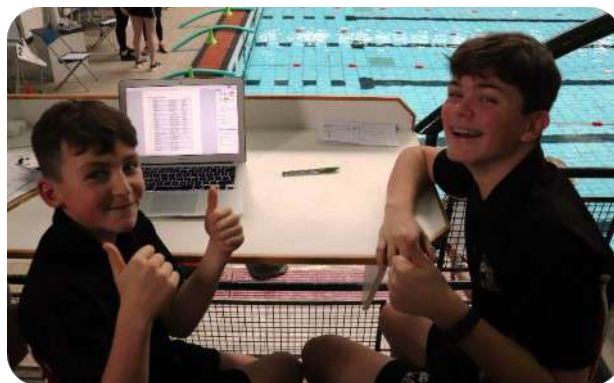


The rest of the students; Chloe, Daisy, Matty, Ari, Isabelle, Isobel, Jess, Hetty and Molly were all time keepers and had perhaps the most pressured job of the morning. They were responsible for starting their watches exactly when the race started and not stopping them until their swimmer was right on the wall. This meant that the students had to get a good view over the starting block and more often than not got soaked at the finish! The timers did a superb job and really worked as team with the chief timer of the morning. The swimmers were giving their all in this competitive gala and so it



was really important that they got given accurate times!

The afternoon festival was much more relaxed and gave students an opportunity to try some different jobs! Jess and Isobel got a hold of the PA system and spent much of the afternoon talking to the gallery of spectators and swimmers to inform them about the order of races and any safety announcements. I think the phrase 'you are now under the referee's control' will live long in the memory of all of us! Marshals and timers swapped over jobs and it was lovely to see the leaders giving their peers a quick whistle stop tour of their morning role and some hints and tips that they had picked up over the duration of the event. Needless to say that the leaders excelled in the afternoon too and left having assisted with both events superbly!



I was fortunate enough to sit back and enjoy all of the compliments that were afforded to our leaders and to watch them take on such important roles in running a big event – quite simply, had they not been there, the event wouldn't have run! I watched on with real pride and I hope that the students enjoyed the experience.

Well done everyone – St Katherine's leaders at their best again!

Mr Cook

## 9 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

### Girls and boys teams medal at North Somerset Finals

On Tuesday 10 December our Year 9 athletes and a group of Year 9 & 10 leaders were poised and ready for the 9 & 10 North Somerset Finals. The turnout for the competition was fantastic with full compliments of teams in all events – we struggled to fit enough lanes in the sportshall to accommodate all of the teams and even had to run some athletes in other races to squeeze everyone in. Despite the overwhelming turnout, our athletes and leaders did a fantastic job at ensuring that the competition was a success! Although the 9 & 10 school team competition doesn't lead anywhere, you'd never have known it watching the athletes competing across their events. Their was a real will to win and as always, a fantastic atmosphere in the sportshall and the gym – another great evening of indoor athletics!



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Isaac ADEBO, Matthew BRENNAN, Molly GREEN, Nana GYIMAH-SARPONG, Benjamin LUMOSO, Daisy MONEY, Izaac OSBORN, Issy PRIME, Toby RICE, Chloe WEADEN

The competitions ran in traditional fashion with girls and boys beginning together with the opening relays, girls and boys then splitting for their track and field events before returning together to close the event with the final set of relay races. Due to the sheer number of competitors, we didn't actually have time to fit in the paarlauf as well. With time against us it was down to the leaders to ensure that they were swift, fair and organised with their events and they managed to get through everything accurately and in a timely fashion. So good was their leadership that we actually managed to make up some of the time we had lost due to a late start!

## Year 9 Girls

The Year 9 girls gave a great performance despite also being slightly depleted in terms of personnel – they couldn't actually find a willing 6 lap runner and so sacrificed two events on the track! They did get the evening off to a fantastic start with Poppy, Danielle, Jemima and Amani that ran the first obstacle relay. Another fine performance in the closing relay from the same foursome earned them the majority of their points on the track but that shouldn't detract from the performances of the other girls! In actual fact, the strength of the Year 9 girls track competition was high – to give you an example, Jemima German actually crossed the line first in her race but was running in the Year 10 girls heat due to a lack of space on the track!

In the field, the girls fared better with their best performance coming from Anaia which earned her a silver medal – huge thanks to Anaia for stepping in at short notice. Two bronzes also came in the in the triple jump from Amani and Jemima which earned a total of 28 points. Poppy, Jemima and Amani chipped in with great performances in the speed bounce, long jump, triple jump and vertical jump to ensure that their field performance put them back in contention. Eventually the girls finished in third position behind Backwell who also didn't field a 6 lap runner. Had St Kath's had won this event, they would have been trailing Backwell by just 2 points which would have made the standings much closer!

**9 Girls**  
Points per event

OR	2A	2B	4A	4B	6	Pa	R
24							
							20
	10	2	11	1	0		

S1	S2	SB1	SB2	SL1	SL2	ST1	ST2	V1	V2
15							7		7
					6	14		14	
	5	13	5	13					

8 Teams: Track 68 from 136 points – 50% | Field 99 from 120 points – 83% | Total 167 from 256 – 65%

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## Year 9 Boys

The Year 9 boys were red hot favourites going into the competition but weren't helped after they had been let down by some of their team mates – like all good teams, the boys grouped together and reworked their events so that they had all bases covered. The quality of the team means that they still dominated the competition and finished with a winning margin of nearly 30 points. Special mention to Will Stratton who stepped in at short notice – the sign of a great team mate! The boys performed well on the track dominating both of the relays and doing really well in the sprints. Special performances on the track came from James Wamulo in the 2 lap and Kanye Christie in the 4 lap who both earned golds. Najib also put in a great display of distance running to guts out a silver medal in the gruelling 6 lap race.

In the field the boys were typically dominant cleaning up in the shot put, long jump and the triple jump. Kanye and James were on fine form as they destroyed the competition in both of the jumps. In the long jump the boys posted scores of 2.52 and 2.46 respectively – the two highest jumps in the competition. In the triple jump the boys hit jumps of 8.24 and 8.22 – again the two highest jumps of the competition and over a metre clear of the next best distance which is an amazing feat! Kenny was also busy in the shot and the speed bounce picking up a gold and silver medal respectively. Kenny was over 70 centimetres better than his next nearest rival in the shot with 9 metres and 90 centimetres.

**9 Boys**  
Points per event

OR	2A	2B	4A	4B	6	Pa	R
24	16	8	16				24
					15		
				6			

S1	S2	SB1	SB2	SL1	SL2	ST1	ST2	V1	V2
16	8			16	8	16	8		
		15	7						7
								11	

8 Teams: Track 109 from 136 points – 80% | Field 112 from 120 points – 93% | Total 221 from 256 – 86%



## Summary

Area	9 Girls	9 Boys
Track %	50	80
Field %	83	93
Overall %	65	86

Although none of these events have any carry forward in terms of a next round of competition, there is talk of some inter county competition between North Somerset and South Glos and so our Year 9 boys will be hoping that there are still some team opportunities on the horizon!

## Leaders

I am extremely grateful to the leaders who gave up their time after school to help with this competition. There are five students who, for a short period of time, were looking as though they would have their work cut out for the evening.

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Unfortunately our Year 10 boys were let down by some of their team mates and peers and didn't have enough athletes to cover all of the events – they made the decision to lead instead of compete and supported those other leaders superbly. I am grateful to the boys for not allowing their frustrations at not being able to take part, interfere with the quality of their leadership. Thank you to all of the students who supported this competition so well.



All of our leaders led really well and all helped to make for a special event! Our thanks to all of the leaders, competitors, teachers, supporters and colleagues who supported this event.

Another great evening of indoor athletics at St Katherine's! Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved!

The PE Faculty

Event		Year 9 Girls	Year 9 Boys
Obstacle Relay	A	P BB, DC, JG, AI	WS, BF, JW, KC
	B	JEMIMA GERMAN	JAMES WAMULO
2 Lap	A	DANIELLE CAMERON	KENNY NEWBURY
	B	AMANI ISLAM	KANYE CHRISTIE
4 Lap	A	MEGAN HART-JONES	BALINT FEKETE
	B		NAJIB YUSUF
8 Lap Parlauf	1		
	2		
4 x 2 Lap Relay	A	P BB, DC, JG, AI	JW, KN, BF, KC
	B	ANAIA WOKOH	KENNY NEWBURY
Shot	A	JAMIE PACKHAM	BALINT FEKETE
	B	POPPY BALDWIN-BROOKS	KENNY NEWBURY
Speed Bounce	A	DANIELLE CAMERON	WILL STRATTON
	B	MEGAN HART-JONES	JAMES WAMULO
Standing Long Jump	A	JEMIMA GERMAN	KANYE CHRISTIE
	B	AMANI ISLAM	JAMES WAMULO
Standing Triple Jump	A	JEMIMA GERMAN	KANYE CHRISTIE
	B	AMANI ISLAM	BALINT FEKETE
Vertical Jump	A	ANAIA WOKOH	NAJIB YUSUF
	B		

## KS3 CHRISTMAS NETBALL PARTY

### Girls receive awards for their efforts on the netball court this season

To celebrate an amazing season of training and fantastic matches and results, the KS3 Netball teams were invited to celebrate the end of their seasons with some friendly inter year matches, alongside Christmas music, cake and fizzy drinks! The girls were split into five teams and competed against each other in a friendly mini tournament with the "Chocolate Oranges" being crowned winners overall.

Alongside the festive cheer and matches, the girls were also recognised for their efforts this season and certificates were awarded for "Most Improved" and "Coach's Player" which were decided by Miss Ball and Miss Wilsher and "Player's Player" which were voted by fellow team mates.

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Most Improved: Dahirah Odaway

Coach's player: Mae Kingston

Players player: Anna Petrie & Bess Stevens

Most Improved: Sophie De Wet

Coach's player: Demi Cornick

Players player: Leah Wardingley & Jess Porter

Most Improved: Rose Barker

Coach's player: Poppy Baldwin Brooks

Players player: Bella Wake & Liv Ring



Congratulations all on a fab season with huge numbers turning up each week for training and fixtures. Well done and thank you.

Miss Ball and Miss Wilsher

## 8 GIRLS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

**Bad weather moves tournament indoors as A teams only compete**

Despite the rain it was decided that an indoor A team only tournament would take place to complete Year 8's season of netball. The round robin format saw the girls play in six matches of eight minutes one way. Their first game was against a skilled team in Backwell, both teams started nervously, with possession changing frequently within the centre third. However, it was Backwell that took an initial lead. Sophie Young soon responded with a great shot to level the game. This

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seemed to spur the Backwell side on and they scored a further two goals in quick succession. However some strong play in the circle by Polly Cole resulted in another goal and the game finished 2-4.

The girls' second game was against another strong side in Priory, who finished second overall and go through to the WESPORT finals. Despite not having much possession, the girls did well to create some opportunities for both Josie Rafferty and Polly Cole in the shooting circle however it was the defence of Ruby Gray and Leah Wardingley who were under the most pressure during the game. Both performed really well but were unable to stop the constant attack of Priory who won the game by 5 goals to 1.

Churchill next and this was a much more even game despite the final score line, both teams had a number of interceptions and Siena Di Nardo performed really well in that role turning position over for the St Kath's side. Both teams had plenty of opportunities, but it was the Churchill who converted more of them to win the game by 2 goals to 1.

The girl's toughest game of the tournament was against overall winners Clevedon, who are prolific in their attacking with club players throughout the squad. The girls did well to score a goal against this fantastic side, but the game was very one-sided with Clevedon scoring on numerous occasions to win the game 8 goals to 1.

Their penultimate game was against local rivals Gordano and having beaten them convincingly in fixtures earlier this season it was chance for their first victory. A promising start with an early goal by Polly Cole settled the side and good





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support by Maddy Thomas into the goal gave our shooters plenty of chances. The girls won this game well by 6 goals to nil.

The final game was against Hans Price and despite taking an early lead, of 2 goals, the Hans Price team managed to level the game in the closing minutes to 2-2. Demi Cornick linked well with Angel Chinn and Toulia Hudson in the centre third to move the ball from defence into attack. The game finished in a draw however, St Kath's finished above Hans Price in the overall standings as they scored more goals overall.

Leah Wardingley, Ruby Gray and Demi Cornick all received player of the match votes from the opposing teams.

Miss Ball



## WINTER HOUSE SPORT

**More than 400 students from 7-10 represent houses for last time in 2019**

Everyone had their fingers crossed for some drier weather in the run up to the final house sport events of 2019 but Mother Nature had other ideas! An absolute deluge of rain on the Thursday and Friday of our calendared week put pay to any outdoor competition and rendered our outdoor pitches and netball courts completely unusable! For the first time in many years, all four year group competitions were forced to resort to indoor alternatives. Although these alternatives aren't our ideal choice, they at least guarantee a competition and mean that we can keep our house sport competition to schedule! This year all boys competitions were indoor wacky events and all girls competitions were indoor adapted netball events. Our thanks to all competitors who arrived to compete and greeted us with such cooperation, respect and understanding given their frustrations at our unfortunate weather-related circumstances.



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**Stephenson crowned winners on netball court!**

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The weather wasn't on the side of the house competitions this week and it meant that the netball had to be played inside and an elimination tournament took place. A random draw saw two teams gain automatic byes into the semi-finals (Pankhurst 1 and Yousafzai 2) whilst the remaining 4 battled it out for qualification.

Pankhurst 2 v Stephenson (0 – 5): A bright start by Stephenson saw Chloe Patten and Afifa Jawge link well through the centre court, providing plenty of ball to their shooters Eva Hayes and Lauren Weeks. Megan Reed and Thea Sheldon did well in defence for Pankhurst but it was a constant stream of attack by Stephenson. This left little for the shooting pair Anna Petrie and Megan Stenner to do. Further good play by Yasmine Oukrane and Zayna supported Stephenson well and 5 goals by Lauren gave them a convincing win.

Turing v Yousafzai 1 (0 – 3): This game was much more frantic than the previous game with possession changing frequently. Yousafzai had the better start but Sabira Caraye defended well. However it was an interception in the shooting circle by GS Dahira Odaway and a long range shot that went in that changed the game. Turing's Portia Nash and Bess Stevens linked well but great defence by Ikran Issa turned possession over to Yousafzai again to provide Dahira with the chances she needed.

SF1 - Pankhurst 1 v Stephenson (0 – 8): Fresh from the bench Pankhurst 1 faced Stephenson who had a convincing victory in the playoffs. It was Stephenson who started stronger with Yasmine and Lauren linking well. The attack was constant from Stephenson and Lauren needed no second chances to score. This was despite the valiant efforts of Billie Winter and Ruby Slaven in the centre court and the high energy of Supriya Kaur playing C. Unfortunately the dominance of Stephenson left little for Abby Tanner to do in the goal end.

SF2 - Yousafzai 2 v Yousafzai 1 (0 – 0, Y2 win S/O): A really close game between both Yousafzai teams. Yousafzai 2 were the fresher of the 2 teams but had less possession with Naomi Burr defending strongly and linking well with Lyla Moore and Mae Kingston. Olivia Rose put pressure on the defence in the opposite goal end, however the game finished goalless and led to the first shoot off. This effectively meant one player from each team alternately took shots from a set mark and the first with a clear goal lead would win. Olivia Rose was the successful player on this occasion and took Y2 through.

5 & 6 F – Turing v Pankhurst 2 (1 – 2): Pankhurst started the brighter of the 2 teams with Anna Petrie scoring a long range shot to take the lead. Anna continued to link well with Megan Stenner and Portia and Bess defended well linking with Macy Curthoys. Another goal for Pankhurst seemed to be the end of this battle but a rare attack by Turing saw Khianna get a shot past Emily Creese. This left a tense finish but Pankhurst were the eventual winners.

3 & 4 F - Yousafzai 1 v Pankhurst 1 (2 – 0): A bright start for Pankhurst saw Billie Winter, Abby Tanner and Lexie Parsons move the ball around well linking well with Sophie Bisacre. Whilst fresh legs on for Yousafzai saw River Clarke and Morgan Marsh in the shooting end. Alicia Cole battled hard in the centre and created a chance for River, which she converted to take the lead. Dulcie Donnelly supported well and a further goal secured the win for Yousafzai 1.

Final – Stephenson v Yousafzai 2 (3 – 1): Despite the best efforts of Naomi Burr and Viviana Suma in defence the great links by Lauren Weeks and Fatima Butt lead to their first goal. A further goal from an interception by Afifa Jawge looked like a comfortable lead for Stephenson. However a good interception by Colbie Rudolf and linking with Millie Horn provided Olivia Rose Miller the chance she needed to close the gap. However the game wasn't long enough for the Yousafzai side and on the final whistle Stephenson were crowned winners.



Year 7 Rugby

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**Turing claim top spot for Winter competition!**

More than 70 boys arrived to represent their houses in the first major competition of the year. With the competition having

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to take place indoors, it was impossible to pick a winner! Based on their performance in the dodgeball competition, you had to go with Yousafzai but it was really anyone's game!

Stephenson may have finished in fourth position but they played some excellent wacky and started the competition really strongly. Their best result came in the form of a 3-0 victory over Yousafzai 1. Stephenson created the most chances in this game and absolutely dominated possession with their tries coming from Dan Young (2) and Oliver Belcher. Dominating possession was something that Stephenson did throughout many of their matches but they just couldn't convert their share of the ball into points. Noah Bulmer did manage a score against Pankhurst 2 alas Stephenson lost the game 2-1. Warren Hooper and Ollie Belcher managed tries in a high scoring game against Turing but even those scores couldn't get them over the line. The boys were captained superbly throughout the competition by Daniel Young who maintained all of his energy and positivity despite results not going his way.

Pre-competition favourites Yousafzai had to settle for third place in the end as both of their tutor groups finished in joint fourth position in the 6 team tutor group standings. Each of their teams won 2 matches with Y2 victorious against Stephenson and Pankhurst 2 while Yousafzai 1 beat Pankhurst 1 and Yousafzai 2. Ollie Jackson, Joseph Brooks and Charlie Lane scored early doors but their try scoring dried up during later games with the exception of Charlie Lane. Yousafzai 1 enjoyed a thumping victory over Pankhurst 1 with James Slade proving to be an absolutely prolific try scorer. In actual fact James went on to top the individual standings with 7 tries over the course of the afternoon but not even his scoring could nudge the yellow house any higher up the standings.

Pankhurst performed really well over the course of the afternoon with both of their tutor groups finishing inside the top 3 in the 6 tutor group standings. Pankhurst 2 finished in the silver medal spot with Pankhurst 1 claiming the bronze. Pankhurst 1 notched up the most impressive green victory of the competition with a dominant display over Stephenson. Adam Milkins grabbed two tries while Ollie Scanlan and Tyler Fogg also got in on the scoring action. Ollie Scanlan went on to top score for his house team which was vital in their hunt for points. Pankhurst 2 were much more understated in their performances but won a number of matches by just a single try. Their best effort came against Yousafzai 1 which was the final match of the competition in which James Jackson and Jack Spencer grabbed the tries.

Turing were surprise victors, especially given that they lost their first match against Pankhurst 2. They might have been slow to start but they really improved throughout the competition and unlocked the secret to scoring tries in wacky – short passing! Their best result was a 4-0 destruction of Yousafzai 1 where Liam Bundy grabbed himself and hattrick along with Riley Bristol adding one. Their secret wasn't just in their try scorers though as the boys across the team performed brilliantly. George Wilkinson was everywhere in midfield along with Cos and Riccardo. Gus Woodward also seemed to arrive in the right place at the right time for everything that threatened the mat and all up, their combinations of players and how they gelled together were the reason for their success.

Golden Hand: James Slade Y1 – 7 tries in 5 matches



## Year 8 Netball

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## Victorious Yousafzai reverse last years standings!

The weather wasn't on the side of the house competitions this week and it meant that the netball had to be played inside and an elimination tournament took place. A random draw saw two teams gain automatic byes into the semi-finals (Pankhurst and Yousafzai) whilst the remaining 4 battled it out for qualification.

PO1 - Stephenson 1 v Stephenson 2 (0 – 4): A battle of the house saw quite a one sided game with S2 taking the majority of possession. Ruby Gray for S1 had to be dynamic in her defence as Madison Price and Polly Cole had plenty of chances. Madison took the lead for S2 and it was extended by another goal and two further goals for Polly. Sophia

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Harper controlled the centre court well for a well deserved victory for S2.

PO2 - Turing 1 v Turing 2 (0 – 6): A dominant performance by T2 and some sharp shooting by Nahla Mengoud gave them the lead despite the best efforts of Hope Roberts and Ruby Forder in defence. Great linking by Jena Walker and Ruby Magnum lead to further chances for Hollie Lang and Nahla, with a goal for Hollie and 4 more for Nahla.

SF1 – Pankhurst v Stephenson 2 (2 – 3): Stephenson made some positional changes with Polly Cole moving to centre, and Sienna Di Nardo to GA. Good defence by Maida Warsame made life difficult for the S2 attack but Sienna did score her first shot and this was followed up by Madison Price for a 2 goal lead. Pankhurst responded well and good work in the centre third by Liana Jakubaite and Demi Cornick led to a comeback and the score levelled at 2-2. It seemed the game was destined for a shoot out however some good work and an interception by Angel Chinn gave Madison the chance she needed and they won the game with seconds to spare.

SF2 – Yousafzai v Turing 2 (0 – 0, Turing won S/O): There was little to split these sides and the game was more about turnovers in possession than goal scoring chances. Leah Wardingley made a huge difference for Yousafzai and frustrated the Turing attack. Maddy Thomas worked hard to keep making those chances but the game finished in a predictable draw. A shoot off was used to split the teams with the team with the first clear goal taking the win. Jemima Douglas faced Nahla and Nahla was clinical in her accuracy taking the win for Turing 2.

5 & 6 F - Turing 1 v Stephenson 1 (0 – 3): Both teams were keen for their first win however it was Stephenson who had the majority of play. Sophie Young worked hard and linked well with Ellie Baker, despite this Sayen and Emily for Turing did particularly well but it wasn't enough to overpower the Stephenson side.

3 & 4 F – Pankhurst v Yousafzai (2 – 3): A shake up in the Yousafzai side saw Leah Wardingley join Jemima in attack and this seemed to work as Leah scored within the first minute. Jemima followed up for Yousafzai's 2nd and it seemed the game was in their hands. However a good battle in the centre with Keeleigh Large and Sophie De Wet and a flip of possession saw Pankhurst's Isobel Bromfield and Liana scored in quick succession and level the game. It seemed that it would end in a draw but in the dying seconds Leah kept her cool and scored the winning goal.

F - Stephenson 2 v Turing 2 (3 – 5): This was an end to end goal fest and the final didn't disappoint in terms of excitement. Josie Rafferty defended well against the in-form Nahla Mengoud but couldn't stop her taking a 3 goal lead for Turing 2. However, good links between Sophia Harper and Madison Price allowed Polly Cole chances which she converted to level the game. In the final minute a surge by Turing 2 and a quick ball from Maddy Thomas to Nahla gave them the lead and this was further increased in the dying seconds, crowning Turing 2 competition winners.



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## Yousafzai take rugby title for second time!

The Year 8 boys rugby competition may have finished up exactly the same as it did in Year 7 but the two competitions were miles apart! For starters, the competition last year was outdoors and this years competition was just like the Championship in football – anyone could've beaten anyone!

Pankhurst did finish bottom of the pile again but their results were entirely different to last year. To give you some idea of how close the competition was; Pankhurst took on Yousafzai (eventual winners) in their final match and lost by just a single score despite being ahead and looking good for the victory. Pankhurst's best result came against Turing 1 as they won out by scoring 3 tries; Josh Cowley, Kian Stock and Bailey Hasell scoring the points. Ryan Tembo was great in midfield for the green house and used all of his basketball skills to great effect. Bailey Hasell was easily top scorer for his house grabbing a try in each game they scored in. Pankhurst played really well and were still missing Gabe Sydenham and Charlie Steadman – both would have added a huge amount to the boys who were out competing hard for their



points.

Turing finished in third place overall as their two tutor groups placed fifth and second in the 6 team competition. The boys from Turing 1 actually beat their counterparts when they met early in the competition with the tries coming from Hector and Tom Stancliffe. The boys worked really well as an outfit with Will Young, Yahya, Dom, Hector and Tom teaming up brilliantly. This blue lot were unfortunate to be missing Billy Stringer who would certainly have added some punch to their performances. T2 faired much better but arguably had the stronger of the two Turing sides. Tries were very easy to come by in T2 with Layton Thompson top scoring with 9 scores in his 5 matches. The service for Layton was superb with Jake Packham, Jack Jansen, Jack Heptinstall and Arthur Storey using their know-how to turn providers. Owen Moss was easily the most under-rated player for T2 as he defended almost everything that was mat bound. Despite the efforts of all of the blue players, they had to settle for third.

The Stephenson boys went 1 better and finished second after their two tutor groups finished in third and fourth place respectively. Stephenson 1 performed better winning 3 of their 5 matches and their best result came against Pankhurst after they scored 4 tries and conceded just 1. Ethan, Dillan F (2) and Charlie Topp grabbed the tries for the red house in that game but it was a team performance that got them over the line overall. Sam Belcher was a giant in defence for S1 and they needed him to be. Sam was a machine when it came to interceptions. With things sewn up at the back, Charlie could push forward and combine with his team mates to create chances. The boys in S2 managed 3 tries against Pankhurst and against T1 with the points coming from Cosmo, Mattijs (2), Jacob, Mason and Monty! The number of scorers gives you a sense of the team unity in the red house and across all of their matches they worked really well together. There are 20 boys in S2 and the vast majority of them were out representing their house.

Top spot and the gold medal went to the yellow house, Yousafzai. It was agreed by everyone watching that over the course of the competition, Yousafzai were comfortably the best in terms of the quality of the wacky that they played. They won all but one of their matches with their most dominant victory coming against Turing 1. Jack Vine, Sam Richardson and Tyler scored the points in this contest but tries also came from Frank over the course of the competition. Tyler was their main scoring threat and actually finished marginally behind Layton in the top scorer standings. Frank was phenomenal on the mat and just shut out anything that came his way. Yousafzai only conceded 5 tries across all of their matches which was two better than their nearest rivals, T2. T2 did managed to scabble a draw against the yellows but only after a late equaliser from Layton robbed Yousafzai of a point.

Golden Hand: Layton Thompson T2 – 9 tries in 5 matches



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## Year 9 Yousafzai girls crowned netball champions!

Pankhurst may have finished bottom of the competition by standings but this should absolutely have been a competition which they won! Competition rules dictated that Pankhurst had to turn out 2 teams as they have 2 tutor groups in Year 9. Unfortunately, they could only muster 8 girls and therefore were disqualified from the competition. Without wishing to punish the 8 girls that arrived, they fielded any 7 they wanted in any of the Pankhurst fixtures and some of the netball they played was sublime! Their best player was easily Olivia Ring whose shooting was ridiculously good! Olivia scored all 3 goals against Turing, all 3 against Yousafzai 1, all 4 against Yousafzai 2 and all 3 against Stephenson – what a crazy display of shooting! I'd be lying if I said that Olivia was the only girl in Pankhurst who played well too! Daisy Medder was great at turning provider along with Zara Mace and Mia Melias. Lyra Savy, Kaiya Greenwood, Jemima German and Nancy did a superb job in the first two thirds and their efforts meant that the competition would have been an all Pankhurst final – huge credit to the girls who did turn out to represent their house, they did so admirably!

Turing were unfortunate after coming up against some seriously strong opposition in the form of Pankhurst 2 and Yousafzai 1 in their group. Yousafzai 1 ended up winning the competition but not before Tacie-Ann Francis managed two

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goals against them in their group game. The Turing girls held out for a 0-0 against Yousafzai 2 in their final match which secured them third place. Special mentions to Amrit Gill and Hollie Andrews for their work in the mid court.

Stephenson performed really well in the competition and beat Yousafzai 2 in their opening pool match. The Stephenson girls scored 3 goals and all three came through Scarlett Newby who was easily the best player from the red house over the course of the afternoon. The Stephenson girls eventually lost out to Yousafzai 1 in the final but gave a really gutsy performance first. Alicia, Rose and Anaia were excellent in their work rate and determination and really complemented Safa, Effie and Danielle brilliantly. The girls worked well together but had it not been for Scarlett, they would have found the going much tougher!

The Yousafzai girls were superb in terms of their netball over the course of the afternoon. Y2 found things more difficult than Y1 but that didn't stop them performing well all the same. They lost their opener to Stephenson despite grabbing a goal through Jamie Packham. There was one comedy moment when Ramatulai and a few other girls ended up piling on top of one another after colliding in the centre of the court! Fortunately all of the girls regained their feet after being struck down by chronic laughter rather than anything serious! Y1 were dominant throughout the afternoon and beat Turing comprehensively despite losing their opening game to Pankhurst. Poppy Baldwin-Brooks was a first-class competitor for every single minute of every single game that her house played. I was officiating at Poppy's end and was struck by just how much she wants to win when she steps onto the court. The quality of her play just kept rising when she needed it to and her scoring seemed to come at a canter when the need was greatest. Poppy scored 2 against Pankhurst but grabbed all 6 in their victory over Turing and all 3 in their victory over Stephenson in the final. Poppy was given great service by Daisy and Lillie-Mai as well as Elyssia. It would be all too easy to heap the praise onto Poppy (she was amazing after all) but alongside all great attackers are great defenders and Bella Wake was sublime for her house – those two girls in particular oozed class and really stood out in terms of their skill level and performance!

Top scorer: Olivia Ring – 13 goals in 4 matches, Poppy Baldwin-Brooks – 11 goals in 3 matches



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## Yousafzai superb in wacky competition!

Pankhurst were unfortunate to be missing some of their key players in the run up to the competition and they didn't make it back in time for selection either. They were always going to be up against it but that didn't deter the boys who did arrive to represent the green house. Their best result came from P2 who lost only narrowly to Stephenson 2 tries to 1. Remi scored the only try of the match for Pankhurst in what was an extremely physical encounter with some excellent mat defence from the Stephenson boys. Other boys who scored tries for Pankhurst included Matty Brennan, Bradley Tanner and Yasser Issa. The two teams from Pankhurst eventually met in the losers final which turned out to be an excellent game, played in a great spirit with both teams playing some excellent wacky.

The boys from Stephenson were pleased about the weather conditions meaning that the competition had to be indoor wacky as they felt that their skill set was better suited to the basketball-rugby mash up. Stephenson stepped up against Pankhurst in their group game earning victory with scores from Adil and Ian. The boys got an excellent result against eventual finalists Y1 with a thrilling 3-3 draw; scores coming from Ian, Adil and Najib. The Sixth Formers who were helping to officiate and run the competition were in absolute agreement that Jon PK was easily the most underrated player of the competition – his mat defence was exceptional and made the red house very difficult to beat indeed. Stephenson went on to lose to Turing in the 3 & 4 place final but Turing were disappointed not to have made the final which shows the achievement of the Stephenson boys.

Turing were forced to settle for second place after an all yellow final. They beat Pankhurst 1 and drew with Y2 in their group games. Trysten scored in the Pankhurst game along with some impressive aerial acrobatics from Ryan Bundy who

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grabbed two in the same match. The game was end-to-end which played into the blue hands as they love an attacking contest. They were up against stiffer opposition in the form of Y2 in their last game. The contest went right to the wire and it was only a try in the dying seconds of the game that secured a tie for the boys from the blue house. Kanye Christie scored the last minute try but not before Taygan Smith proved his wacky value once again with an early brace.

Yousafzai were clear winners having seen both of their tutor groups through to the final. Both houses enjoyed comprehensive victories against their Pankhurst opposition before earning tough draws against Stephenson and Turing in their last group games. Tries for the yellows came from Charley Songer, Dylan Hewett, Kenzie Findlay, James Wamulo, Jay Mobbs, Dauud Ismail and Alfie King. Alfie King in particular had rave reviews from the PE staff who were in the room but it was James Wamulo who was awarded Most Valuable Player by the Sixth Form onlookers. The final didn't disappoint and was a really good game where both teams threatened the attacking mat. James Wamulo grabbed a brace for Y1 but some serious firepower from Charley, Dauud and Dylan ensured that Y2 ran out deserving winners. Neither of the tutor teams were particularly bothered as they knew that having both teams in the final meant they were taking more points than any other house from the event!



## Year 10 Netball

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## Stephenson girls pull best netball out of the bag!

The Year 10 girl's netball competition was a really competitive event where the standard of netball was really strong across the board from all of the houses. It was great to see such strength in depth throughout all of the positions for each house and it made for a fascinating round-robin competition.

The Turing girls were really disappointed at the end of their competition after T1 finished in fifth place and T2 finished in first place during the 5 team standings. The girls were desperately debating the fairness of the competition yet in actual fact, things were so much closer than they appeared at first glance. Turing 1 lost all of their matches but did manage 2 goals through Katie Clarke who shot brilliantly for both! A special mention should go to Jess Stanley who maintained her drive and energy throughout all of the matches. T1 found the going tough other than that but their house mates T2 smashed their way through the competition winning all but one of their matches. Their point scoring was furious as Issy Howie was simply unstoppable under the hoop! T2's best performance came in their 7 nil demolition of Stephenson who finished up eventual winners. Issy Howie scored 4 alongside Ruby Aczel's 3. Scoring points came easily in all of their games except the game against Pankhurst which they drew 1-1 with a last minute equaliser from Issy. Had Turing of won that game, they would have jumped to second place overall which shows just how close things were!

Yousafzai put in some excellent performances and were certainly buoyed by the presence of their tutor Mr Davies! Unsurprisingly Avon County netballer Asha Storer was superfluous in her position as GD and this meant that the girls found the yellow house extremely difficult to break down. Goals at the other end were just as hard to come across though and it was only Maya Matthews, Elanor Tuckwell, Leah Porter and Leah Rudolph who were able to find the basket and each could only manage to do so on a single occasion. The girls from the yellow house fought bravely and with 1 victory, 2 draws and a loss, had to settle for third place overall.

The Pankhurst girls finished in second and it would be easy to say that it was because Chloe Weaden had her shooting boots on – which she did! In actual fact it was the team performance in Pankhurst that secured their points. They started emphatically against T1 but couldn't manage more than a draw against T2 and Yousafzai. Pankhurst had huge strength in depth with Elina, Daisy, Molly, Hetty, Issy, India and Suheylya alongside Chloe. If Pankhurst could have converted just 1 of those tied games into a victory, they would have won the competition ... more evidence that shows just how close the event was!

Stephenson girls were delighted to be crowned surprise winners despite being on the end of a thumping from Turing 2.

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They did however enjoy victories over Pankhurst with two scores from Sophie Weaden and another from Ellie Ojo, Turing 1 with scores from Niamh (2) and a draw against Yousafzai thanks to another score from Sophie. Niamh Gaynor really impressed on the court for the girls from the red house and her movement was excellent. Isra intercepted a huge amount of ball in the first third and so often was the start of all of the positive attacking intent for her house. Ella Leakey was more than useful when she was on court and it was her efforts in combination with Sophie Weaden's shooting that earned the girls victory!

Top scorer: Issy Howie T2 – 13 goals in 4 matches



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## Stephenson boys go one better this year!

The Year 10 boys took the prize for the most fun had during a boys house competition this year and it was great to see the matches played in such a great spirit and enjoyed by everyone. The final results were fairly true to form with the exception of Stephenson who got one over on Pankhurst this time around!

Bottom of the pile again were Yousafzai house who were unfortunate in both of their games against Turing opposition. They lost 2-1 to T1 and 3-2 to T2. Lewis Cole shouldered much of the responsibility in the game against T1 and scored the try in addition to his work outfield. Lewis was outstanding once again for the yellow house in the other game against T2 and this time was joined in the scoring by team mate and fellow leader Joe Betty. Fitting that both of these boys occupy leadership roles in the house. It wasn't solely down to the leaders for the team effort though as the boys were joined by many of their tutor group who all represented the house superbly!

Having won the dodgeball competition, the Turing boys were disappointed to have finished in the same position as they did last year. The team from T2 finished the 5 team contest in third place while their counterparts finished in fourth. Their most impressive results of the competition weren't their victories over Yousafzai but rather T2's draw against Pankhurst. T2 attacked the green house really well forcing one of the opposition to be sin-binned. Max Stevens and Isaac Osborn exploited their numerical advantage and came back from 2 down to equalise before their time was up. Nana led the boys from T1 although they did make the smart decision to mix up their tutor group teams from the competition. Nana scored tries and gave his team mates great energy for the duration. Dan Burt and Shadrach managed scores when the two houses met and in their subsequent game against Yousafzai.

Pankhurst had to settle for second position despite remaining unbeaten throughout the competition. They did tie one of their games against T2 and also tied with eventual champions Stephenson. Pankhurst met Stephenson towards the end of the round robin competition and both teams showed their quality. The game had a real pace to it and the two sides were incredibly evenly matched. Isaac Adebo bagged a brace which was complimented by another score from Toby Rice to level things up and force the draw. Toby scored a hatrick in the game against Yousafzai along with scores from Ari, Isaac and Ciaran. Isaac and Toby kept up their scoring habits against T1 and T2. Pankhurst started out with a 6-0 victory which got them off to a great start and after winning their first two games, they looked set for top spot but Stephenson had other ideas!

Stephenson won all of their games bar the tie against Pankhurst which proved enough to seat them top of the standings. Had Pankhurst been able to beat Turing then things would have been extremely close given that both teams try difference and scoring habits were extremely similar! That said, Stephenson did score 1 more try than Pankhurst finishing with a total of 15 for the afternoon! Ollie Page was absolutely instrumental in their attack and he actually managed to bag 11 of the 15 for himself! Ollie is a tall lad and it would be very easy to claim that his height is his only weapon. In actual fact, Ollie is an excellent athlete and is perfectly capable whether the ball is above his head or down at his feet as he proved in this competition. In their final game, Stephenson knew that they needed to win to take the gold and they came



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straight out of the traps and attacked solidly. Ollie managed 3 in the last game to ensure that his house took maximum points.

Golden Hand: Ollie Page S – 11 tries in 4 matches



## Results

Please see Winter House Sport results for individual year group competitions below.

	House	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Total	
		Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank
BOYS	Pankhurst	6	2	2	4	2	4	6	2	16	4
	Stephenson	2	4	6	2	4	3	8	1	20	3
	Turing	8	1	4	3	6	2	4	3	22	1
	Yousafzai	4	3	8	1	8	1	2	4	22	1
GIRLS	Pankhurst	4	3	2	4	0	4	6	2	12	4
	Stephenson	8	1	6	2	6	2	8	1	28	1
	Turing	2	4	6	2	4	3	2	4	14	3
	Yousafzai	6	2	8	1	8	1	4	3	26	2
OVERALL	Pankhurst	10	1	4	4	2	4	12	2	28	4
	Stephenson	10	1	12	2	10	2	16	1	48	1
	Turing	10	1	10	3	10	2	6	3	36	3
	Yousafzai	10	1	16	1	16	1	6	3	48	1

Thank You!

Huge thanks to all of our Sixth Form students and some other students who helped us run and officiate our Winter competitions. We are really fortunate to have so many capable pairs of hands to help improve the quality of the competition for our students!

Alfie DERRICK, George HAYWARD, Felix MCGOVERN, Lucie ROBERTSHAW, Matthew CRUTCHLEY, Ethan EGGLESTON, George HARRIS, Mike MCCALMAN, Caolán PEARCE, Max STINCHCOMBE, Louis STRATTON, Lauren TOMS, Logan WEST, Kaie LAWRENCE, Layton THOMPSON

Thank you also to all of our House Captains for organising their teams!

Congratulations to everyone who took part for their houses!

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## 7 BOYS BRISTOL BEARS FESTIVAL

### Boys take part in Bears Community Foundation festival at Lockleaze Sports Centre

Our final involvement of the rugby season saw us enter a community tournament organised by Bristol Bears Community Sport Foundation. The tournament lay out was based around rugby involvement and participation and including as many students as possible.



It was a pleasure to take many St Katherine's students offsite and to this tournament, fielding 3 teams and watching the boys get involved with the tournament, Bristol staff and students from other schools. A special mention must go to Charlie Lane as although we often had more than 1 team playing at once, whenever I turned to watch Charlie's game he seemed to be racing away or putting the ball on the try line!



Mr Dawes

## HOUSE RESULTS UPDATE - DECEMBER 2019

### Houses chase down Turing who are still unmoved and top of the pile at Christmas

Turing had a superb Autumn competition excelling on the cross-country course, benchball and dodgeball courts. The blue house had a very healthy lead heading into Winter competitions but the other houses made it their mission to chase down the leaders. Turing may still be top of the pile at Christmas but the other three houses are hot on their tail with Stephenson and Yousafzai in particular enjoying great success in rugby and netball competitions.

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Current Standings		
Position	House	Points
1	Turing	135
2=	Stephenson	120
2=	Yousafzai	120
4	Pankhurst	84

*“ Turing top of the pile at Christmas but chasers mount a charge heading into the break ”*

Previous Standings		
Position	House	Points
1	Turing	66
2	Stephenson	50
3	Yousafzai	48
4	Pankhurst	36

	House	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Total	
		Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank
BOYS	Pankhurst	10	3	5	4	7	4	15	2	5	3	42	4
	Stephenson	12	2	17	1	9	3	14	3	5	3	57	2
	Turing	17	1	14	2	18	1	16	1	12	1	77	1
	Yousafzai	10	3	14	2	16	2	5	4	8	2	53	3
GIRLS	Pankhurst	14	1	5	4	6	4	14	2	3	4	42	4
	Stephenson	13	2	14	3	15	2	15	1	6	3	63	2
	Turing	10	4	15	2	10	3	11	3	12	1	58	3
	Yousafzai	13	2	18	1	17	1	10	4	9	2	67	1
OVERALL	Pankhurst	24	3	10	4	13	4	29	1	8	4	84	4
	Stephenson	25	2	31	2	24	3	29	1	11	3	120	2
	Turing	27	1	29	3	28	2	27	3	24	1	135	1
	Yousafzai	23	4	32	1	33	1	15	4	17	2	120	2

Month	Event	*
SEPTEMBER	HOUSE CAPTAIN APPLICATIONS	✓
OCTOBER	CROSS COUNTRY	✓
NOVEMBER	AUTUMN HOUSE SPORT: DODGEBALL & BENCHBALL	✓
DECEMBER	SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS	✓
	WINTER HOUSE SPORT: RUGBY & NETBALL	✓
JANUARY	BADMINTON	
FEBRUARY	BASKETBALL	
	NINJA WARRIOR, BOCCIA & KURLING	
MARCH	INDOOR ROWING	
APRIL	SPRING HOUSE SPORT: FOOTBALL & HOCKEY	
JUNE	SUMMER HOUSE SPORT: SOFTBALL & ROUNDERS	
	ATHLETICS	
JULY	SUPERSTARS	

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## KEY PE AND SPORT UPDATES

### The latest updates and information from the PE faculty at St Katherine's

Please see below for the latest PE and sport updates. If you have any questions about any of the information below then please contact Mr Cook (Head of PE) - [cookd@skrive.org](mailto:cookd@skrive.org)

#### Slack

Students might know that we used Showbie as a platform to try to improve our communicate with our major sports teams. We have decided to trial a different platform called Slack and are confident that this platform will be better suited to our needs. Students can download slack as an app for iOS, Android or as an application for a desktop or laptop PC.

Students can only join the workspace for their year group with an invitation from a member of staff so once you are ready to go, let us know and we can send you an invitation.

If you have any questions about Slack, please ask Mr Cook!

**slack**

**We are trialling a new platform to improve communication with students who are part of our sports teams**

You can download slack as an app for **iOS, Android** or as an application for **Windows Desktop**.

**Ask your teacher for an invitation** to your year group workspace.

Once you have joined the workspace, then you can **join team channels** and stay up to date!

#### Keep Up To Date

There are various means by which you can stay up to date with all of the latest PE news and information. Please see details here. If you would like any more information on any of the platforms, please let us know!

We use Twitter to share weekly updates, Snapchat to share daily reminders, Instagram to share all of our photographs, Google Calendar to publicise all of our fixture dates / events in advance, Slack to communicate with our major teams, our website to share key PE information and our PE television to give students reminders of all of the above.

If you have any feedback on how we can improve our communication - please let us know!

### STAY UP TO DATE WITH ALL THINGS PE

Make sure you stay up to date with all of the latest PE news and information

- Twitter **StKathsPE**
- Snapchat **stkathspe**
- Instagram **stkathspe**
- Google Calendar **bit.ly/skpe\_gcal**
- Slack **Invite Only**
- Online **stkaths.org.uk**
- PE TV **Main Corridor**

#### Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

We would like to wish all of our students, parents, carers, supporters & partners a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you all for everything you have done to help make 2019 brilliant - see you in 2020!

#### Important Dates

- Sat 18 Jan - Avon Schools Cross Country
- Wed 22 Jan - Girls Netball Trip
- Sat 1 Feb - Avon Sportshall Athletics Trials



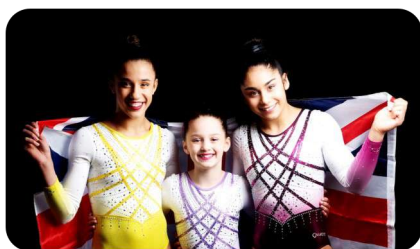


## SK SPORTING STUDENTS

We are really proud of all of the sporting achievements of the students in our school. Below are some updates on some of our sporting students.

### Phoebe Jakubczyk & Amelie Morgan (Artistic Gymnastics)

International gymnastic due Phoebe and Amelie and their amazing sporting achievements



At the start of this year we were delighted to be joined by two ladies in Year 12 who both compete at the highest level in their sport of artistic gymnastics which includes all 4 apparatus; bars, beam, floor and vault. Phoebe and Amelie are both part of the Senior National Team who compete all over the world and at the top level.

Phoebe and Amelie have both been training and competing for a number of years but we are really excited to share some of their recent achievements with you!

#### Phoebe



Phoebe hasn't exactly had a quiet 2019! Earlier this year Phoebe competed at the Elite Gym Massilia International where Phoebe picked up a bronze on bars and placed 4th in the floor final too.

Back at the start of December Phoebe also had a last minute call up to represent Great Britain at the Toyota International Cup in Tokyo, Japan. In her first day of competition, Phoebe finished 7th in the bars final but capped things off with an International bronze medal. Phoebe finished in 3rd place on the floor to top an amazing competitive experience and sign-off after 12 all around competitions in the space of just 15 weeks!

#### Amelie



Earlier this year Amelie won the English Championships and came 3rd at the British Championships - Amelie also came 3rd on bars and beam individually. Amelie also went to the European Championships in Poland which was her first international competition as a senior and she qualified 5th all around!

Just in November, Amelie went to Germany for an apparatus World Cup competing on the bars and beam. Amelie made the bars final and placed 7th where she was competing against Olympic and World medallists.

In 2020, both girls are set to compete in the English Championships and British Championships and hope to get the chance to be selected for more International competitions too!

We know that both girls have achieved so much more than we can write down here but hopefully this gives you a flavour of just how talented these two are!

We wish them the very best of luck for 2020 and beyond - what this space!

We know there are lots of students who have amazing sporting talents and achieve great things outside of school. Does your son or daughter deserve to be recognised for their sporting achievements? If so we want to know about it! If they don't tell us about their sporting achievements then we probably don't know!

Please feel free to send us updates and photographs as regularly as you like! Email [cookd@skdrive.org](mailto:cookd@skdrive.org) to tell us more! The best of luck to all St Katherine's students with any upcoming sporting endeavours!

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## CLUBS AND CAPS TERM 2

### A look back at student achievements in the second term of the academic year 2019/20

We are really pleased to be able to share some information about notable student achievements this term. So many of our students give such substantial and sustained contributions to our faculty and they deserve their recognition!

#### Top Clubbers

Congratulations to the top male and female clubbers for each year group below! Top overall clubber highlighted!

*Includes attendance at any lunchtime or after school PE club*

MULTIPLE	Year 7	Charlie Lane
Sophie De Wet	Year 8	Dillan Faulkner & Will Young
MULTIPLE	Year 9	<b>Matthew Brennan</b>
<b>Molly Green &amp; Isobel Taylor</b>	Year 10	Toby Rice
-	Year 11	Max Andrews & Louie Dun
-	Year 12 & 13	MULTIPLE

#### School Caps

Congratulations to the students below who notched up the most school caps during this term! Most caps highlighted!

*Includes any occasion whereby a student represents the school in a competition against other schools (excluding house competitions, trips or other events not involving competition i.e. leadership events).*

Eva Hayes & Ana Oluwu	Year 7	Joel Martineau
Leah Wardingley	Year 8	<b>Jake Packham</b>
Poppy Baldwin-Brooks & Jamie Packham	Year 9	Will Stratton
<b>Molly Green</b>	Year 10	<b>Toby Rice</b>
MULTIPLE	Year 11	MULTIPLE
-	Year 12 & 13	Caolán Pearce & Louis Stratton

Congratulations to the students below who are currently the highest cap earners in the school! Most capped highlighted!

<b>Isobel Taylor</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>Most Capped Students</b>	<b>Caolán Pearce</b>	<b>144</b>
Bo Marshall	89		Toby Rice	126
Molly Jackson	86		Louis Stratton	122

Keep working hard - your effort, endeavour, dedication and commitment doesn't go unnoticed!

Thank you all for your contributions.

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### NEWSLETTERS

You sign up for our termly PE newsletter at [stkaths.org.uk](http://stkaths.org.uk)

### PHOTOGRAPHS

All of our PE and sport photographs are available on Instagram [stkathspe](#)

### GOOGLE CALENDAR AND SLACK

Students can stay up to date with all things PE using Google Calendar & Slack



## The PE Faculty

**Mr Cook**  
Head of PE

**Miss Ball**  
Head of Girls PE

**Mrs Price**

**Mr Thomas**

**Miss Wilsher**

**Mr Dawes**



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