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8 BOYS FOOTBALL V WYDEAN

Boys fall at the first hurdle in National Cup but pleasing performance against strong opposition

St Katherine's Year 8 football team hosted Wydean from Gloucestershire in the National schools knockout competition on Thursday 4 October. This was to be played on the Watchouse pitch at St George due to it being the rugby season and no pitch available at St Katherine's. The hopes were high after a fairly successful season in Year 7 in the 9 aside format. The squad was largely the same which gave some continuity to their play.

Wydean started strongly and it was quickly apparent that they had two key players one in the centre of midfield and the other a striker. These two linked up well and it was no surprise when they scored with a ball over the top. Further saves from goalkeeper Gabriel Antolic Furlong prevented the score line increasing.

A second goal quickly followed and St Katherine's had a lot to do in order to get back into the game. Will King and Ryan Bundy tried to change this by working hard in the centre of midfield and Charley Songer made some promising runs upfront to stretch the Wydean defence. James Wamulo and Mac Marshall looked dangerous on the flanks and were able to start to penetrate the Wydean defence with some intelligent football. It was no surprise when St Katherine's got back into the game when the pacy Charley Songer burst through to slot under the keeper to make the score 3-1 Wydean.

Half time resulted in some changes and Mac Marshall moved to left back giving the exciting Najjib Yusuf the opportunity to use his athleticism and create problems for the Wydean defence. From a corner Najjib was able to power the ball home to make the score 3-2.

Despite their dominance in the 2nd half Wydean continued to look dangerous on the break and the intelligent and pacy Kanye Christie marshalled his troops with excellent defensive play. With St Katherine's pushing forward Wydean scored on the counter attack putting the game to bed.

A good display for St Katherine's and although they fell at the first hurdle of the national cup they can be proud of the way they played against a strong Wydean team.

Squad: Gabriel Antolic - Furlong, Ryan Bundy, Euan Caul Patterson, Kanye Christie, William King, Mac Marshall, Trysten Nmai, George Skeates, Charley Songer, Will Stratton, James Wamulo, Najjib Yusuf

Mr Thomas

8 BOYS RUGBY TOURNAMENT I

Boys tested against strong opposition but first tournament gives solid platform for season

On Tuesday 9 October St Katherine's Year 8 rugby team made the short journey to Gordano School to play the first of 3 rugby tournaments for the season in a new format in which north and south schools in North Somerset had been split. A couple of teams were unable to make the festival so the 4 teams comprised of Nailsea, St Katherine's and Gordano A and B sides. The rules involved 8 aside rugby with limited rucks and mauls which was supposed to enable more free flowing rugby and handling.

St Katherine's were confident of doing well after a promising first season last year and the boys were excited to get their first game away against local rivals Gordano. St Katherine's however started nervously and were unable to get out of 2nd gear as Gordano ran in 3 unanswered tries and they looked very strong with the ball in hand. This was despite some strong defensive displays from Will Stratton, Kanye Christie, Waide Watson and Matty Brennan. St Katherine's did have some kind of answer with Kanye scoring 3 tries, the exciting James Wamulo also crossing the line. Unfortunately Gordano had too much for the boys and they ran out winners 8 tries to 3.

The second game was against Gordano B and they boys were keen to make amends. Strong running from Kanye and James enabled St Katherine's to score two tries quickly. Gordano did score to half the deficit but the boys showed good spirit to score a further two tries from Kanye. Charley Songer also running in a try using his pace to good effect. Strong displays from Finley Green, Seth Cook and Reggie Hayward at scrum half allowed a much better game of rugby.

The final game against Nailsea was a real test for the boys but they stuck to their task and produced an amazing performance against a physical Nailsea team. They boys did so well and defended resolutely which enabled the fast backs of Watson, Christie and Wamulo to run in 4 tries to their 3. Try scorers Kanye 4 and James 2. A great first tournament for the boys and a real test against some good sides in the local area. It was a great platform to start the season and give the boys an opportunity to play again.

Will Stratton (Capt.), Kanye Christie, Reggie Hayward, Waide Watson, James Wamulo, Alfie King, Finley Green, Seth Cook, Matty Brennan, Will King, Charley Songer, Euan Caul Patterson, Jamie Fielden, Charley Songer



8 BOYS RUGBY V BACKWELL

Boys enjoy great performance and result against school with rich rugby pedigree

On Wednesday 17 October St Katherine's Year 8 rugby team travelled to Backwell for what historically is generally tough opposition and rich rugby pedigree. The format of the game changed from 8 aside in the previous tournament to 13 aside so it would take a bit of adjusting for the boys.

Backwell started brightly and from the minute they kicked off it was apparent that they were well drilled and had good basic game play with excellent rucking and handling skills. They quickly ran in two tries as St Katherine's were unable to cope with their movement across the pitch which meant defensively they were under pressure.

This did not stop St Katherine's though as the strong running of Kanye Christie and James Wamulo carved up the home defence and it was no surprise when Kanye scored three tries to take a 15-10 lead.

Superb defence from Balint Fekete making his first start in school boy rugby and excellent half back displays from Reggie Hayward and Alfie King controlled the game and enabled St Katherine's to come back into the game.

Despite this the game ebbed and flowed and further scores from Backwell meant the boys had a lot to do to try and salvage anything. Up stepped Alfie King who fly hacked the ball through to score in the corner with an amazing try following good work from Waide Watson. This gave the boys confidence and strong ball carrying from Jamie Fielden and Myles Mason put Backwell on the back foot.



The game continued to sway like a pendulum and Kanye Christie caused serious problems in the Backwell defence with raw power and athleticism. It was no surprise that he helped himself to a further 3 tries to take his total to 6 for the game. A bustling and powerful break from captain Will Stratton enabled him to touch down in the corner after good play from Waide Watson.

Unfortunately the boys were unable to close out the game and Backwell scored in the last minute to secure a 40-35 win and resign St Katherine's to a very close loss.

The boys can be extremely proud of their game and a particular mention to Euan Caul Patterson playing prop and captain Will Stratton number 8 who played in positions that they had not normally played. Some strong running from both and eye catching displays.

Kanye once again stood out and his direct style of play coupled with his will to win enabled St Katherine's to hold their own in the game.

Well done boys a great result against a strong Backwell team.

Matthew Brennan, Euan Caul Patterson, Kanye Christie, Seth Cook, Jacob Duncan, Balint Fekete, Finley Green, Reggie Hayward, Alfie King, William King, Jonasz Malcom, Myles Mason, Charley Songer, Will Stratton, James Wamulo, Waide Watson

Mr Thomas



8 BOYS RUGBY V CLEVEDON

Boys bounce into next game on the back of a brilliant Backwell performance

On Wednesday 24 October St Katherine's Year 8 rugby next game up was against Clevedon after a strong performance against an experienced Backwell side. The boys were in good confidence and the display in the previous game had given them a springboard to develop their brand of rugby. It was clear from the outset that if St Katherine's could move the ball wide quickly they could hurt the opposition and it was no surprise when Alfie King unleashed the exciting and fast winger Charley Songer inside his own half and he turned the 'burners' on to score in the corner.

St Katherine's played with confidence and Reggie Hayward once again played well at the base of the scrum with an eye catching display. His sniping at scrum half alongside his direct play enabled the boys to be on the front foot. Alfie King was able to use his famous side step to avoid the Clevedon defence and score some important points for the visitors.

Kanye Christie once again was as direct as ever and his pace and power was too much for the Clevedon side as he ran in four tries (two in each half). An eye catching display from this hugely talented athlete.

Despite this Clevedon worked hard for the whole game and their strong powerful pack caused problems for St Katherine's. This resulted in the hosts scoring 3 tries and caused a nervous last 15 minutes. Balint Fekete once again was resolute in defence and his powerful tackling and turnovers caused major headaches for Clevedon. Euan Caul-Patterson also helped stop the strong Clevedon Backwell with equally good defence and ball carrying. Ryan Bundy playing at full back had a strong game and his natural running style enabled St Katherine's to counter attack from different areas of the pitch. Other good performances came from Jacob Duncan and Will King who's elusive running styles broke the game line to good effect.

In the end St Katherine's brand of rugby proved too much and they held out to win the game 25-15 winners and hugely deserved win for a team that was improving each week. Although the score line seemed closer the Year 8 boys played the better rugby and deserved to come away with the victory. Another impressive display from them and there is more to come from this talented group.



Matthew Brennan, Ryan Bundy, Euan Caul Patterson, Kanye Christie, Seth Cook, Jacob Duncan, Balint Fekete, Jamie Fielden, Finley Green, Reggie Hayward, Alfie King, William King, Jonasz Malcom, Myles Mason, Charley Songer, Will Stratton, Waide Watson



11 BOYS RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Final year boys enjoy last school rugby tournament at Weston RFC

On Tuesday 6 November a group of Year 11 boys headed for Weston Rugby Club for their last ever school rugby tournament. The boys in this year group are unfortunate in that they have lost a number of rugby players over the years for various different reasons which means that often find it difficult to field a squad. Undeterred, the boys took to the field for what was likely to be one of the final occasions as a school rugby team. Unfortunately, St Katherine's were 1 of only 3 school who were able to attend the tournament which was a little frustrating for the boys. Despite the numbers, they were determined to enjoy one of their final rugby outings and that was exactly what they did!



Max ANDREWS, Tyler BARR, Harry BELCHER, Danny BENNETT, Jordan COLE, Will CONROY, Henil DESAI, Bailee FARLEY, Charlie HAYWARD, Felix MCGOVERN, Finn O'ROURKE, Henry WELCH, Sam WILLIAMS, Muhammed ZUBAIR

The boys faced two tough opponents in the form of Nailsea and Backwell and knew that they were going to be up against it in both contests. The draw had SK playing their two matches back to back starting with Nailsea and finishing up against last years Somerset Cup winners and NatWest Cup quarter finalists Backwell. Although the boys finished on the wrong side of the score line in both matches I was really proud of their application and the way that they contested every minute they were out on the pitch. There was constant defensive resistance; albeit not as much as they would have liked and there were also patches of excellent offensive play including some smart kicking.

During the games the boys were really working hard towards achieving smaller targets and concerning themselves only with the detail and not the bigger picture. We agreed targets and reviewed them regularly during the game and split the game up into smaller much more manageable chunks rather than the 20-minute halves that the referee was monitoring. The boys identified players who would take responsibility for the defensive line and set themselves a target of 5 tackles once the opposition broke into their red zone (unless of course they were clear of the line). The boys worked meticulously in order to achieve their defensive targets and soon found that a little defensive pressure gifted them some possession of the ball. Having established possession, which was another target, the boys looked to establish field position and start to build some more of a platform. As the games wore on SK grew better at getting the ball, retaining the ball and moving into a field position that caused their opposition much more worry.

Sam Williams was sharp to move the ball away from the breakdown and made a few decent snipes around the fringes. I have really noticed a difference in Sam's footwork this year and he is also a good few yards quicker too. There was one passage of play where an opposition winger was 1 on 1 with Will Conroy and stepped back inside only to be nailed by Sam's covering tackle just 5 metres short of the line – you don't often expect that from your 9! Max did brilliantly well playing up a year group and slotting in at full back when the team were defending. Max also stood in at first receiver when the boys were under pressure and put in a few excellent kicks to gain some decent field position. To demonstrate such maturity when playing up an age group was really impressive from Max. Felix was typically rangy with and without the ball

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and somehow always manages to free his arms for the offload or grab hold of an opponent and drag them to the ground.



Having had more than their fair share of defending to do the boys were absolutely determined to get themselves on the scoreboard in their final game against Backwell which was going to be no easy feat. Sam moved the ball away quickly from the back of a scrum on to Finn O'Rourke at first receiver who shipped it on to Max choosing to kick just after he had collected the pass. Max will tell you that his kick created the try scoring opportunity, which isn't a lie, it just happened to be one of his worst of the afternoon! The full back miscued his catch all the same which gifted Saints the ball and field position deep inside the Backwell 22. Slightly over eager at the prospect of crossing the whitewash the boys span the ball wide only for an attempted intercept to be deliberately knocked on giving the boys another opportunity. Surely they were going to learn from their mistake? Unfortunately, in their haste to the move the ball wide again, a handling error relieved all of their offensive pressure and squandered their best opportunity to score! I am pretty sure that Harry, Tyler, Max and a good number of others were miffed that they didn't get a chance to carry into the Backwell boys from close range!

Henry Welch had the boys second best chance of scoring when he made an excellent break against Nailsea. Henry ploughed his way into the opposition 22 before being hauled to the ground. It was debatable whether or not the tackle was complete but the referee adjudged it to have been completed after penalising Henry for getting back to his feet without releasing the ball – unfortunate for the SK boys but the endeavour spurred them on all the same. Henry also put in a pile driving tackle towards the end of the afternoon and said after the game that he was frustrated – if only he was frustrated all of the time!

Man of the tournament went once again to Harry Belcher who had a great afternoon despite playing in challenging circumstances. Harry got around the pitch brilliantly to affect the game as much as he could, he carried the ball hard when his team mates needed him to and defensively was the best player on the pitch. Harry found man and ball on multiple occasions saving a near certain try on a good number of them. You can see Harry pictured above forcing a handling error and this was something he did countless times as you can see below, much to the delight of his team mates! A fantastic performance from a young man who has been the standout player in the Year 11 team this season by some way!



Special mentions to Sam Williams and Tyler Barr who captain this group of boys really well and who's energy, enthusiasm and appetite for school rugby this season has been contagious. Rarely do you see boys in Year 11 have such a dedication and commitment to training and their team mates and they are a large part of the reason that I have really enjoyed taking these boys this season.

A really enjoyable afternoon all round and a fitting way to end 5 years of school rugby. Character, resilience, dogged determination and a real sense of enjoyment – congratulations gentlemen.

Mr Cook



10 BOYS RUGBY V HANS PRICE

Boys enjoy Hans Price challenge with trio of try scorers

On Wednesday 7 November a group of Year 10 boys travelled to Hans Price for a friendly fixture ahead of their tournament which was scheduled for the following week. As important as the opportunity was to prepare for the competition, the boys were hoping to come through without any injuries! Playing 2/3 of the game with 14 and seeing 2 boys come in to school with broken hands the following day wasn't exactly what we were hoping for but there were plenty of positives to take from the game – even if the Year 10 boys weren't able to see them!



Max ANDREWS, Tyrese BRACEY, Maximus DIXEY, Ethan EMERY, Tom EVANS, Brandon GEATER, Beau GILBERT, Kireon KEEGAN, Finley KING, Harley LANGFORD-DAVIS, Leeban MAHAMUD, Charlie MEDDER, Jazper PEACEY, Tony TANNER, George TURNER

The boys literally couldn't have gotten off to a better start. The Hans Price kick off went straight down the throat of captain Max Andrews – perfect, he's one of our strongest ball carriers! Max picked his knees up and headed straight for the advancing Hans Price chasing line. Max changed his running angle late and drifted across to the left wing and team mate George Turner. Max got at the inside shoulder of the outside man in the line leaving George outside him only a pass away from a try scoring opportunity. George is the first person to tell you that he isn't a rugby player and so when he got the ball with nothing but fresh air ahead of him, I did wonder if he would back himself! Just seconds before he took to the pitch, George exclaimed 'I'm up for this today' and he didn't disappoint moments later when he pinned his ears back and crossed the try line with less than 1 minute on the clock! George was so excited that he'd scored a try that he did forget about touching down under the posts which left Max a near impossible kick from the touchline!

The Saints were on top and rampant and Hans Price looked a little off of the pace but momentum quickly changes in sport and you have to be clinical when you get opportunities. The Saints had two really good opportunity but couldn't eek out points from either which really lifted the pressure from the home side. The first opportunity was really unlucky and was an almost action replay of Max & George's first try. This time however the pass didn't go to hand and Hans Price were let off the hook. The second opportunity came when SK found themselves deep in the Hans Price 22 just needing to spin the ball right for an easy walk in try. As is so often the case in school boy rugby, the boys decided the most direct route would surely yield points and as is so often the case – this didn't happen! Having weathered the storm, Hans Price grew into the first half and enjoyed a 10-minute period of the game where they scored 17 points! It was a combination of some pretty lacklustre defending and some excellent attacking rugby. Having been on top for a large portion of the first half the boys were now trailing by 12 and in need of inspiration.

If Year 10 are guilty of anything on the sports field it is their lack of resilience – when the chips are down there aren't many boys who are going to dig deep and energise their team mates but fortunately for the boys in maroon there was one! Tyrese Bracey was fantastic in the centre and a hugely positive force. Every time his team mates took decisive action he jumped right on it and you could hear him encouraging them. Team mate and friend George Turner was one of

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the boys who was spurred on by Tyrese's encouragement and put in a couple of excellent tackles one of which was a tricky one on one encounter with his opposite number. Tyrese went nearly the length of the pitch to score his first and teams second try of the game after a high ball was once again fielded by Max Andrews at full back. There aren't manage who can catch Tyrese when he's at full tilt and there wasn't one who deserved a try more than Tyrese did after all of his positive work. Without a shadow of a doubt Tyrese's best attribute is his ability to carve open defences but his defensive work in the first half was phenomenal. George Turner was another player enjoying the game of his life – he was making ground for fun with the ball in hand and smashing boys in defence much to the delight of his team mates. Brandon Geater was also leading from the front with his line speed – if all of the boys had followed his lead they would have found their defensive duties a lot easier!



At half time the scores were delicately poised and SK trailed by just one converted score. There was absolutely no doubt in my mind at all that the boys could win this game but they needed to keep the ball and stop getting isolated in possession. Even if they did turn the ball over, they couldn't afford to do so in open play, they needed to be a little savvy about their actions and make Hans Price work a little harder to turn the ball over! If they were without the ball it was simple – they had to tackle!

Despite their best efforts it wasn't only the light that faded in the second half. Around 10 minutes before half time the boys had lost Beau Gilbert through injury – not only was Beau a huge loss as a fantastic athlete but playing 14 against 15 was starting to take its toll. Frustrations began to grow and Hans Price capitalised on some tired looking errors playing some really sharp rugby in the process. They scored three unanswered tries at the start of the second half taking the game well beyond the Saints. Stood under the posts with the boys after try number 6 was a fairly bleak place but captain Max Andrews ignited a spark and demanded at least one final score from his team mates before the final whistle.

The boys headed up for the restart with their tails up and chased Max's kick hard. The boys smothered the Hans Price players and some solid defensive pressure gifted them possession. Game by game this year I had witnessed Max Dixey getting better and better. I seem to have found myself saying to him after every game that I thought he'd enjoyed his best performance for the school so far. This was another one of those games and Max seemed to pop up at every break down and clear rucks with the help of Tom Evans to maintain possession for his team. It was tackle after tackle from the Saints that forced the error the last of which came from Tony Tanner who clung on while a team mate forced the handling error.

The boys had possession in the Hans Price 22 and centre field position – things were set perfectly! Jazper Peacey found himself heading down the right wing and just before stepping back inside offloaded the ball to Max Andrews who looked for all the money in the world that he would score. Max handed off the first tackler and just as he was about to transfer the ball from under his arm to score, he split possession forward in to touch. You could see that Max was gutted and I think it was fair to say that he took a good deal of stuck from the opposition. Like all good competitors, Max had been on the other end of the jeers earlier in the game so had to be prepared to take his medicine. Rather than respond in a petty manner Max asked for more from his team mates again to keep Hans Price penned in to their 22. More defensive pressure gifted the Saints another try scoring opportunity. This time Max sucked in the tacklers before putting a superb offload out the back as he was heading to ground for Harley Langford-Davis to take on the run and touch down. A consolation try but a thoroughly deserved consolation nonetheless.

The boys put in a fantastic effort playing with 14 and showing great character to continue to fight for their consolation try at the end of the contest. I am hoping that some of the boys may recover in time for their tournament next week but regardless this group should be really proud of their performance. Man of the match for a phenomenal first half display has to go to George Turner. I can't believe that Tyrese can play as well as he did yet again and not get man of the match – I promise it is nothing personal; your rugby has really come on this year and your team spirit was superb in this game! Max Dixey can also feel slightly aggrieved – how many times can I tell him he's had his best ever game for school and not give him man of the match?

Great to hear boys relive stories from the game on the bus on the way back and to see them just enjoying playing rugby with their friends – that is what school sport is all about!

Mr Cook



GIRLS EFL FOOTBALL CUP

Fantastic experience for football playing girls on the road to Wembley!

On Monday 12 November a group of girls travelled to take part in the EFL Girls Cup. The EFL Girls Cup comprises of a six-a-side competition for U13 girls that culminates in a grand final prior to the Checkatrade Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium. The road to the finals begin when each of the 72 EFL clubs organise a local competition for all schools wishing to take part.



So St Katherine's entered 2 teams into the Bristol City community competition at South Bristol Sports Centre. Both teams had tough draws with strong teams in both their groups.

Group Yellow: St Katherine's A, Ashton Park B, Bedminster Down A, Clevedon A

Group White: St Katherine's B, Ashton Park A, Bedminster Down B, Bridge Learning Campus

St Kath's A opened up with a two nil defeat to a strong Bedminster Down side, the game was fairly even until Bedminster scored with a superb lob over keeper Tacie-Ann and then scored another goal quickly after. Without a break St Katherine's went straight back on to face Ashton Park B, the girls dominated play with goals from Tikia and Nahla. The winning margin could of been more with Ruby's effort coming back of the post! St Katherine's then faced Clevedon in a match that would decide the runner up in the pool and decide who of the 2 teams would go through as runners up! Clevedon scored within the first minute with a early shot. The game was very even with St Katherine's having a number of chances to equalise but the confident Clevedon Keeper kept all at bay!

St Katherine's A: Tacie-Ann Francis, Ruby Gray, Tikia Mack, Nahla Mengoud, Jena Walker, Leah Wardingley

St Kath's B played Bridge Learning Campus in their first game. For many of our players this was their first experience of a competitive football competition and playing against a well organised and skilled Bridge Learning side was a quick learning curve! The girls lost 5-0 but were ready to put lesson learnt into match two against Bedminster Down B. The girls were much more confident in this game and marking and tackling back much more! The final score was 2-0 to Bedminster but the improvement was measurable. St Kath's B's final game was against another A team Ashton Park. In a much more end to end game Ashton Park scored some great goals from distance and ran out 3-0 winners.

St Katherine's B: Megan De Wet, Sophie De Wet, Emily Earle, Eleanor Hall, Gabriella Marcovitch, Hannah Packer, Keira Rudolph.

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Whilst the results may not of been what we'd hoped for the morning was a great experience for the girls and we'll be back next year on the road to Wembley. Thanks must go to Bristol City community trust for our coaching sessions and the organisation of the competition and to Meg Andrews and Meg Edwards for their help!

Miss Wilsher

GIRLS FIXTURES V BROADOAK

Full house of victories for the travelling St Kath's sides

On Wednesday 14 November a full compliment of girls travelled down to WSM for a series of netball and hockey fixtures against Broadoak School. The fixture may have been late in the year but the girls made the most of being hosted by Broadoak who have lots of excellent facilities that are floodlit! This meant that they were going to be cut short by the light and could enjoy full length matches.

Netball

Year 7: St Kath's 8 - 0 Broadoak

In their final game of the season, the 10 strong squad were determined to have a final victory to finish a successful first season. Starting well, the defence of Leah Wardingley and Rugby Gray gave little chance to the Broadoak players to score, intercepting any ball that came into their defensive third. Maddy Thomas and Toulia Hudson supported Demi Cornick in the centre well to provide constant opportunities to the shooting duos. Initially Polly Cole and Holly Lang played in attack and connected well to give a strong lead to the St Kath's side. In the second half, replacements Josie Rafferty and Maddie Price entered the attack and continued the excellent work in scoring. Jena Walker came on in the centre and provided a dynamic energy to play whilst being strong in defence against any Broadoak chances. A strong performance by the St Kath's side and a victory in their final fixture.



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Year 8: St Kath's 14 - 6 Broadoak

This was arguably one of the most pleasing performances of the season for the Year 8 girls. There are lots of girls in this team now playing club netball and this is really starting to show in their performances. The girls were dominant from start to finish and now have some great momentum to take in to their tournament later this year!



Year 9: St Kath's 25 - 2 Broadoak

After a mixed season, with an early injury to captain Asha Storer, the Year 9 team and reigning North Somerset champs were determined to win in their last game of the season. An impressive start in the first quarter saw them take a 7 - 0 lead, with great movement in the attacking third and excellent interplay between centre, Isobel Taylor, WA Jolie Breakwell and shooters Sophie and Chloe Weaden. The second quarter was as dominant and the defence of Asha Storer, Molly Green and Lauren Clifford were relatively quiet, stopping any attacking threats high up the court. Issy Howie joined the attack and worked well with Chloe to maintain possession in the attacking third, whilst Ella Leakey made some excellent interceptions, particularly from the Broadoak centre passes to retake possession. An emphatic victory for the St Kath's side with a 23 goal margin of victory and players of the match voted as both Chloe Weaden and Asha Storer.



Hockey: St Kath's 1 - 0 Broadoak

The combined girls hockey team from Years 10 and 11 travelled to Broadoak School in Weston Super Mare. This fixture is usually very evenly matched, so the team had to be well prepared and organised. With the regularly available players of the St Kath's team was set for a good performance. The omens were good and the resulting team play down both sides of the pitch saw the team dominate possession and create more goal-scoring chances than their opponents. Eventually the pressure paid off and the St Kath's goal came from a creative pass from Eleanor McCarthy who passed the ball back to Lucie Robertshaw who put it in the goal. The remaining match time saw excellent distribution from defence out to the side to the midfield and back across in front of the 'D' with the forwards.





This was a true team performance and the players should be very proud of how they played.



Keeper: Ruby (Cpt), Defence: Jazzy, Stella, Molly, Amelie, Midfield: Leah, Chantelle, Niamh, Lucy, Forward: Amelya, Eleanor, Lara

7 & 8 BOYS BASKETBALL V GORDANO

Boys snatch victory from jaws of defeat as game ends with buzzer drama

On Wednesday 14 November a group of 7 & 8 boys travelled to nearest rivals Gordano for a friendly basketball fixture. For 6 of the boys below this was the first time they had represented the school in a basketball match, for another 4 of them this was only their second ever match. For those reasons it was only fair to them that Will, Trysten and Toby came along to help out their younger counterparts. The whole purpose of this match was to give the younger boys some vital court time and experience, but it would have been pointless to throw them all out on the court together. The older boys were superb in supporting their less experienced team mates. As things turned out, there was a fair bit of drama ahead of them!

Quarter 1 | SK 4 v 4 Gordano

In the first quarter of the match the boys were so preoccupied with their attacking and defensive priorities that there was no score in the match for ages! On defence the boys were tasked with operating a half court, man to man defence which involves forgetting about the ball when possession is lost and finding the opposition player that you are marking – a tricky thing to do unless it is your natural habit! On offence, the boys were just asked to move the ball up the court as quick as they could and pass more than dribble! In this first period Owen and Kiyan were two of the boys making their debuts and both did really well. Owen was demonstrating his natural appetite to regain possession and intercepted a number of passes. Kiyan also stole possession a number of times and made really good use of the ball when he turned it over. It was great to see both of these boys in action and both boys made huge improvements as the game went on. Talking of progress, it was Trysten who opened the SK account! Trysten was someone who went from a rebounding machine to an all-round basketball playing rebounding machine in less than a year and now he was helping other boys to do the same.

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Cadnan AHMED, Reagan DREWETT, Henry FAIRHOLM, Nas GYIMAH-SARPONG, Kiyam LITSON, Joseph MCLOUGHLIN, Owen MOSS, Trysten NMAI, Harvey PEARCE, Toby RICE, Oliver SONGER, Will STRATTON, Layton THOMPSON

Quarter 2 | SK 12 v 8 Gordano (SK 8 v 4) Gordano

If the boys were a little slow with their scoring in the first quarter, they soon picked up their pace in the second quarter and managed to notch up twice as many points. There were plenty of boys in this team that could shoot but few shoot the ball more accurately than Layton Thompson who made two well executed jump shots from good positions inside the arc to earn half of the teams' points. So often in Year 7 boys fall into the trap of shooting under heavy pressure or shooting the ball from awful positions – Layton does neither and that is what makes him so much of a threat to the basket. Will Stratton and Trysten notched up the other points in the period but there was so much more to talk about than points. Defensively boys were playing much better basketball – you need look no further than Ollie Songer who's performance epitomised hard work on the basketball court. Ollie covered every inch of the basketball court and made it his mission to affect the game as much as possible on offence and defence. Ollie worked hard to get up the court and get into good shooting positions and was unlucky not to find himself on the scoreboard. More importantly, he led by example on defence by running back down the court, locating his opposite player and getting in to a great defensive stance to make life as hard as possible for Gordano. Henry and Harvey were also making their debuts for the school and both boys were making a real impact. Henry moved the ball really sharply when he received a pass and was key in turning possessions into good scoring opportunities. Harvey also showed his basketball skills, especially with his ball handling and shooting, both of which were causing the opposition real problems.

Quarter 3 | SK 16 v 20 Gordano (SK 4 v 12) Gordano

In the third period Gordano went on an amazing run and really enjoyed the momentum in the game. They had worked hard all game long but just hadn't enjoyed the same success under the basket – when they did go on a scoring run it was really tough for the SK boys. At the start of the period Gordano scored 10 unanswered points, wiped out the SK lead and at one point had a 6 point lead of their own. You could sense the atmosphere on the side was tense as the boys realised the game was running away from them. In basketball you are constantly wrestling to get and keep the momentum and nobody worked harder during this part of the game than Nas – he intercepted so many passes and drove the ball up the court with absolute determination. Nas also combined really effectively with his Turing team mates Reagan, JJ and Cadnan. Together the four Turing boys and Will Stratton set about getting back into the game and managed to score a vital 4 points in reply to the Gordano 12 which meant they were in a 4-point game going into the last period.

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Quarter 4 | SK 23 v 20 Gordano (SK 7 v 0) Gordano

Things were tense and the tension only mounted as the boys failed to score in early in the quarter. Sometimes when things are tough you need a real competitor to dig in for you. What better way to show the youngest boys how things are done than to step up when your team need you most and that was exactly what Toby Rice did. I've had the pleasure of teaching Toby for more than 2 years now and if I know one thing about him, it is that giving up is not an option for him – he simply refuses to acknowledge that winning is not a possibility. Toby summoned all of his inner competitor and dug out a fantastic solo performance including a 5 point scoring spree to get his team back into the lead. Team mate Will Stratton signed off with an excellent 2 point effort to seal the victory, much to the delight of everyone in the SK camp!

What a fantastic advert for school sport! 6 boys making their debuts, 4 only playing for the second time and the more experienced boys supporting them throughout the game. It was a pleasure to watch the improvement in the boys' performances from start to finish and a large part of that is down to the older boys for their approach. MVP was a tricky decision as this performance was a real team effort. On this occasion the award went to Ollie Songer because it was his interceptions, defensive application and sheer hard work that gave so many other boys an entry point into the game – brilliant work from a top sportsman who has made humungous progress already in just a few short weeks!

Congratulations gentlemen – the close victories are always the most enjoyable!

Mr Cook

Player	Points
Toby Rice	7
Will Stratton	6
Layton Thompson	6
Trysten Nmai	4

6F BOYS BASKETBALL V NS STARS

Senior boys show big improvement in defence cutting deficit at buzzer

On Sunday 18 November, 10 boys were up and out on the basketball court in attempt to better their previous performance against the North Somerset Stars. In their first meeting of the year, the boys finished 20 points adrift at full time so their first target was to cut the deficit, ideally turning it in their favour! The boys were also in the hunt for an improved points tally in comparison with their last performance. Personnel changes are inevitable in this age group as so many of the boys have other commitments to manage and so it is always tricky for them to get any real continuity.

Quarter 1 | SK 5 v 22 Stars

I think it was fair to say that the boys were slow to start! In fact there was a stark difference between the two teams as the Stars came out and nailed their offence. We spoke before the game about adopting a different team defence depending on what we were confronted with but with hindsight the boys should have made the call to change strategy earlier. As a result the Stars were racking up the points and SK found it near impossible to muster any intensity to their performance. When they did get possession they had very little penetration against an organised defence and the restricted area at both ends of the court belonged to the Stars. Points came from Bailee and Ashya who both made efforts worth 2 but there really was little else to shout about during that opening period. There were a handful of rebounds for the boys in red and Matty Crutchley managed to drive to the hoop on one occasion drawing contact on his way in. Defensively the boys were in breach of the team foul rule so it made a pleasant change to be watching free throws from the other end! Matty was 1 from 2 at the line which took the home score to 5 points. The boys were in desperate need of something to kick-start their performance and so when Ashya Gray leapt up to deny two Stars shots emphatically with two brutal blocks the

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boys on the side started to get a little more vocal. Watching a team mate do that out on court was surely enough to get the boys moving!



Danny CONWAY, Matthew CRUTCHLEY, Bailee FARLEY, Ashya GRAY, Abdulahi JAMA, Sharmarka MATTAN, Zakaria MOHAMOOD, Jazper PEACEY, Caolán PEARCE, Louis STRATTON

Quarter 2 | SK 14 v 29 Stars (SK 9 v 7 Stars)

At quarter time we made the decision to go zonal on defence, something we should have done much earlier. It also didn't take a genius to work out that if we carried on going the way we were we'd be staring down the barrel of a 60 point game at full time! Determined to avoid that embarrassment, the boys set about clawing their way back into the game.

Defensively there was an almost instant difference although I still had an issue with their rebounding. The Stars were starting to struggle to get free from their off ball screens yet they still managed to rebound the ball even when they were forced to shoot from range. To give some idea of context, in the first period the boys notched up 4 miserable rebounds whereas in the second period, the team total was 10 (and that was still low!). Leading the way on the rebounding stats were cousins Matty and Caolán who notched up 7 between them and took responsibility for establishing control of our restricted area on the rebound. There was more intensity on court from the reds which was only buoyed by three great steals from Caolán, Zak and Danny. Danny in particular was starting to get into the contest and looking a real threat on court. Alongside Danny, Ashya, AJ and Matty contributed to the 9 points in the period with Matty top scoring from one 3-point play after making his 2 and shooting the additional free throw from the contact. Caolán assisted two of the baskets brilliantly with some sharp passing and there was so much improvement evident, particularly on defence. As good as the progress had been they had only cut the 17 point deficit by 2 which just wasn't going to be enough to threaten the opposition.

Quarter 3 | SK 23 v 37 Stars (SK 9 v 8 Stars)

The boys knew they had to raise their level again and redoubled their efforts in search of what would be a monumental comeback. The boys racked up a total of 13 rebounds with Caolán, Matty and Ashya topping the stats in that area and the end result was a far more comprehensive defence that really knocked the Stars off of their offence on occasion. As good as the boys were on D the Stars still executed some superb basketball offence but also turned over a lot of ball. 5 boys managed to execute a steal in this period of the game and even though the boys were still 15 points adrift, there was still a game on. Zak managed to execute one superb steal before being stolen from almost immediately after establishing possession – this was clear evidence that there was a contest on court. The boys added to their total through Zak, Louis, Ashya and most notably Danny. Danny made a 4 point contribution with 2 of his 4 coming from the stripe after drawing contact. Jazper Peacey might have been the youngest on the court but you wouldn't have known it from the

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ferocity of his defence. Jazper definitely heard the messages that were coming out of the red camp and showed some immense hustle to force a held ball off of one of the strongest Stars players – this boy certainly wasn't going to give up!



Quarter 4 | SK 31 v 43 Stars (SK 8 v 6 Stars)

In one final attempt to salvage a respectable final result the boys managed to cut the overall deficit from 15 at quarter time down to 12 at the final buzzer and had it not been for their start, the boys would have competed much better. They won 3 of the 4 periods but that first one really dented their chances of coming away with the win. Zak Mohamood started to find his shooting shoes as the match wore on and added 2 more points to the total but the standout performance came from most senior player Danny Conway. Danny's long wait for a successful school 3-point shot was finally over as his first points of the final period came from outside the arc. Danny didn't stop there and also added 4 more to his tally for period 4. Danny came off halfway through the period but was forced back into the game with just seconds remaining after an injury to Shamarka. Danny managed to force a final steal with his last act of the match to cap off a brilliant performance which included 3 steals in the final quarter. The boys made more rebounds than during any other period of the game with a total of 14 – AJ the pick of the rebounders in this last period. AJ was making his debut for the school and in the first period must have felt a little overwhelmed. Credit to him as he settled into what he does best and set some great screens and rebounded aggressively in that last period of the match. Alas – all of these great efforts combined were still some way short of what was needed to challenge the Stars.

A tough performance that challenged the boys resilience as much as anything else. The Stars were thoroughly deserving of their victory and put together a really impressive performance which included some great offensive basketball. The SK boys put in a hugely improved defensive performance cutting the Stars points tally from 60+ to less than 45 and arguably did so when the Stars were playing better offensive basketball.

MVP was clear cut and went to Danny Conway for a fantastic all-round performance. Danny led by example on court, led by character off court and enjoyed without a doubt, one of, if not his best school performance!

Next challenge – adding more tools to the offensive box!

Well done for all of your hard work so far gents, keep at it!

Mr Cook

Player
C Pearce
M Crutchley
Z Mohamood
S Mattan
B Farley
L Stratton
A Jama
J Peacey
A Gray
D Conway

Points	Assists	Steals	Rebounds	Blocks
0	2	3	8	0
4	0	0	8	1
4	0	2	3	0
0	0	0	1	0
2	0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0
2	0	0	6	0
1	1	1	4	0
6	0	0	7	2
13	0	5	2	0



10 & 11 GIRLS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Combined team commended for their attitude and performances in senior competition

On Tuesday 19 November the combined Y10/Y11 hockey team took part in the Year 11 girls hockey competition. The team that travelled consisted of girls from Year 10 and Year 11.



Keeper: Ruby

Defenders: Molly, Amelie, Jazzy, Grace, Ellie McIntyre

Midfield: Lucy Robertshaw, Amelie Purvis, Leah Milkins, Stella Crocker, Niamh Scan, Leah, Chantelle

Forwards: Lara Roper, Amelya Hobbs, Ellie McCarthy

St Katherine's travelled to Gordano School for a tough tournament versus the more challenging teams of North Somerset. Opposition of Churchill, Priory, Nailsea and Gordano, saw the girls up against teams that all play regularly on Astro-Turf pitches, giving them a considerable advantage. This was reflected in the results, which saw the teams' matches as detailed below.

The most significant outcome of the tournament was that the team had picked up where they had left off in their fine performance v Broadoak. The team worked so hard to create width and height when they had the ball and defended resolutely when attacked by the opposition.

Well organised and skilful teams from Churchill and Priory proved to be too strong for the St Kath's Girls who lost both of their first two encounters 2-0. However, the team improved dramatically over the final two matches and took their improving performance into these fixtures. Although failing to score against Gordano and Nailsea, the team held its nerve and did create match winning chances in both games. Both of these games saw increasingly stronger performances, with several chances to clinch a winning goal.

The girls of these two year groups are to be commended for their excellent attitude and performance throughout the matches played.

Congratulations to Ruby Webber, Stella Crocker and Molly Jackson for each receiving the oppositions 'Player of the Match'!

Played: 4, Drew: 2, Lost: 2



8 BOYS RUGBY TOURNAMENT II

Boys test their rugby mettle against more of the North Somerset schools

On Tuesday 20 November the St Katherine's Year 8 rugby team travelled to Nailsea and Backwell rugby club for the 2nd festival of the year in cold and wet conditions. Two teams unfortunately pulled out of the event meaning that only Gordano, Backwell A and B as well as St Katherine's were in attendance. It was a difficult day for the boys and they never got to grips with the weather conditions. Despite this the boys put in a sterling effort to try and compete with three good teams. It was also not helpful that they were missing talismen James Wamulo and Waide Watson due to injury.

1st Game- Gordano

The first game pitted St Katherine's against a strong Gordano team who they had lost against in the previous festival. Gordano played some lovely rugby and ran in a number of tries at ease as the boys struggled to cope with their expansive game. Balint Fekete was typically robust and he continued to impress with his dynamic defensive game. St Katherine's were able to get on the score sheet as Will King scored in the corner after good work from Will Stratton. Despite this Gordano were able to score 10 tries and win the game at ease. More work would need to be done in the next couple of games if they were to compete with these schools.

2nd Game Backwell A

Once again St Katherine's failed to get out of the traps quickly and a strong Backwell side were able to capitalize on this and score 3 quick tries. Despite this some excellent defensive work from Will Stratton, Euan Caul Patterson, Kanye Christie and Jamie Fielding enabled the boys to keep the score down and stifle the Backwell defence. Due to the fact that St Katherine's played on the back foot meant they were able to breakdown a firm Backwell defense despite some strong running from Christie, Charley Songer and Alfie King. The game ended as Backwell scored a 4th try and take the victory. Despite the score line the boys could be proud of the way they defended against a well organised unit.

3rd Game- Backwell B

St Katherine's last game against Backwell proved to be a real humdinger and the boys stepped up to the task with some great rugby. Kanye Christie continued to pose threats in the Backwell defence and the platform set by the impressive Fekete who tackled everything helped support this. Christie in typical fashion was able to manufacture a try of his own after a powerful run through the Backwell defence. Backwell had an answer and scored two quick tries of their own to put them back into the lead. St Katherine's continued to persevere and the impressive Finley Green was the heart of the everything having his best game for the team with some strong running. This allowed captain Will Stratton the opportunity to burst through in the corner to equalise for the Saints. The last minutes were nail biting and there were chances for both teams as both Christie and Bundy were held up over the line. The final whistle went and the score remained the same with a draw the fair result.

A difficult festival for the boys but they got stronger as they progressed and they can be proud of their achievements. One more festival to go in term 3 and I am looking forward to seeing how much more progress they make. Keep up the good work boys!!!

Matthew Brennan, Kanye Christie, Seth Cook, Euan Caul Patterson, Balint Fekete, Jamie Fielden, Alfie King, Reggie Hayward, William King, Charley Songer, Will Stratton, Ryan Bundy

Mr Thomas

6F GIRLS NETBALL V GORDANO

Girls give their all in thriller that sees sides inseparable at half time and again at full time!

In their second fixture together the sixth form netball team travelled to Gordano to face their Year 12/13 combined team. Historically this has always been a close fixture with the Year 12's from Gordano beating the St Kath's side in the North Somerset finals last year.

The game was fast paced and end to end, with both teams using their centre passes to good effect and generally converting into a goal. Abbie Clarke began as shooter and was on top form to allow the St Kath's side to pull out a two goal lead at the end of the first quarter.

Both Megan Andrews and Athea Heavens worked well together to make up a phenomenal defence against some talented Gordano shooters, rebounding well and making some key interceptions. This was particular needed as Gordano took the advantage in the third quarter to lead 7-8.



With some changes to the St Kath's line up both Eve Wilson and Faith Clarke joined Ashleigh Wills in the centre. All three linked well and began to find time and space in the centre third to regain control of possession in the third quarter to take a 17-15 lead into the final stage.

Gordano came out fighting in the final quarter, immediately pulling back the two goal deficit, however the sharp shooting of Maddie Watts and Bo Marshall and the composure in the final seconds to score to draw level was what the team needed and deserved to draw the game 23-23.

Miss Ball



NORTH SOMERSET CROSS COUNTRY

Runners test their mettle against the best the county has to offer

On Wednesday 21 November a hardened group of runners boarded a coach and headed for Hutton Moor to test themselves against some of the best distance runners the county has to offer. This group of runners not only excelled in our own house competition but also stepped up to the challenge that this higher level of competition presents. As is often the case, there are some students who don't quite fancy pushing themselves and so we relied on some brave students who stepped in willingly at short notice to fill the space that some of their peers had vacated! Conditions were absolutely perfect for running – not a breath of wild but a nice chill to the air with some bright winter sunshine! Having seen more impressive performances in our own house competition this year, we were looking forward to seeing our runners go in this more difficult competition.

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Minor Boys 2.2k

Coby BARBOSA-GOA
Buster BARNES
Samuel DIXEY
Jake PACKHAM
Billy STRINGER
Layton THOMPSON

Minor Girls 2k

Ruby GRAY
Ruby MAGNUM
Phoebe OAKMAN
Madeline THOMAS
Leah WARDINGLEY

Junior Boys 3.2k

Gabriel ANTOLIC-FURLONG
Ryan BUNDY
Hugh LEWIS
Toby RICE

Junior Girls 2.2k

Rose BARKER
Megan HART- JONES
Isabelle HOWIE
Maya MATTHEWS
Daisy MONEY
Leah PORTER
Maya VAN HEERDEN

Inter Boys 4.6k

Jazper PEACEY
Mursal SHARIF

It is always the Minor Boys race that is first to go and with another record-breaking performance in our house races this year we were hoping for good things and weren't disappointed! Jake Packham set a new course record but wasn't out on his own as a number of boys in the team stayed with him. Jake finished narrowly ahead of Layton in our house run and the same was true of this competition. Sam Dixey wasn't far behind the pair as these three boys finished in 13th, 14th and 17th respectively. There were fantastic runs also from Buster, Billy and Coby to cap off a superb minor boys performance which saw them finish fourth out of the 11 schools in North Somerset – great work boys! The boys who finished in the teens were unlucky to miss out on qualification for the next round as it is only the top 10 who earn their selection for Avon Schools!



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The Junior Girls were next out of the traps with really consistent performances coming from all of the ladies who ran. Leah Porter led the way again this year and set the example as one of the senior runners in the field. Leah crossed the line in an impressive 18th position with Maya Matthews not far behind at all. All of the girls worked superbly around the course and really used each other to spur themselves onto what turned out to be an excellent team performance. There were also great runs from Maya, Daisy and Isabelle alongside Rose and Megan who both put in superb performances as the youngest athletes in the race category!



Next it was the turn of the Inter Boys and for the first year in a long time we fielded two competitors who wanted to push themselves. By the time runners get to this age category they are all serious competitors, and nobody fills in unless they absolutely want to run. Mursal and Jazper both took the house competition by storm and were looking to make a dent at the next level too! Mursal put in a superb performance and demonstrated sheer determination to finish inside the top 6. Last year he narrowly missed qualification but this year assured himself of a spot in the next round with an excellent 5th place. Jazper wasn't far behind at all and still looks mighty comfortable when he's running distance. Jazper finished in 14th position and showed all of his athletic prowess as well as managing a smile out on the course! Two great finishes from two great boys – all the more impressive given that there were 40 runners!



Next to go were the Junior Boys which were our most depleted race team of the afternoon. As unfortunate as it was that several runners had let them down, the boys running didn't waste any time dwelling on it and knew their performances were all the more important. In a field 60 runners strong our 4 battled their way to really solid finishes. Hugh Lewis crossed the line first followed by Gabe Antolic-Furlong with Ryan and Toby coming in just behind each other. The boys finished in a very respectable overall position especially consider they had 2 Year 8 runners and Toby stepped into the fray at really short notice. For me, this was the most gutsy team performance of the afternoon because the boys knew their run was going to count and they made sure they got around – great character from 4 top sportsmen!



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Last to go were the Minor Girls and it is never easy to stand and watch everyone else go and run before you take to the course! The sun was fading fast but the girls performances stood strong throughout the duration of their races. Madeline, Ruby, Phoebe and Ruby all ran strongly and got around for the team score but it was Leah Wardingley who broke our school record that crossed the line before any of her team mates. In fact Leah ran so quickly I missed her entirely on her first lap and only just managed to get a short of her going passed me on her last lap! With more than 60 runners in the field, all of the girls ran superbly and rounded off a great afternoon of cross country!



I am always enormously proud of all of the runners who test themselves in this competition; especially the older ones who know what they are letting themselves in for! We are really fortunate at St Katherine's to have so many students who are always willing to step in to help out their team mates and show great strength of character!

Special mention to Mursal Sharif who has finally got his spot running for North Somerset at Avon Schools later next year and also to the Minor Boys for their fourth placed finish.

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

Mr Cook & Miss Wilsher

6F BOYS BASKETBALL V SIDCOT

Boys enjoy Friday evening game and post-match hospitality!

On Friday 23 November a large group of players from various older year groups headed out to Sidcot School for a friendly basketball fixture.

Ahead of the game the boys knew that they were going to be in for a tough, physical game of basketball. Sidcot play a really fast game and hustle well without the ball. They also draw quite a crowd from their borders who made for a great atmosphere but obviously focus the majority of their support on their school team! For the uninitiated it can be quite intimidating but for a good number of the boys who travelled on this fixture, they have been there and done it before! They were hoping for a closer final result than history would suggest!



The boys started really brightly and actually went into an early lead. Both teams were moving the ball crisply but it was Sidcot who were a little off target at the basket. Unfortunately for us, the opposition soon found their range and began to improve their ratio. With their improvement came the support and the increase in physical performance that followed. The

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SK boys battled hard throughout the match and had the lead at quarter time. Sidcot came back into the game strongly and eventually worked their way to a healthy lead at full time. There were a huge number of fouls in the game from both sides which made any work under the basket incredibly difficult. SK were forced to shoot a lot from the free throw line and made a good number of their attempted shots. Despite the ferocity of the game play under the basket, Caolán, Matty and Ashya really stepped up and made themselves a nuisance.

The sheer number of boys who travelled are proof that basketball is really popular at school. Truth be told there were too many players to compete properly as with twice as many on the bench as on the court, continuity in performance was always going to be difficult. Credit to the boys as they rotated around brilliantly and shared their court time. It was fantastic experience for the younger boys to get a flavour of the intense competitive environment but also a great opportunity for the more experienced boys to lead by example.



My thanks to all who travelled for their cooperation, maturity and responsibility. Very much appreciated. Well played gentlemen.

Mr Cook



Kyle BARRETT, Danny CONWAY, Matthew CRUTCHLEY, Tom EVANS, Bailee FARLEY, Brandon GEATER, Ashya GRAY, Tom GREEN, Abdulahi JAMA, Zakaria MOHAMOOD, Dexter MOTT, Reece PALMER, Caolán PEARCE, Louis STRATTON, Hao Hao ZHANG



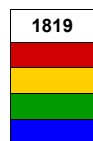
AUTUMN HOUSE SPORT

From the cross country course to the dodgeball & benchball court!

Students have all returned refresh and recharged after their endeavours on the cross country course at the end of last term but there is no time for them to sit back and rest on their laurels! Term 2 is one of the busiest in the house competition calendar and just as students have settled back in to the swing of things, it is time to do battle dodgeball and benchball style! The girls benchball and boys dodgeball competitions are always a highlight of the year because they are short, sharp, frantic and frenzied! Restrictions on time mean that each competition needs to take place over no more than 2 lunchtimes with games lasting only a matter of minutes! As we all know, things can change dramatically in sport in a matter of minutes and I think it is fair to say there were a few surprises in these competitions!



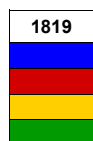
Year 7 Benchball



The Year 7 girls turned out in force to contest the girls house benchball competition. The Stephenson girls transferred all of their quality straight off of the netball court to finish in top spot boasting a large number of girls that play for the school team. Yousafzai continued their run of successes in the house competition with a second place finish while Pankhurst weren't far behind in third position. Turing were unlucky and just didn't quite get their tactical play right and were forced to settle for fourth position.



Year 7 Dodgeball



It is always fascinating to see the youngest students take to the dodgeball court because you have absolutely no idea who is going to win or who is going to dominate on the court! Unfortunately, a disappointing turn out for some houses meant that we had to restructure the competition and draw two semi-finals. The first of the semis saw S1 take on T1 and looked to be an intriguing contest. S1 seemed to have fielded a really strong team but a few of their big names made an early exit from the floor leaving the game wide open. Charlie, Dillan, Jack, Sam and Coby looked threatening with their powerful throwing but they complimented Harvey, Zach and Buster nicely as these boys used their dodging skills to great effect. S1 were victorious over T1 and first to book their spot in the finals. T1 were also a nicely balanced team with some

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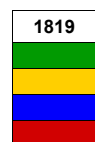
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really talented all-round sportsman – both house captains JJ and Nas competed for T1 alongside Hector and Billy who have all played a lot of sport already this year. Dom Da Silva enjoyed a fantastic performance for his house and was perhaps the trickiest boy to eliminate from the game. Alex and Daniel also both enjoyed strong performances but T1 were resigned to third position. Yousafzai were arguably one of the favourites heading into the competition but only managed to field 5 boys, just! All credit to those 5 though as they worked really well together but just didn't have enough strength in depth. Standout performance from the yellow house came from Ollie Songer who managed to hang around longest! Victory on the day went to Turing house as a result of the performance from T2 – of all of the tutor groups in Year 7 T2 boasted the best turnout so it was little surprise they went on to take victory after a brilliant team performance. Special mention to Jake Packham who wasn't eliminated in either of their matches much to the delight of his house mates.



Year 8 Benchball



With the new house system in place, it meant a slightly different format for house sport competitions and with 6 tutor groups in Year 8, the format allowed for two teams to be drawn a bye straight into the semi-finals. The draw was done at the start in the presence of the girls so they could see who got the byes, and it was Yousafzai 2 and Pankhurst 2 who were the lucky teams.

To reach the semi-finals the other four teams were drawn against each other to play for a place. In the first game Yousafzai 1 played Turing house. Yousafzai had a number of school netballers who used their skills well against the opposition. This was always too much for the girls to get over and Yousafzai were comfortable winners, securing a semi-final spot. Next up was Stephenson house, with the smallest turnout v Pankhurst 1, this was a much more one-way game as the team with the largest numbers were always at an advantage and it was Pankhurst who secured the final spot in the semis. It was then left to the two losing teams to battle it out for 5th and 6th places, with Turing winning this particular battle.

Strangely both Yousafzai and Pankhurst teams drew each other in the finals meaning that both would have a representative in the main final. Although Yousafzai 2 were well rested it was their counterparts Yousafzai 1 who were victorious, this wasn't the case for the Pankhurst sides however and it was Pankhurst 2 who had the bye to the semis that reached the final with a victory over Pankhurst 1. Despite having fewer players it was Pankhurst that claimed victory in the final over Yousafzai. The best efforts of Emily Want, Daisy Wilkinson, Poppy Baldwin Brooks and Melissa Bartlett weren't enough to hold back Nancy Woodworth Hughes, Clara Thomasset, Mia Melias and Jemima German from overall victory!





Year 8 Dodgeball

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Unfortunately, the Year 8 Stephenson boys were without sufficient numbers to contest the competition and so were resigned to last place from the outset. This meant that we were down to a 5-team competition where one of the house teams would be drawn a bye through to the semi-finals. The lucky house was Yousafzai 2 while the four remaining houses battled it out in play-off matches. The first play-off game was between the two Pankhurst house teams; while they knew at least one of their house teams would go through this was a great opportunity for the boys to get some practice. Turing and Yousafzai 1 battled it out in the other game and it was the former who made it through. Pankhurst 2 emerged victorious from the first play-off game leaving Pankhurst 1 and Yousafzai 1 to battle it out for the last remaining semi-final place and it was the yellow house who emerged victorious. Yousafzai 2 looked strong with trio Kenny, Charley and Will all performing well. They won their semi-final against Pankhurst 2 while Turing beat Yousafzai 1. The yellow house might have been hoping for two teams in the final but it wasn't to be! Yousafzai 1 then beat Pankhurst two in the runners up final which left the grand finale! You would have looked at Turing and Yousafzai 2 as the two favourites from the outset so the final was bound to be hotly contested. In a close game Turing took victory well captained by Gabe AF!



Year 9 Benchball

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With their love of all things PE, it was no surprise that the turn out for Year 9 House Benchball was huge, with 62 in attendance. Again, the new house system meant that 5 teams across the 4 houses were competing, with Turing having 2 teams. Initially the draw was made and one lucky team would gain a bye into the 2nd round. It was Turing 1 that were given this spot leaving Turing 2 playing Yousafzai and Pankhurst playing Stephenson in the first round.

The first game was a really close one and went down to the final players on each side, Turing had a 2-player advantage and defended well but Asha Storer and Lauren Clifford were brilliant in defence for Yousafzai. Allowing their team to reach the bench and eventually joined them to gain a pass through to the next round. Next up was Pankhurst v Stephenson, this was a much more one-way game with Pankhurst gaining a quick lead, despite the best efforts of Stephenson to catch up and the great work by Niamh Gaynor on the bench, the defence of Daisy Money and Elina Jakubaite were too much for the Stephenson side.

To decide on 4th spot, the losers of the previous games met. Stephenson started well with some great work by Sophie Weaden in reaching the bench, but this was well matched by Jess Stanley and Deya Reynolds for Turing so the game went right down to the final players. This time it was Turing that were victorious and gained a place in the loser's final. The semi-final saw the rested Turing 1 play Yousafzai. Buzzing from the victory against Turing 2 they were off to a quick start, Leah Porter made it onto the bench quickly and made a number of important catches to get her team up. Isobel Taylor and Issy Howie worked hard to defend but their lead was too much to overcome and Yousafzai were the winners, reaching next week's final.

In the next lunchtime we saw the resumption of the semi-finals with Pankhurst facing Turing 2. This was a close battle with defence as key with Chloe Weaden ensuring she limited the Turing players on the bench, whilst Daisy Money began the process of getting the players on the bench. Unfortunately for them it was Turing 2 that began to edge ahead, with Issy Howie and Jolie Breakwell defending well and feeding Jess Stanley on the bench to edge ahead. Turing were victorious and were through to the winner's final.

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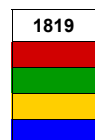


This was a battle between Turing 1 and Pankhurst, both keen to overcome their previous defeats. Isobel Taylor and Isra Sandhool worked hard in defence to stop Chloe Weaden take the catches, but once joined by Deya Reynolds they began to pull away. At the other bench, Farida Awil was defended well by Molly Green and Daisy and they were able to help their Pankhurst team to 3rd place overall.

Yousafzai were confident going into this final having been so dominant in yesterday's netball and started well with Lauren Clifford taking some excellent catches to put the Yousafzai team ahead. But a sudden surge of players on the bench turned this into a much closer competition and it was left to Asha Storer and Leah Rudolph to stop the onslaught of Turing attempts on the bench. It went down to the last player but it was Turing that were the eventual winners.



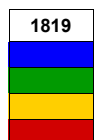
Year 9 Dodgeball



Since starting more than 2 years ago, Year 9 have always been involved in closely contested house competitions and the early signs from the new format is that things aren't about to change! You had to say that Pankhurst were the favourites for the competition boasting a number of excellent all-round sportsmen but the competition certainly wasn't decided! In their first match Pankhurst breezed passed Turing 1 while Yousafzai beat Stephenson. The second play-off game was a big surprise especially given that the boys in red were eventual winners! Fortunately for them they managed a well dug out victory in the buy back game against Turing 1. The blue house team were without a number of boys which made life tricky for them but Stephenson deserved the victory all the same. Pankhurst also breezed by Turing 2 in their semi-final looking in pole position for the victory but the dark horse of the competition was without a doubt Stephenson who defeated Yousafzai in a close game. Yousafzai were handed victory by Turing 2 in their runners-up final which left Pankhurst and Stephenson in the final. A nail-biting final ensued which saw the momentum change hands on a number of occasions. Pankhurst big guns Ari, Toby and Isaac were eliminated steadily throughout the final with Ari the last to go. Injury to Ollie Stratton was another huge miss but the Stephenson boys hung in there for victory. Jordan, Callum and Tom were last men standing for their house and eventually only Tom remained to claim victory for Stephenson house by number eliminated! I am sure Pankhurst will be out for revenge come Winter House Sport and House Rugby!



Year 10 Benchball



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Kicking off the first of the benchball competitions, the Year 10 girls competed on Tuesday 13 November. A similar turnout from all sides made it an easy competition to run for the school's smallest year group. A random draw was made to see who faced who in the semi-final rounds.

Pankhurst faced the smallest team in Stephenson and had a good battle. Both teams had a good number of successful passes and it was left for Victoria Fekete to make the winning pass to Lara Roper to clinch the victory for Pankhurst.

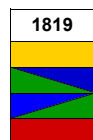
Sporting the largest teams Turing and Yousafzai was an extremely close battle and arguably could have been the final. Nasma Ismail was ferocious in defence and made it extremely difficult for Yousafzai to get onto the bench. Despite the defence efforts of Molly Jackson and Daisy Tiley, it was Turing that won this round.

Having been so narrowly defeated Yousafzai were determined to get a win. Stephenson put up a good fight and Taylor White and Jess Atkinson both managed to make the additional catches needed, however some great throws and excellent catches from Maisie and Grace gave Yousafzai 3rd place.

The Final between Turing and Pankhurst unfortunately never really got started and was very one sided. Excellent defence by Chantelle Hawkes and Edith Powell meant India Smith didn't stand a chance of claiming any catches on the Pankhurst bench and the Turing side made quick work of getting their team on the bench to win overall.



Year 10 Dodgeball



Fortune favoured the Year 10 boys as they were able to complete their dodgeball competition in an additional PE lesson which meant that they could play an increased number of longer matches. Due to the extended time period the boys were able to contest a round robin competition where each house would play the others. Pre-competition favourites were Turing but all of the boys knew that momentum on the dodgeball court can switch in seconds!

Stephenson house were resigned to last place after suffering defeat at the hands of all of the other houses. The boys in red weren't short of competent players but just seemed to get struck out in quick time. Basha often found himself last man standing and tried his best to keep Stephenson's hopes alive alas even his efforts weren't enough.

There was a tie for 2nd position between Turing and Pankhurst which didn't look likely after the first two matches. Turing and Yousafzai won their openers and it looked like they were both going to compete for top spot. However, some ill-discipline from the Turing boys gifted Yousafzai victory in their second match and allowed Pankhurst a vital draw in the final contest. Despite some moments of madness there were lots of Turing boys who excelled on the dodgeball court; Tyrese Bracey was illusive as well as a threat with the ball and Harley Langford-Davis has also bought a great deal of

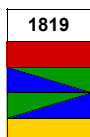




skill to the Turing table. As disappointed as Turing were to finish in joint second position, Pankhurst were delighted. Their share of the points was thanks to an immense display from duo Jimmy Church and Sam Vincent! Jimmy and Sam held the fort while their Pankhurst team mates faltered and removed the remaining boys from Turing house one by one until the game was level at the final whistle - an amazing performance!

Yousafzai certainly won the prize for the best turnout and not only that but also ended up taking maximum points from the competition. There were a few worrying moments on the way but the Yousafzai boys held their resolve to come through. Max, Kyle, Tom and Ruffin brought power to the party on court but Ajay, Seb, Fergus and Charlie complimented them superbly with some impressive guile. A brilliantly balanced performance from the boys in yellow earning them top spot!

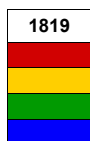
Year 11 Benchball



Arguably Stephenson were the early favourites on paper and they didn't disappoint when it came to the competition with both S1 and S2 doing well and reaching the later stages. Their impressive combined performance secured them top finishing spot but the real drama was happening below them. Pankhurst and Turing were engaged in an almighty battle for second position and when all of the competing was done, neither house could be split and they both had a share of the points. Yousafzai played well and credit to the girls from the yellow house who turned out despite the fact that numbers are most certainly stacked against them!



Year 11 Dodgeball



Despite having 5 house teams in Year 11 the competition was only a four-horse race with Stephenson fielding both of their runners. The luck of the draw meant that the two Stephenson houses avoided one another and so the first semi-final was played out between S1 and P. The new house structure has arguably evened up the houses in Year 11 and this was evident from the first match that finished level after normal time but Pankhurst missed out after a rock paper scissors failure. Charlie Hayward and Harry Powell were as effective as ever for Pankhurst alongside excellent performances from Sam Sedlen and Henry Welch which secured their house third spot. S1 almost blew it against the green house in their semi-final but for Will Conroy who gave everything to the cause including almost losing his entire set of front teeth after a rather elaborate but effective dodge! S1 went on to take top spot in a hotly contested final against Yousafzai house.



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Yousafzai has a number of dodgeball threats including George Hayward and Zubair in leadership roles. The boys might both share leadership of the yellow house but their tactics on the dodgeball court are very different. George will often be the last remaining player and his style is designed to frustrate the opposition. Zubair plays right at the forefront of the game and tries to eliminate and take as many catches as possible. Yousafzai made it to the final but had to settle for second place despite some interesting distraction tactics from Jake Fox who decided to use Jamie Porch as a human shield – Jamie was smiling and didn't get out, so I suppose it was job done! S2 might have been early favourites but when a couple of your big players fall early it can be difficult to recover which proved to be the case here. Thankfully for them S1 secured overall first place for Stephenson.

Dodgeball Benchball Overall Results - results for each age group and gender competition can be seen below

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	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	10	4
	Stephenson	3	2	0	4	4	1	1	4	4	1	12	2
	Turing	4	1	4	1	1	4	3	2	0	4	12	2
	Yousafzai	2	3	3	2	2	3	4	1	3	2	14	1
GIRLS	Pankhurst	2	3	4	1	2	3	3	2	3	2	14	1
	Stephenson	4	1	1	4	1	4	1	4	4	1	11	4
	Turing	1	4	2	3	4	1	4	1	3	2	14	1
	Yousafzai	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	1	4	12	3
OVERALL	Pankhurst	2	4	6	1	5	1	6	2	5	2	24	3
	Stephenson	7	1	1	4	5	1	2	4	8	1	23	4
	Turing	5	2	6	1	5	1	7	1	3	4	26	1
	Yousafzai	5	2	6	1	5	1	6	2	4	3	26	1

Congratulations to everyone who took part for their houses.

The PE Faculty

8 BOYS FOOTBALL V OLDFIELD

More encouraging signs from Year 8 boys on the football pitch despite second cup loss

On Wednesday 28 November St Katherine's Year 8 football team travelled to Oldfield school in Bath for the first round of the county cup. It was very wet and windy and these conditions were not suited for free flowing football. However, following a decent first game against Wydean the boys had confidence going into this match. St Katherine's welcomed back Jake Drysdale in defence to partner Kanye Christie and the pacy James Wamulo played alongside Charley Songer to give the attack some real dynamism.

The boys started slowly, and the Oldfield team passed the ball very well and were able to keep possession of the ball despite great work from the central midfield partnership of Ryan Bundy and William King. However, the hosts scored quickly when their forward powered the ball past the despairing dive of Antolic Furlong. A second goal soon followed which meant St Katherine's were up against it. A resilient St Katherine's came back into the game and they were unlucky not to score on a number of occasions thanks to efforts from Alfie King and James Wamulo who had their shots cleared off the line. Despite this they were able to half the deficit thanks to a clever finish from James Wamulo.

The game was in the balance at half time and it is was important that St Katherine's came out strongly in the first 10 minutes. This was the case and the excellent Bundy was unlucky not to score when he shot from the edge of the box was tipped over the bar by their keeper. Other chances followed from Songer and Wamulo. Despite this dominance Oldfield looked dangerous on the counter and they scored two quick goals from the edge of the box. Another goal soon followed and thus ensuring a score line which St Katherine's were unable to cope with. A consolation goal from James Wamulo his second gave some respectability to the score line.

Another promising display from the Year 8 football team and there are some encouraging signs despite two losses in the cup competitions. I am looking forward to after Christmas when the football season will give the boys more opportunities to play.

Gabriel Antolic Furlong, Ryan Bundy, Kanye Christie, Alfie King, William King, Mac Marshall, Charley Songer, Will Stratton, James Wamulo, Najjib Yusuf

Mr Thomas



9 GIRLS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Defending champs tie for 2nd place in close overall competition

After a mixed season of fixtures, the girls in the A team were positive for a good overall result, particularly with the return of injured captain Asha Storer, who had missed most of the season.



St Kath's 1 - 3 Gordano: Unfortunately, the girls played their first game against the overall winners, Gordano. It was a close game with the St Kath's side having a lot of the possession, but an incredible GD for Gordano stopped a lot of the chances in the St Kath's attacking end and they weren't able to capitalise on their advantage. Gordano were accurate in their shooting and were winners overall.

St Kath's 8 - 1 Sidcot: Normal service was resumed in their next game against Sidcot, where all players made some key interceptions to retain possession and feed the shooting duo of Sophie and Chloe Weaden. Ella Leakey found herself intercepting a number of loose passes that resulted in St Kath's goals and it was a solid win for the girls.

St Kath's 4 - 1 Priory: This was probably the messiest game played in terms of the errors by both teams, but thankfully it was the Priory side making the most errors in the game. The St Kath's girls capitalised on this and Issy Taylor found herself in plenty of space and possession to supply the St Kath's attack, The defence worked well together to keep the Priory side out and another important win for the girls in this game.

St Kath's 6 - 1 Nailsea: Having lost in their recent fixture, the St Kath's girls had a point to prove in this game. Despite the score line, the defence of Lauren Clifford and Asha Storer were on guard to halt any Nailsea attacks and made some crucial interceptions. They worked the ball well through the end third with Jess Stanley and supplied the attack who were scoring freely, winning this game comfortably.

St Kath's 6 - 6 Clevedon: Despite beating Clevedon in last year's final, Clevedon performed well in the WESPORT finals and exceeded St Kath's in the further rounds, so the girls knew this would be a tough game. In fact Clevedon had recently beaten the St Kath's side convincingly so they knew they would have to be at their best. They started well, with Asha intercepting their centre pass which led to Sophie taking the lead, they converted their centre pass and this gave them a two goal lead. Clevedon then went on to settle into the game and went ahead 4 - 6. The girls did not give up and Daisy Money made a number of interceptions to provide the shooters with the chances they needed to score, drawing level at 6 - 6 on the final whistle.

St Kath's 9 - 0 Worle: The girls were on a real high after coming back from behind in the last game and this momentum was carried through to the next game. The girls ran away with the score line, despite a couple of falls and slippery conditions underfoot.

St Kath's 6 - 1 Backwell: Backwell started well in this game and the game was tense, with errors from both sides leading to interceptions and some missed chances. Eventually the girls settled and the goals began to come, with the Weaden sisters scoring both close up and from distance. Another solid win for the girls.

St Kath's 4 - 3 Churchill: Churchill were a surprisingly strong team in the competition and this was shown when they took a 2 goal lead, the St Kath's side soon settled and drew level at 2-2. Churchill again went ahead with some great play by

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their talented GA, however another fight back and also an intercepted Churchill centre pass resulted in 2 quick goals and a final win for the St Kath's side.

Overall the girls tied for 2nd place on points, with Gordano winning overall. Players that received "player of the match" were Sophie Weaden, Issy Taylor and Asha Storer.



Having had a good season the girls in the B team performed well against tough opponents and some schools first team sides, who had been entered into the B competition to give them a more competitive chance.



In their first game they faced Broadoak, who they had met in their last fixture and beaten. In such a short space of time the game was close and it was important to take their chances, which Issy Howie did to give them a 1 - 0 win.

Next up were Priory B, always tough opponents. The defence had to be on top form against a strong set of Priory shooters, with Molly Green making some crucial interceptions to breakdown play. Unfortunately the possession Priory had was too much for St Kath's and they lost 2 - 1.

Churchill were their next opponents and this was a huge challenge for the girls, against what worked out to be the eventual winners. The defence again was worked hard and Maya van Heerden had a fantastic game as goal keeper to keep the Churchill shooters at bay. The final score was an 8 - 1 defeat.

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Back to winning ways the girls then faced Hans Price, who worked the ball well around the court, but the centre court play by Issy Prime and Daisy Money caused Hans Price errors leading to St Kath's possession and ultimately goals. A solid 4 - 1 win for the girls.

Next up was Backwell B, Daisy Money worked the centre court well and caused problems for the defence of Backwell, but their attacking play was swift and they moved the ball past the St Kath's defence to take the lead. Despite a goal from Natalie Stringer, the Backwell side pulled away into a 3 - 1 lead and were eventual winners.

Finally the girls faced Worle B. These were unknown opponents for the girls but they were up to the challenge. The game was a mix of possession, but some great disruptive work in defence by Hetty Cleaver caused a breakdown in Worle play and gave the shooters the chances they needed. A final victory for the St Kath's side 3 - 1.



U15 BOYS FOOTBALL V NORTON HILL

Promising start to football season for newly formed U15 side in Somerset Cup

On Tuesday 4 December the newly formed U15 side travelled to Norton Hill for the first round of the Somerset Cup. Last season we made the decision to combine these two age groups and so the boys were looking forward to forming an alliance on the pitch. Norton Hill have a brilliant 3G surface and so this was a fantastic opportunity for the boys to find their footballing feet and play some decent football. The hour long trip gave them plenty of time to get to know each other before kick off as it is a fair way out to Norton Hill. This first round fixture was going to be a great early challenge as this group of boys were Somerset Cup finalists back in Year 8.



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Isaac ADEBO, Max ANDREWS, Joe BETTY, Ben BOHIN, Maximus DIXEY, Louie DUN, Ethan EMERY, Brandon GEATER, Nana GYIMAH-SARPONG, Hugh LEWIS, Benjamin LUMOSO, Leeban MAHAMUD, Jazper PEACEY, Toby RICE, George TURNER

We've all seen it before – a long journey to an away match and the team are still mentally on the bus by the time the whistle has gone to start the game! Despite a chilly day and a thorough warm up the boys fell very much foul of this old story! Inside the first 90 seconds of the game a quick break and a long ball over the top saw the Norton Hill striker bearing down on Toby's goal. The striker pulled away to one side and fired the ball back across Toby in impressive style to give his team a 1 goal lead. The boys found themselves trying to wrestle their way into the game but the first mistake wasn't the last of their errors! The boys found themselves losing possession in really bad areas and the defence were subsequently caught off guard and out of position. It seemed only a matter of time before a Norton Hill second and a cheap foul presented them with an excellent set piece opportunity. The ball was whipped across the face of goal and headed passed keeper Rice without so much as a red challenge!

Two nil down the boys mustered some resolve and began to enjoy pockets of possession. Nana GS and George Turner got on the ball in the middle and both boys were able to use their skill set to positive effect. Nana can shift the ball quickly with excellent feet and is tenacious when it comes to beating a player. George has an exquisite first touch and then always finds the pass to follow. SK's first goal scoring opportunity came from a superb George Turner pass that put Max Andrews in on goal. Max hit a thunderous shot which went narrowly wide giving the boys in red something to cheer about! It wasn't long before Max had another effort saved by the Norton Hill goalkeeper following a SK freekick on the edge of the penalty area. Things were looking up from an attacking perspective but also from a defensive point of view. Norton Hill continued to enjoy spells of possession and played through our midfield impressively. Their passing was neat and accurate and they were able to threaten the final ball through on a number of occasions. This time Brandon and Leeban were well supported by full backs Betty and Lumoso and together they managed to intercept, block or clear the danger. It wasn't just the defence who were contributing to the effort because Toby Rice was sweeping really well and did a great job as the last defender.



George was really starting to get on the ball a lot and was able to use his passing range to great effect. He mixed things up brilliantly; one minute he was hitting a 30 yard diagonal ball to release Isaac or Jazper, the next he was alternating playing it over the top to put Max in or finding a through ball into Max's feet. Max was also proving himself to be a real handful as the lone striker. Max plays his football in a direct fashion and wastes no time when he gets the ball, turning to be an immediate threat on the goal. The last piece of action before half time came about after a decent period of attacking pressure from the away side. Ben Lumoso was given a second attempt to cross the ball after his first was well defended and for the second time he put across a delightful ball. The cross drew the keeper but moved away late gifting the reds the perfect invitation to attack it. Max Andrews met the ball with real force but just couldn't direct his header meaning the reds headed into half time goalless. To make matters even more frustrating, Norton Hill had grabbed a third following a strike from range that left Toby with no chance.

It was SK who came out for the second half and made the first mark on the game. Some changes saw the introduction of Max Dixey and Ethan Emery at the back along with Ben Bohin and Hugh Lewis in more advanced positions. In a pre-planned move from kick off George picked out Louie with a superb pass which Louie tried to hook back across goal. Louie got on the end of the ball brilliantly but his cross travelled across the face of goal without intervention; nonetheless it was a positive start to the second half! You couldn't help but feel that the reds needed an early goal in order to get back in the game and at the start of the second half they looked the more likely of the two sides to score! Unfortunately for the away side it was Norton Hill who scored next to take the game out of reach of the travelling side who had worked hard in search of a way back in to the contest. With such a comfortable lead much of the rest of the match saw Norton Hill stringing together some lovely passes which frustrated the reds. Toby Rice was called into action on a number of occasions and made several superb saves to keep the damage to a minimum but goals were inevitable and came on two more occasions before the final whistle.

Although the final result was clearly disappointing for the boys given that this was a cup competition, the way that they performed against strong opposition was really pleasing. In actual fact the boys remarked at half time that they weren't playing badly at all and had it not been for a slow start, the game may have been much closer. That said, Norton Hill

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thoroughly deserved their victory and were the better side. Man of the match for SK was closely fought between a few players – Toby Rice was excellent in goal, Nana GS was really busy in the midfield and stood out given the age difference and Ethan Emery possibly had one of his best games for the school looking really assured at full back. However George Turner was the best player in a red shirt for me, not least because he was up against some tough opposition in the form of a very strong central midfielder for Norton Hill. Whenever George got on the ball he picked a pass and invariably hit his target. Almost everything that was positive for the reds came through George and he controlled the midfield for his team.

Well done gents – lots of positives to take into the school football season!

Mr Cook



7 & 8 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

SK athletes make history as they take North event by storm!

On Thursday 6 December St Katherine's played host to the North schools in North Somerset for the first qualifying round of the sportshall athletics competitions. This time last year we were celebrating the achievements of the then Year 7 girls and boys teams who both qualified for the North Somerset finals and went on to make the Avon Schools Finals at UWE. We were all hugely proud of the fact that we had seen two of our teams qualify for the finals – the first time this had happened in quite a few years! So we knew that our now Year 8 teams would be competitive but we had no idea where our newest athletes were in the standings other than to know that they had impressed in practice. This year we were stunned by the performances of our Year 7 and 8 athletes as all four teams romped to victory making history for St Katherine's! This was the first time ever that all of our teams qualified for the North Somerset Finals!

I'll do my best to do the story justice ... if only you could have been there!



Coby BARBOSA-GOA, Ryan BUNDY, Danielle CAMERON, Kanye CHRISTIE, Samuel DIXEY, Balint FEKETE, Jemima GERMAN, Ruby GRAY, Megan HART-JONES, Mattijs KORSWAGEN, Hannah LANGE, Ruby MAGNUM, Frank MCCANN, Daisy MEDDER, Mia MELIAS, Nahla MENGOU, Kenneth NEWBURY, Jake PACKHAM, Jamie PACKHAM, Charley SONGER, Oliver SONGER, Will STRATTON, Madeline THOMAS, Layton THOMPSON, Jack VINE, James WAMULO, Leah WARDINGLEY, Daisy WILKINSON

As an established host venue for indoor athletics competitions these events always provide our older students with the opportunity to get involved in some leadership. The format of the competition means that the track and field events run separately, and our leaders take responsibility for the field events. It was great to see students from Year 9, 10 and 12 arrive to help us run the event and they all did a fantastic job! The quality of their leadership means that the athletes can concentrate on their performances safe in the knowledge that their scores will be measured and recorded accurately and that there is advice and support available at each event should it be needed.

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The competitions are designed to be short, sharp and intense and athletes, teachers, leaders, officials and spectators can't help but get drawn in by their energy. The atmosphere in the PE block was electric but it has to be said that Team SK were the loudest and the most cohesive. Each time athletes left the safety of their school group to compete they were met with a wall of rapturous cheers and always returned to warm congratulations and celebration regardless of the outcome!

It is impossible to convey the sheer determination, steely resilience, overwhelming energy and high class performances of the athletes. It wasn't solely about those athletes that smashed their events, of which there were plenty, but it was just as much about those athletes who dug in deep and finished second instead of third or third instead of fourth. The sportshall and the gym were full of St Kath's students who were finding the extra gear in their performances and their team mates were loving them for it! Quite simply Team SK didn't care who they were, if they had a red and black kit on they were getting their full support!

Year 7 Girls

We were really excited about seeing the Year 7 girls in action after they recorded some amazing scores in practice! The girls in the obstacle relay got the competition off to a fantastic start with a second-place finish in the first relay. Keeping their calm in the first race on the track set them up superbly for the rest of the track events. If it wasn't already then the tone was well and truly set when Ruby Gray kicked off the 2 Lap races with a destruction of the field in the A race. Madeline Thomas was just as good as Ruby in her B race with a second place finish. Ruby and Nahla were superb in their 4 Lap races – I would argue that this is the toughest of all on the track because you can't use too much flat speed nor rely on your endurance; it's a nasty mix of both all the way home! Leah Wardingley ran superbly to a silver medal in her 6 Lap race just moments before Hannah and Ruby G teamed up brilliantly on the Paarlauf race. The girls brought home the second of their two gold medals on the track – no surprise that Ruby Gray was instrumental in that performance alongside counterpart Hannah who was giving it her all for gold.

In the field the girls were even stronger than on the track. The standout performances came from Ruby Gray and Nahla Mengoud in the vertical jump. Ruby leapt to an amazing 57 centimetres while Nahla hit 41 which would have been good enough for a bronze in the A competition. Ruby Gray bagged herself yet another gold medal in an A competition for her 6.77 leap in the triple jump. Not only was Ruby 50 centimetres clear of her nearest rival this meant she had earned a total of 30 points single-handedly between track and field events! Madeline Thomas also secured a silver medal in the B competition for the speed bounce hitting an impressive 68 bounces. Top performers in the field were Hannah Lange with 6.00 metres in the shot, Leah Wardingley with 70 in the speed bounce and 1.92 in the long jump and Ruby Gray with 57 and 6.77 in the vertical and triple jump respectively. The quartet of girls rounded their evening off superbly with a silver medal in the relay.

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4 Teams: Track 57 from 68 points – 84% | Field 52 from 60 points – 87% | Total 109 from 128 – 85%

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Year 7 Boys

The boys started off their campaign superbly with a gold medal in the obstacle relay thanks to the efforts of Coby, Jack, Frank and Samuel. The hand-offs were superb and the boys nailed their obstacles, in particular Coby was really exciting to watch through the high stepper and over the hurdles. The boys performed better in the field than they did on the track but it was the grit of the performance on the track that hauled them through. They started in the field with some amazing performances, never earning less than a silver medal. Standout performances came from Mattijs with 7.41 in the shot – the only boy to clear 7 metres, Jake Packham and Sam Dixey with 83 and 80 in the speed bounce – the only two boys to go 80+, Ollie Songer in the long jump with an impressive 2.08, Jake Packham with 6.15 in the triple jump and Coby and Frank both with 43 in the vertical jump.

On the track it was their grit and determination while in the single events that got them through. All of their gold medals came in team track events i.e. relay and the paarlauf. But it was their sheer will to finish 2nd rather than 3rd that got them through. All of the boys took part in one of the two relays and their hand-offs were absolutely superb, in fact I have rarely seen Year 7s changeover so well! The track performance of the evening came from Samuel and Mattijs who stormed to victory in the paarlauf with a superb display of repeated 2 lap sprinting!

7 Boys	9					9	9	6	3	6	3		3			
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3 Teams: Track 44 from 51 points – 86% | Field 40 from 45 points – 89% | Total 84 from 96 – 88%



Year 8 Girls

Without a shadow of a doubt the Year 8 girls' strength lies in their track running. It was little surprise to everyone watching then that the girls got the evening off to a flying start with a gold medal run in the obstacle relay. Their fantastic form continued with Daisy Wilkinson and Jemima German earning maximum points from the A and B 2 Lap races respectively. Jamie took the reigns in the 4 Lap race while Jemima recovered but both girls ran well for their points in the most difficult track race. Daisy and Danielle ran a superb team paarlauf earning maximum points for the girls on the track but not before Megan Hart Jones had put in a typically gritty and determined run in her 6 Lap race. They finished up with 92% of maximum track points, not a bad performance!

In the field the girls stuck to their jobs brilliantly and were determined not to let their fantastic lead fade! Standout performances came from Jamie Packham with 73 in the speed bounce, Mia Melias with 7.51 in the shot, Daisy Medder with 1.98 in the long jump and 5.48 in the triple and finally Jemima with 44 in the vertical jump. The girls rounded off a superb and dominant performance with gold in the 4 x 2 lap relay which earned them qualification for the next round of the competition.

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8 Girls

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4 Teams: Track 63 from 68 points – 93% | Field 50 from 60 points – 83% | Total 113 from 128 – 88%



Year 8 Boys

It is the sign of a great team that they win convincingly despite not being at their best and it is fair to say that the Year 8 boys are a great team! Selection was really tough this year with so many boys vying for position. New students have also added depth to the strength in the year group so the final call was a really difficult one. It wouldn't be an understatement to say that things didn't go to plan on the track for the Year 8 boys but the end result shows the quality in this team and they certainly made up for it in the field!

The boys started their evening with disaster when Balint Fekete took a nasty stumble off of a hurdle which caused him a serious injury. Balint bravely hobbled back with the baton to his team mates who were all more concerned with Balint than the race and rightly so! I think this knocked the boys for 6 a little bit and they were all glad they could go up to the field events first as it gave them time to make sure their team mate was okay. After Balint had gone to have his injury assessed the boys concentrated on the competition once again and with a renewed determination they blitzed the field events earning maximum points. Standout performances were aplenty and came from Kenny Newbury with 9.00 metres in the shot, Ryan Bundy with an amazing 89 speed bounces beating his nearest competitor by 17 and that was our very own Charley Songer! Kanye leapt out to 2.34 in the long jump while team mates James was the only boy to clear 7 in the triple jump going out to 7.16. Finally Kanye also beat Kenny to vertical jump gold with 58 narrowly ahead of Kenny's 54 which was the next best!

Back on the track the boys started to get it together with James and Charley storming the 2 lap races. James won his A race but Charley's B race was a sublime demonstration of turning technique. The boy Charley was racing had better flat speed but Charley nailed all 4 of his turns to pip him to the line. Kanye, Kenny and Ryan all did well in their middle races before disaster struck again in the paarlauf! Fortunately for the boys Will Stratton was able to wrestle the race back so that they were in contention come the last lap but the error had proven costly. There were also some awful changeovers to finish the night in the relay but such was the dominance in speed it didn't affect the overall result.

8 Boys

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It is the sign of a great team who wins at a canter when they are not at their best!

3 Teams: Track 41 from 51 points – 80% | Field 45 from 45 points – 100% | Total 88 from 96 – 92%

Summary

Area	7 Girls	7 Boys	8 Girls	8 Boys
Track %	84	86	93	80
Field %	87	89	83	100
Overall %	85	88	88	92

For the first time in history 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. It was as though Christmas had come early in the sportshall when the results were read out. The energy and atmosphere built with the announcement of each individual competition winner and by the end of the announcements the room was full of sheer elation. It was lovely to see the students congratulate each other so readily on their achievements!

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.

Max ANDREWS, Jolie BREAKWELL, Louie DUN, Louis HAWKER, Amelya HOBBS, Molly JACKSON, Finley KING, Charlie MEDDER, Leah MILKINS, Jazper PEACEY, Daisy TILEY, Chloe WEADEN

It was also lovely that 4 of our Senior Sports Captains also gave up their own time to come and lend a hand. Bo, Louis and Caolán are all Senior Sports Captains and all did a fantastic job in helping to make the event the success that it was. Thank you all for being such great ambassadors for PE at St Katherine's and fantastic role models for our younger students.

It was literally history in the making – I wish you could have been there!

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 TEAM EVENT	TEAM EVENT	TEAM EVENT	TEAM EVENT
	A Ruby Gray	Ollie Songer	Daisy Wilkinson	James Wamulo
2 Lap	B Madline Thomas	Jack Vine	Jemima German	Charley Songer
	A Nahla Mengoud	Jake Packham	Jamie Packham	Kanye Christie
4 Lap	B Ruby Magnum	Frank McCann	Jemima German	Kenny Newbury
	6 Lap A Leah Wardingley	Layton Thompson	Megan Hart-Jones	Ryan Bundy
8 Lap Paarlauf	1 Hannah Lange	Mattijs Korswagen	Daisy Wilkinson	Will Stratton
	2 Ruby Gray	Sam Dixey	Danielle Cameron	Charley Songer
4 x 2 Lap Relay	A TEAM EVENT	TEAM EVENT	TEAM EVENT	TEAM EVENT
	A Hannah Lange	Mattijs Korswagen	Mia Melias	Kenny Newbury
Shot	B Ruby Magnum	Frank McCann	Jamie Packham	Will Stratton
	A Leah Wardingley	Jake Packham	Jamie Packham	Ryan Bundy
Speed Bounce	B Madeline Thomas	Sam Dixey	Daisy Wilkinson	Charley Songer
	A Leah Wardingley	Ollie Songer	Daisy Medder	Kanye Christie
Standing Long Jump	B Madeline Thomas	Coby Barbosa-Goa	Jemima German	James Wamulo
	A Ruby Gray	Jake Packham	Daisy Medder	James Wamulo
Standing Triple Jump	B Ruby Magnum	Ollie Songer	Megan Hart-Jones	Charley Songer
	A Ruby Gray	Coby Barbosa-Goa	Jemima German	Kanye Christie
Vertical Jump	B Nahlan Mengoud	Frank McCann	Danielle Cameron	Kenny Newbury



U15 BOYS BASKETBALL V NS STARS

Boys come through in close encounter on basketball court

Whenever we have a Sunday morning game it seems that there is always some last-minute drama when it comes to getting a team out! During the week we always seem to be scratching around to find players that are available on the weekend and not tied up with other commitments, yet come the Sunday we always seem to have more than enough! Sunday 9 December was absolutely no different as less than 5 players during the week quickly turned in to 10 on the weekend and all of them were raring to go at the start of the game.

Quarter 1 | SK 16 v 8 Stars

It was absolutely fair to say that the boys started really strongly scoring nearly half of their total points in the first 10 minutes of the match. Ian was the first boy to score and once he started he just couldn't stop! Every time the ball came in to him he nailed his shot with perfect technique – the only thing he was guilty of was spending too much time in the restricted area but you couldn't blame him! The boys played with great intensity and appetite to open up the game racking up a total of 6 steals in the first period – Jazper was quite literally all over the court and made half of the steals himself! It was also great to see some of the more accomplished ball handlers get marks in the assist column too – Toby, Jon and Shadrach have really improved their ball handling and ability to spot a pass after a good handle. Toby in particular was working a lot of good openings and had it not been for the wayward shooting of his team mates, would have made even more assists. All of the boys were rebounding the ball well and the early signs were really positive heading into quarter time.

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Kyle BARRETT, Shadrach BUNKETE, Brandon GEATER, Ian ISAAC, Zakaria MOHAMOOD, Jazper PEACEY, Jonathan PUATI-KAMBU, Toby RICE, Will STRATTON, Tony TANNER

Quarter 2 | SK 26 v 16 Stars (SK 10 v 18 Stars)

The boys continued their dominance underneath the basket with some impressive rebounding statistics. Jon led the way collecting the ball off of the glass but was closely followed by Zak and Shadrach. This meant that SK enjoyed lots of possession which presented Kyle with some fantastic opportunities to create on the court. Kyle made the most of the ball that his team mates were providing him with and set up a number of excellent scoring opportunities. In one play in particular Kyle collected the ball and drove it hard down the left wing before spotting that Shadrach had lost his man. Kyle instantly picked up his dribble and fired a superb pass into Shadrach who did not have to even break stride to collect it. So good was the pass that it would have been rude for Shadrach not to have popped it in. Shadrach wasn't the only boy scoring baskets – Ian was still on fire and the boys were looking to get the ball in to him wherever possible. Ian was in such good form that he actually top scored in 3 of the 4 periods; it just looked as though he wouldn't miss!

Quarter 3 | SK 35 v 18 Stars (SK 9 v 2 Stars)

The third period of the game really saw Shadrach come alive – he was a constant threat to the basket and in one play drove to the bucket under heavy traffic. Not only did Shadrach make his lay-up, he also drew the contact foul and made the shot from the line to complete an impressive 3-point play. The great thing about the performance was that all of the boys were contributing to the team effort. Tony and Will were using their anticipation to steal the ball brilliantly while Brandon, Kyle and Zak continue to rebound to establish possession. Towards the end of this period the Stars mounted a charge to the SK basket with a 2-point effort that would spark a storm that the boys would have to weather for the rest of the game!

Quarter 4 | SK 41 v 30 Stars (SK 6 v 12 Stars)

In the last period the Stars boys were really gunning to get back into the contest and having been ahead for a while some complacency had crept in to the red performance. The Stars went on a fantastic run and it was only the calmer and more experienced heads on the SK team that managed to wrangle back the momentum when things were running away from

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them. Kyle and Zak teamed up to affect the game brilliantly towards the end of the contest and both used every second available with each possession they established and both looked after the ball with plenty of accurate and crisp passing.



At the final whistle the St Kath's boys had their victory and had enjoyed some excellent basketball. It was great to see so many boys out on a Sunday and putting in a real team performance. MVP was an easy decision – quite simply without Ian's points we would have been in a real dog fight and it was his ruthless edge under the basket that made the difference.

Well done gentlemen – one more to go before Christmas!

Mr Cook

Player	Points	Assists	Steals	Rebounds	Blocks
J Peacey	4	1	5	2	1
Z Mohamood	6	0	1	5	0
J Puati-Kambu	2	1	1	6	0
S Bunkete	5	2	4	5	0
T Tanner	0	0	1	0	0
B Geater	0	0	1	2	0
K Barrett	2	5	4	4	0
T Rice	4	2	1	2	0
W Stratton	2	0	3	1	0
I Isaac	16	1	0	1	0

8 GIRLS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Girls enjoy full on afternoon of netball with matches coming thick and fast

Two teams of netballers from Year 8 headed for their end of year netball tournament after it was rearranged at the first attempt. The tournament took place at Backwell School and gave all of the girls in attendance an opportunity to test their skills for one final time in the season. The girls played a huge number of matches and were absolutely exhausted by the end of the afternoon.

Well done to all of the ladies who played - a lovely end to the season!





9 BOYS RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Fantastic team spirit and resilience on show in tough afternoon of rugby

On Tuesday 11 December the Year 9 boys rugby squad travelled to Backwell School for their annual rugby tournament. Unfortunately for the boys they were missing a few key players through injury, illness or absence (Jack Rossiter, Lewis Cole, Hugh Lewis). Fortunately for the boys, there were a few Year 8 boys who were more than willing to step up and test themselves at the next level; special thanks to Kayne, James and Will for not only filling in but stepping up brilliantly! The vast majority of boys in a red and black shirt have very little rugby experience and even fewer play regularly outside of school so the boys knew that it was always going to be a tricky afternoon. The boys were drawn in a qualifying pool with Nailsea and Hans Price facing the teams in that order.



Isaac ADEBO, Joe BETTY, Kanye CHRISTIE, Lewis COLE, Nana GYIMAH-SARPONG, Jordan-Lee HATHERALL, Hugh LEWIS, Dom LLEWELLYN, Benjamin LUMOSO, Izaak OSBORN, Joseph PAICE, Toby RICE, Ariel RUGMAN, Ollie STRATTON, Will STRATTON, Jack THOBURN, James WAMULO, Joseph WILLIAMS, Mansur YILMAZ

The boys didn't get off to the best start against Nailsea in their first game and an early score for the opposition put the boys right on the back foot. It is always difficult when you have players who have a brilliant skill level but are just lacking some game understanding and as you progress through the age groups the rules become closer and closer to the full game. SK really needed to avoid contesting the breakdown when defending and needed to keep their spacing and their

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width. Unfortunately, the boys conceded a couple of soft scores as a result of getting too narrow in defence before changing their habits. Nailsea were a strong side and deserved their win. In their second group game the boys found themselves in a great contest against Hans Price. The opposition scored first yet again but not before SK had enjoyed some excellent field position and possession. Midway through the first half the SK boys levelled up the score with a fantastic team try that was superbly finished but Hans Price scored two breakaway tries to seal their victory. Things remained difficult for the boys for the rest of the afternoon in two more tough matches against Churchill and Worle. Churchill had failed to progress from a really difficult group and so were a much stronger side and although the boys enjoyed a much closer game against Worle including another try, ultimately, they remained without a win.

Despite the results there were some fantastic individual performances that are really deserving of a special mention and were absolutely on a par with the rest of the rugby that was played during the afternoon. Well done to all boys for their resilience and positivity in challenging conditions and a special well done to the boys below for bringing your best to the party!



Nana executing a 2 on 1 to perfection



The aftermath of another Kanye tackle!



Will holding on and determined to make ground

Nana Gyimah-Sarpong scored the boys first try of the tournament after pickup the ball up from team mates James Wamulo after an excellent line break. On the opposition 22, Nana still had a lot to do but used all of his footwork and agility to round the covering defenders leaving him 1 on 1 with the winger. 14 hit Nana in the tackle but he glided through the contact and managed to stay on his feet, just! Stumbling all of the way into the next 1 on 1 with 15 just 5 metres short of the line Nana gave up trying to stay upright and dropped into a slide which saw him coast over the line to score a try. The boys drew huge energy from his score and it sparked Nana into life too! Nana went on to really tackle his weight and some in the red line as well as using all of his footwork to brilliant effect with the ball in hand. His finest performance came against Worle which included a superb try saving tackle - a fitting way for a great lad to end a great afternoon!

Joe Paice enjoyed a superb afternoon on the pitch and without doubt earned the prize for the best Year 9 tackler! Joe is always first to tell you that he is not a rugby player but if he could have watched himself play he might just change his mind! He put in some fantastic tackles with excellent low and powerful technique. Joe was tenacious in defence from start to finish and tackled just as hard against Worle as he did against Nailsea. There is no better example in the defensive line and Joe is a huge rugby talent!

Ari Rugman gave the complete performance and was such force of positivity all afternoon! Every time the boys conceded a score Ari was always first to run the ball back for the restart and had nothing but positive words of encouragement. In testing circumstances so many of the less experienced boys look to their more experienced counterparts for the example. There is always a lot of pressure for those boys to not only perform but to set the tone too. On each and every occasion throughout the afternoon, Ari got it spot on and every single one of his team mates were the beneficiaries. At one point in the final game against Worle, SK were given a penalty deep inside the Worle 22. Ari took the ball on the charge and hit the contact like a canon-ball. All of his frustrating came out through the carry; so destructive was his impact that it made it so simple for Ben Lumoso to recycle the ball and score the try. A passage of play that epitomises Ari's performance on the rugby pitch – gritty, tough and wholly unselfish!

Lastly it is only right to acknowledge Will, James and Kanye all of whom stepped into the breach! The boys didn't just occupy a space, they found themselves leading by example and setting the standards! Will carried the ball readily all afternoon and supported the ball carrier from the first minute to the last. James was physical in the contact and was at the centre of many of the SK line breaks including the one that led to Nana's try. Kanye however was something else!

Without a shadow of a doubt, Kanye was man of the tournament and occupied the 15 position from the second game onwards. When the defensive resistance couldn't match the attacking prowess of the opposition Kanye was there to knock the ball carrier down. Some of the tackling was brutal and when Kanye is in the zone he is awesome to watch! Time after time he would make try saving tackle and get back to his feet to go again. Many would expect such a determined competitor to walk off of the pitch at the end of a fourth straight loss bitterly disappointed and not much in the mood for conversation. I know Kanye well enough to know that he loved every single minute of the rugby on that Tuesday afternoon, not because of the results but because of the opportunity. A real competitor knows that the result is what comes after the performance and the real holy grail is finding another level in performance against the toughest



challenges – Kanye did just that and that is the reason that he is a first class competitor!

Well done to all involved and thank you to those who also travelled to support the team despite being unable to play.

Mr Cook

7 GIRLS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Both teams perform well in their last competitive netball of the season

With some schools opting to play in the B tournament, the A competition was a competition between the strongest sides in North Somerset. Having only lost to Clevedon, in their fixtures against the north schools, they were hoping to perform well. It was great to take so many girls to enjoy the competition and we comfortably fielded two teams which gave lots of girls great opportunities to compete.



St Kath's 3 - 1 Churchill: In their first game, both sides struggled in the cold conditions and it took a while for them to get into play. There were a number of handling errors from both sides, but it was St Kath's that managed to capitalise on this. Angel Chinn found excellent space to move the ball down the court and supply the shooters and the girls had their first victory.

St Kath's 1 - 2 Priory: This was a much tougher game against opponents they hadn't faced before. Both sides worked hard in this game and the pace was fast, with possession changing from end to end. Ruby Gray was formidable in defence and made some key interceptions against a strong Priory attack, unfortunately the Priory side had the better of the 8 minutes and took the victory.

St Kath's 3 - 2 Hans Price: In a much slower paced game, the ball was based at the two ends much more. Polly Cole had an excellent game against a strong defender, finding space well and working alongside her fellow shooter well. She was on target with some long range shots which gave the St Kath's side this key victory.

St Kath's 2 - 0 Gordano: Having won their previous fixture, the St Kath's side were again dominant in this game. Demi Cornick, playing as centre worked the ball well from the defence duo of Ruby and Toula, through the centre court and provided our shooters with the necessary opportunities on goal. An excellent result against local rivals.

St Kath's 1 - 3 Worle: Despite the score line, this was a close game and both sides had their opportunities on goal. Hollie Lang found great space to move away from the Worle goal keeper and initially took the lead for the St Kath's side. But a strong attacking set up in the Worle team eventually overturned this lead and they were the eventual winners.

St Kath's 0 - 5 Clevedon: This was a tough game for the girls, against the run away tournament winners. The Clevedon attack were very strong but the defence of St Kath's kept them out for a long time at the start of the game, with Maddy Thomas making some fantastic interceptions to bring the play back down to the St Kath's end, unfortunately they were just too strong on this occasion.

St Kath's 6 - 0 Nailsea: This was a total domination of possession from the St Kath's side. The defence were left with very little to do, whilst the centre court players kept the ball down at the St Kath's attacking end. Toula Hudson as goal shooter had a great game, working well with goal attack Polly to convert the St Kath's attack for a strong victory.

St Kath's 5 - 0 Backwell: A walk over victory for the girls as the Backwell side conceded to the girls as they departed before the end of the tournament and had previously lost to the St Kath's girls in a recent fixture.

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B Tournament

St Kath's 2 - 2 Gordano: This was a tough ask for the girls as they were facing some schools first teams who weren't playing in the A competition. They started well against the Gordano side with a 2 - 2 draw. Josie Rafferty and Grace Lowther Harris linking well to create chances and rebounding well against missed chances.

St Kath's 1 - 6 Clevedon: Against Clevedon B, they were facing tough opponents and they tested the defence of Celine Khalife, Neve Selby and Alice Brochot Sharpe. All linked well to intercept passes and made it difficult for the Clevedon shooter, but the eventual joint winners had the majority of the possession and this reflected the score line.

St Kath's 2 - 3 Sidcot: Sidcot were the other joint winners and similarly it was another tough game for the girls. Jena Walker worked hard in the centre court and linked well with Ruby Magnum to create chances, but the Sidcot attack were strong and were able to take advantage of errors and converted them into goals and an overall lead.

St Kath's 2 - 1 Priory: Against Priory the girls performed well, with great interceptions from Neve Selby and Ruby Magnum in the centre court to keep the ball and play in the St Kath's attacking end. Some sharp shooting by both Josie Rafferty and Grace Lowther Harris gave the St Kath's side the lead and the eventual victory.

St Kath's 1 - 3 Backwell: Another tough game for the St Kath's girls. Jena Walker made some great interceptions to breakdown the Backwell possession but they were dominant for the majority of the game.

Well done all ladies!





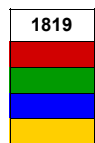
WINTER HOUSE SPORT

Houses fight for final points of 2018 on rugby pitch & netball court

We are often at the mercy of the winter weather for the Winter House Sport competitions however this year we enjoyed a fine Monday – Thursday before being struck by an overnight cold snap which froze pitches for the whole day on Friday. It was then typical that Year 8 and Year 10 competitions were scheduled for the Friday but as experienced students will know – there is always an indoor alternative! The girls were able to adapt their netball competitions for the sportshall while the boys competed in wacky competitions rather than rugby. Year 7 and Year 9 students managed to get out and enjoy their Winter competitions uninterrupted and so all up students across the school enjoyed a busy week of competition fighting for the final points of 2018!



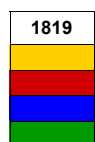
Year 7 Netball



The Year 7 girls competed furiously in a 6 house team pool based competition. There were so many matches to squeeze in that the competition had to take place outside despite the cold conditions. It's never easy to play netball well when you can't feel your hands but the girls battled the elements well and the standard of netball was really high. The Stephenson girls finished top of the pile thanks to some superior shooting from Polly and Sophie two of the main shooters for the netball team. The Pankhurst girls finished in second place but this was closely fought with Turing. T2 finished an impressive second from the 6 house teams but in combination with T1 their overall position dropped to third. Yousafzai played some excellent netball throughout the competition and were unlucky to finish in fourth position.



Year 7 Rugby



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There was huge excitement ahead of the Year 7 boys rugby competition, not least because this group of boys have made such a promising start to school rugby! There are also more Year 7 boys than in any other year group and we weren't disappointed with the turnout yielding enough for a full 6 house team competition!

The Pankhurst boys were determined to put right their no-show in the house dodgeball competition by getting a full compliment out for rugby. They did exactly that with an impressive 11 boys arriving for a 7-a-side competition. The Pankhurst boys may have finished last but not before putting in a gutsy display. Arthur Cleaver (4) and Bailey Hassell (1) used all of their school rugby experience to grab the tries for the green house but there was still more to their performance than just tries! Newcomer Josh Cowley really impressed in his debut performance for his house and looked to be a great addition to their team, Ryan Lampon carried the ball furiously all afternoon while Noah Sakalas also put in an impressive display of strength and athleticism.

The Turing boys had a mixed competition with T1 finishing in 5th while T2 finished in 3rd. It was no surprise that the more experienced boys in T1 led the way for their team with JJ, Tom, Hector, Cadnan and Nas all grabbing tries. All five of these boys have played rugby for the school but Billy, Will and Dan were every bit as involved in what was a vastly improved performance from start to finish. T2 enjoyed the better of the fortunes with try machines Jake Packham and Layton Thompson leading the way with an unbelievable 12 tries between them – given that Reagan and Owen scored 2 more each that is a mightily impressive stat. Jake was ferocious in defence too and put in one huge pile driving hit in a great try saving tackle.

The story of the afternoon really belonged to S1 who made it all the way to the final with just 5 players having been let down by a few of their house mates. Charlie Topp, Jack Sloman and Coby were the perfect trio well supported by team mates Dillan and Ethan. Together the boys pulled off a remarkable series of group performances to make the final but this was just one game too far for them up against a strong Yousafzai house. S2 enjoyed more mixed fortunes but improved massively from start to finish. Several of the S2 boys really impressed in red; Zoltan was a force to be reckoned with on the rugby pitch while Mattijs transferred all of his natural sporting ability with consummate ease! Cosmo really led his house superbly and motivated his red team mates superbly.

The prize for the best team of the afternoon was without doubt Yousafzai who comprehensively won every single one of their games. They fielded a really impressive all-round team and rotated their players around superbly. The power of Tarik and Frank alongside the pace of Ollie and Jack was a real force for destruction and that doesn't even include the guile of Leon and Tyler alongside the tenacity of Samuel and Alfred and the dependable performances that came from Sam and Mostapha. The yellow house really were deserving winners scoring a total of 27 tries and conceding just 5 in their three matches! No house came closer to beating them than Stephenson in the final yet they were still some way short. The performance of their tournament surely came from Jack Vine – an absolute try machine with an unbelievable 11 tries all of his own!



Year 8 Netball



Pool A

Pankhurst 1 [2 v 5] Yousafzai 2: Yousafzai got off to a great start with both Rayan Ahmed and Jamie Packham quick to convert their chances. Pankhurst did have chances however, Bella Wake was quick to break them down, limiting the chances of Natasha Palmer Woods as GS. Zara Mace did pick up 2 goals for her side but it wasn't enough to match the 5 by Yousafzai.

Yousafzai 1 [5 v 2] Yousafzai 2: Despite being in the same house, the Yousafzai 1 team were dominant in this particular meeting. The attacking force of Melissa Bartlett, Amani Islam and Daisy Wilkinson was tough to breakdown and their



opponents were struggling to release the ball to their attack. Poppy Baldwin Brooks was on target and gave the Yousafzai 1 team to lead they needed.

Pankhurst 1 [0 v 6] Yousafzai 1: A tough job for the Pankhurst defence, with Lily Caradine and Helena Mills working really hard to breakdown their attacking play, however the unstoppable Yousafzai were on good form and the goals began to come. Clara Thomasset playing the keeper for her Yousafzai team wasn't called upon due to the dominant possession.

Pool B

Pankhurst 2 [3 v 2] Turing: This was a great opening game for pool B with play end to end. Megan Hart Jones made some excellent interceptions for Pankhurst as Turing began to put pressure on her team. Tacie-Ann Francis scored two excellent long-range shots to put Turing in the lead, but Olivia Ring and Mia Melias managed to score themselves for Pankhurst and were overall winners.

Turing [1 v 2] Stephenson: This was a close game and both sides had chances in front of goal. Scarlett Newby was on target for her team to put them ahead despite some excellent defence by Danielle Cameron. The game remained close, with plenty of chances and interceptions, however it was Stephenson that managed to edge it at the end.

Stephenson [1 v 3] Pankhurst 2: A solid performance by the Pankhurst side meant that despite Stephenson's best efforts and hard work, the Pankhurst side would have the advantage. Excellent work in the centre by Jemima German retained possession for her side whilst Anaia was working hard for her Stephenson side. Once the sharp shooting of Olivia Ring prevailed and Pankhurst topped Pool B.

Now the positions for each pool had been determined, the bottom 2 teams would play in the 5th/6th play off, 2nd teams to play in the 3rd/4th playoff and the top teams in a straight final.

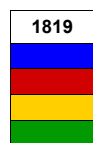
Pankhurst 1 [0 v 5] Turing: A dominant display by the Turing attack left the Pankhurst attack of Natasha Palmer Woods and Zara Mace with little to do. Renae Rush and Amritveer Gill supplied to reliable shooter Tacie Ann Francis who wasn't missing, despite the efforts of Lily Caradine and Helena Mills in defence. A convincing win for Turing who took 5th place leaving Pankhurst 1 in 6th.

Yousafzai 2 [2 v 1] Stephenson: Great attacking work by Rose Barker in the centre got Stephenson off to a good start, with Scarlett Newby converting the chance. Great linking between Elyssia Douglas and Bella Wake gave Jamie Packham a chance which she quickly took. Danielle Cameron provided good defence but Rayan Ahmed put Yousafzai ahead and despite some good possession at the end the Yousafzai team held onto win to finish in 3rd leaving Stephenson in fourth.

Pankhurst 2 [0 v 2] Yousafzai 1: Immediately it was clear this would be a well fought battle. Great defence by Nadia Namulondo prevented an early Yousafzai goal and great work in the centre court provided a chance to Yousafzai too. A great double interception by Emily Want and Clara Thomasset gave Yousafzai back possession, but this was quickly won back by Megan Hart Jones. Eventually a goal came for the Yousafzai side with Poppy Baldwin Brooks on target, which seemed to relax their side and open up the game. Another quick goal by Amani followed and they took a 2-goal lead which ultimately gave them top spot with Pankhurst finishing in second.



Year 8 Rugby



Unfortunately for the Year 8 boys the weather got the better of their competition and we had no choice but to move inside. I think it would be fair to say that there was a lot of debate about who was going to win the rugby competition with the favoured houses being Yousafzai and Turing but with the competition taking place indoors it really changed the dynamic.



Pankhurst were suffering from a lot of absence and missing some big players! With only 5 players available it was little surprise that P1 finished bottom of the pile which doesn't do the performances of James, Pawel, Jonasz, Remi and Alfie any justice. The boys worked really hard from start to finish. Remi really led the boys by example scoring all but 1 of their 6 tries with James getting the other. P2 didn't fair much better finishing in 5th place although captain Matty Brennan worked tirelessly all afternoon to make sure all of his team mates had even game time – he also found some time to bag 5 tries of his own! Matty had his pencil and paper out in the gym and was frantically scribbling away! Mohammed used all of his basketball skills to great effect while Cameron gave 100% for every second he was on the court! Will King provided quality in the mid court but the best group result they could muster was a draw against Y1.

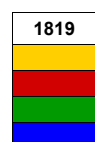
Yousafzai were unfortunate not to be able to get out on the rugby pitch and this perhaps hampered them more than any other house. Y1 finished in fourth place after loosing to Y2 in the runners up final. They managed two ties in their group games with scores coming from James Wamulo (2), Euan (2) and Reggie. Things started much more positively for Y2 who thumped P1 in their first game scoring 5 tries with Charley, Zaid and Charlie touching down. They also took a thumping off of Turing house who were looking mighty strong! Kenny came good for his team in the final scoring two tries that made the difference for Y2.

The Stephenson boys arguably benefited most from the change of activity as they boasted a good number of boys from the basketball team. Wacky probably shares more with basketball than rugby and so this could explain why they made the final. Ian continued his scoring habits from the basketball court with more points for his house while Jonathan patrolled the mat superbly in defence. Najib and Jake supported Ian in ensuring a draw that saw them make the final alas Turing had far too much for the boys in red in the final match.

The Turing boys were absolutely dominant from start to finish winning all of their matches scoring 16 tries and conceding only 5. They had excellent balance in their team with Kanye and Adam looking after the defensive mat and wacky specialist Taygan out on court causing the opposition all sorts of problems. Ryan Bundy nailed the art of pass and move while Gabe and Trysten cut out pretty much anything that came through the mid-court. Busy wasn't even the word to describe Kazim as he darted around the court pulling defenders all over the place and this gave Matthew and Lewis space to set up tries for their team mates. Ale also made an appearance later in the competition which really boosted the spirits of the boys in blue! It would be impossible to highlight any single player in what was a really accomplished team performance – the Turing boys look like the team to beat in Year 8 this year!



Year 9 Netball



With the weather on side, this round robin competition saw the 5 house teams play each other in 10-minute, one-way matches.

Turing 1 [3 v 3] Stephenson: In an intense game, both sides were keen to get off to a good start. An excellent battle between Sophie Weaden (GA) for Stephenson house and Isobel Taylor (GD) for Turing. The game was end to end and Isra Sandhool and Samia Caraye linked well to create Turing scoring chances. The score was close throughout and a draw was a fair result.

Pankhurst [0 v 3] Yousafzai: Strong play between the defence of Yousafzai saw a tough battle for the Pankhurst attack. Both sides battled hard in the centre court, but some key interceptions by Asha Storer saw the Pankhurst shooters without much play. Alongside some sharp shooting by Maya Matthews, this was a convincing victory for Yousafzai.

Stephenson [1 v 5] Yousafzai: Despite some hard work in the centre court by Niamh Gaynor, her side was overrun by the swift attack of Yousafzai. Olivia Wilshire linked well with Elanor Tuckwell to create shooting chances and they were taken well. Yousafzai took a commanding lead and were eventual winners 5 - 1.

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Turing 1 [3 v 4] Turing 2: In a strange scenario for both Turing teams, they faced each other. Spirits were high between both teams and the atmosphere was very friendly. Good centre court play between Jolie Breakwell and Issy Howie gave Turing 2 the edge they needed in this game and despite some excellent defence by Courtney Hawkes for Turing 2 they lost 3 - 4.

Stephenson [5 v 2] Turing 2: After their defeat by Yousafzai, Stephenson were determined to get back to winning ways and they were quick to do so, with some sharp shooting by Ellie Ojo they took a strong lead. Turing 2 had their strength in their attack so took their limited chances well, but overall Stephenson were too strong for the Turing side.

Pankhurst [6 v 4] Turing 1: This was the most competitive and end to end game played in this competition. Turing initially took the lead 3 - 1, but some dominant play by Chloe Weaden in the circle and good accurate shooting allowed them to get back into the game and take back the lead.

Pankhurst [2 v 4] Turing 2: Having just beaten the other Turing team, Pankhurst were slow off the mark and Turing 2 capitalised on this with Deya Reynolds gaining some good possession, working well with Jamie Leigh Bell. Maya Van Heerden and Katie Hill were tested in defence but were up to the challenge and a deserved victory for the Turing side.

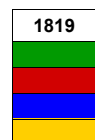
Yousafzai [3 v 0] Turing 1: Again, a dominant display of possession by Yousafzai and some good centre court play by Lauren Clifford and Leah Porter, Turing were chasing the game from the start. Isobel Taylor went to GA to challenge Asha Storer and did well playing out of position, however the Yousafzai team controlled the game and were eventual winners.

Stephenson [6 v 5] Pankhurst: In an action packed, end to end game full of chances for both sides, the sharp shooting of both Chloe Weaden for Pankhurst and Sophie Weaden from Stephenson kept this game on a knife edge throughout. Stephenson finally edged the lead and Pankhurst were unlucky in the timing of the final whistle before Chloe was able to level the game.

Yousafzai [1 v 0] Turing 2: This was Yousafzai's closest game and it took a while to get settled. Maya and Katie disrupted a number of the Yousafzai attempts on goal and errors began to creep into play, however they were able to edge an eventual lead of 1 goal, which they hung onto and kept their 100% record.



Year 9 Rugby



The Pankhurst boys were desperate to claw some of the ground back on the Stephenson boys after their victory in the dodgeball and they didn't disappoint out on the rugby pitch! Unfortunately for the boys in yellow it was their turn to settle for last place. Their best match came in a victory in their first match against T2 5 tries to 3. Four of their tries came from Joe Betty while Joe Paice dotted down for the other. In Lewis Cole's absence the boys really gave their all with Maxwell, Richard, Dylan, TJ and Finch all knuckling down alongside the Joe's! Finch in particular impressed right up until the final whistle in the game against T1 when he was hauling down Abdi short of the line!

Mixed fortunes for the Turing boys saw them occupying third spot at the end of the afternoon. All credit to the T2 boys who had a tumultuous afternoon with just 6 players available. The boys only have 8 in their tutor group and with 2 away the six stepped up marvellously. Tries were scored by Daniel, Leo and Max but it was Izaak who led from the front with a series of superb performances. The main threat came from T1 house who finished in second place as a stand alone after beating Stephenson 5 tries to 3. Hugh Lewis put in a huge performance after only recently coming back from injury while Djafar was a real handful having applied himself to his rugby in recent weeks – I hope he realises what a talent he is on the rugby pitch! Ty, Shadrach, Abdi and Harry also joined in the try scoring but it was Nana who led by name and by performance – quite simply he was the catalyst for everything good that came from the T1 boys and his performances were instrumental in securing third spot.

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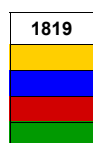


Stephenson finished in second position after a consistently strong performance against each house. Ben Lumoso was typically athletic and effervescent in his matches and with Joe Williams smashing down brick walls for the boys in red so they couldn't go wrong. Ben Bohin added a touch of class to proceedings and some neat footwork to yield his tries. Ollie, Tom, Callum, Matthew, Mushin, Jordan and Jack all weighed in with healthy contributions and saw Stephenson to a deserved second place albeit just behind Pankhurst this time!

From the get-go the boys in green were out for victory and achieved their objective scoring 20 tries in the process and conceding just 7 tries in the process although three of those were a Hugh Lewis hattrick against T1! Isaac Adebo was a green try scoring machine while Ollie and Ari combined to achieve similar power to a well known green super hero! George Petrie put in perhaps the performance of the afternoon grabbing himself a couple of tries – George is working hard on his reputation as a poacher on the rugby pitch as well as on the football pitch! With Ciaran, Dom, Fuaad, Toby and Oscar strength in depth was clearly the key to Pankhurst victory. Who knows what will happen in football!



Year 10 Netball



The keenly awaited Year 10 House Netball lived up to all its expectation. The PE staff were really impressed with the level of commitment, team-work, fair play and sportsmanship displayed by all of the competitors.

The first match was Yousafzai v Stephenson and right from the start Yousafzai went on the attack, putting massive pressure on the Stephenson team. Scorers were Freya, Freya B and Molly J. Stephenson displayed grit and determination with Daisy T, Anida and Millie Sweeney outstanding in defence the whole team never gave up. FINAL SCORE Yousafzai 6-0 Stephenson. The second game featuring Turing and Pankhurst had a lot to live up to and it didn't disappoint with an amazing contest between Chantelle H in Goal Defence and Leah M in Goal Attack. Scorers for Turing were Nasma with Audrey scoring for Pankhurst. The fast flowing and competitive match ended with Turing the victors. FINAL SCORE Turing 5-1 Pankhurst. Pankhurst went into their second match against the strong Yousafzai team with enthusiasm and energy but had to absorb a lot of pressure from their dynamic opponents, Leah M and Lara R battled well in the centre of court for Pankhurst and Judit as GK was resolute in defence, but the team was overpowered as Molly and Freya B scored. FINAL SCORE Yousafzai 9-0 Pankhurst. Being mindful of the successful Yousafzai team, Turing had to push Stephenson all the way if they were going to keep pace with the early tournament leaders. This match was a close affair with Turing scoring through Salma and Stephenson scoring through Lucy T. Evie Williams had a great game at GD, as did Jess and Millie S for Stephenson, whilst Lucy Turner, Maryarma, and Courtney D all played brilliantly for Stephenson. FINAL SCORE Turing 3-1 Stephenson. The fifth match was going to be an intriguing game as both teams were competing for third place in the competition. The match ebbed and flowed between both teams in a closely fought contest. Outstanding players for Stephenson were Audrey, Millie Sweeny, Rosie Martin and Beth Edwards. The best player who equalled this for Pankhurst was Seren. The game resulted in a high scoring draw. FINAL SCORE Pankhurst 5-5 Stephenson. The concluding game of the tournament was for 'top-spot'. Both Turing and Yousafzai could take first place with a win. The game did not disappoint, with dynamic and creative play from both teams. Goals came thick and fast with Nasma scoring twice, Molly J, Freya, Amelie and Millie all getting on the score sheet for their respective houses. FINAL SCORE Turing 3-3 Yousafzai.

As a result of the draw and both teams being even on points the competition was decided on goal-difference. Yousafzai were declared winners on goal difference and Turing worthy runners up. Pankhurst and Stephenson finished in the remaining places.

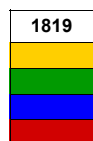
Congratulations EVERYONE for a brilliant display of netball.

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Year 10 Ruby



There was a lot of talk amongst the Year 10 boys about who would wind up winning the rugby competition but you couldn't argue that Yousafzai had to be strong favourites on paper but Turing were equally as strong! As we all know, sport isn't played on paper but as things panned out the yellow house performed as expected but the same can't quite be said for Turing!

Stephenson were always going to be up against it but matters were made much worse when they were let down by some of their house mates! Huge credit to the red boys who did show up; Bilal, Harvey, Kireon, Jamie, Josh, Mursal and Connor. Josh kept things as quiet as he could on the mat at the defensive end but in reality, they lost all of their matches. They came close twice against Turing with tries coming from Connor, Kireon and Mursal. Mursal wins the prize for the best try of the afternoon as in typical fashion, Josh Reeve launched a ball as far as he could and rather than getting it stuck in the roof, he managed to find the basketball hoop before it bounced back into Mursal's hands beating all of the defenders and allowing him to fall on the mat.

Turing spent all afternoon long trying to get it together but they were way off with their tactics and strategy and ultimately paid the price! Their only two victories came against Stephenson with tries from George, Jazper and Tyrese. They did come close to beating Pankhurst in their last encounter but Pankhurst pipped them to the post. The Turing boys fell victim of playing at 100 miles per hour and playing players in completely the wrong position. Leeban managed to stand out as their best player and had the best passing and movement of any of the boys in blue.

Pankhurst were the real surprise package of the competition and without a doubt had the best team cohesion and used all of their analytical minds to great effect. They won all of their matches against Stephenson and Turing and came closer than anyone else to beating Yousafzai. The balance throughout their team was excellent. Brandon and Finlay controlled the middle of the court while Zaeem and Robert wreaked havoc for the defending teams. Charlie Kearns patrolled the mat superbly and cleared up any lose ends but without a doubt the Pankhurst player of the tournament and arguably the best player on show was Alfie Wagland. Alfie gave a really intelligent performance and adapted his skill set to suit the needs of his team – a really accomplished display from a hugely talented lad!

Yousafzai only had 1 minor scare in the competition and that was a narrow 2-1 victory over Pankhurst in their first and cagey encounter. Beau and Kyle were responsible for the tries that won them this match but Tony, Charlie and Max scored tries in other matches. With 12 players and lots of strength in depth it was little surprise that Yousafzai wound up on top. Max Andrews was hugely athletic on the court and seemed almost impossible to get the ball passed but he was well complimented by his team mates and this proved too much for the opposition.



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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	2	4	2	4	8	1	6	2	18	4
	Stephenson	6	2	6	2	6	2	2	4	20	2
	Turing	4	3	8	1	4	3	4	3	20	2
	Yousafzai	8	1	4	3	2	4	8	1	22	1
GIRLS	Pankhurst	6	2	6	2	4	3	2	4	18	3
	Stephenson	8	1	6	2	6	2	4	3	24	2
	Turing	4	3	2	4	2	4	6	2	14	4
	Yousafzai	2	4	8	1	8	1	8	1	26	1
OVERALL	Pankhurst	8	3	8	4	12	1	8	3	36	3
	Stephenson	14	1	12	1	12	1	6	4	44	2
	Turing	8	3	10	3	6	4	10	2	34	4
	Yousafzai	10	2	12	1	10	3	16	1	48	1

Thank You!

We are really grateful to the Senior Sports Captains and older students below who have all given up their time to support Winter House Sport competitions. Students have supported us organising fixtures, collecting results, refereeing & umpiring, taking photographs, setting up pitches and a whole lot more!

Megan ANDREWS, Louis BOYCE, Danny CONWAY, Matthew CRUTCHLEY, Tom GREEN, George HARRIS, Athea HEAVENS, Bo MARSHALL, Lewis MASON, Dexter MOTT, Ben PAINES, Caolán PEARCE, Mason SMART, Finley SMITH, Jay SPICER, Louis STRATTON, Lauren TOMS, Madeline WATTS, Ashleigh WILLS, Daniel YOUNG

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

Congratulations to everyone who took part for their houses – Praise Postcards are on their way!

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SHOWBIE

We are trialling a new platform for communicating with students about major sports teams

We are trialling a new platform for communicating information and details about events for major school sports teams. This is a FREE platform that students can sign up for using their school Gmail accounts. There is an iOS app or an online platform. We should stress - this is just a trial and we are likely to be exploring other solutions for improving the communication between PE staff, students and parents / carers. If you would like any more information, please just email me at cookd@skdrive.org.

SHOWBIE

NEW platform for communicating key information for major school sports teams

INSTRUCTIONS!

- 1) Download the FREE iOS App or visit showbie.com
- 2) Create a Student account using your school Google details i.e. 18cookd@skdrive.org
- 3) Speak to your team captain to get the Group Code - there is a group for all major teams
- 4) Join the Group by entering the Group Code
- 5) Keep up to date with instant info!



We are using Showbie on a trial basis and only for major teams at the moment - all feedback welcome!



PE LEADERS AND CAPTAINS

A reminder of the key points of contact for our major teams and house sport events

Below are all of our Senior, Team and House captains for 2018/19. Students should speak to their captains with any queries as the first point of call. We are really grateful to the 80 students we now have in leadership roles and are really excited about growing this area of the faculty this year.

Thank you for all of the work that you have already done this year and thank you in advance for all of the work that lies ahead!

SENIOR SPORTS CAPTAINS	
ALL	Danny Conway, Matthew Crutchley, Tom Green, Bo Marshall, Dexter Mott, Caolan Pearce, Lucie Robertshaw, Mason Smart, Louis Stratton, Maddie Watts, Ruby Webber

TEAM CAPTAINS							
Year	Rugby	Football	Cricket	Basketball	Netball	Hockey	Rounders
7	<u>Frank McCann</u> JJ McLoughlin				<u>Polly Cole</u> Jena Walker		
8	<u>Will Stratton</u> Kayne Christie	<u>Mac Marshall</u> Ryan Bundy	Mac Marshall				
9	<u>Ollie Stratton</u> Ari Rugman	Nana G-S	Toby Rice	Toby Rice Ben Lumoso	<u>Asha Storer</u> Jess Stanley	Jolie Breakwell	Chloe Weaden
10	Max Andrews	<u>Louie Dun</u> George Turner	Louie Dun	Kyle Barrett			
11	Sam Williams Tyler Barr	Eli Smith	Will Conroy Ethan Eggleston	Ashya Gray	Priscilla Lumoso	Ruby Webber	Priscilla Lumoso
6	<u>Lowell Mott</u> Lewis Mason	<u>Danny Conway</u> Jay Spicer	Lewis Mason	Danny Conway	Bo Marshall		

HOUSE CAPTAINS								
Year	PANKHURST		STEPHENSON		TURING		YOUSAFZAI	
7	<u>Ashleigh Lear</u> Celine Khalife	Charlie Bell Josh Murphy		Coby B-G Charlie Topp	Ruby Magnum	Nas G-S JJ McLoughlin	Leah Wardingley	Jack Vine
8	Daisy Medder	Matthew Brennan Mac Marshall	Scarlett Newby		Tacie-Ann Francis	Gabe A-F	Daisy Wilkinson	Kenny Newbury Will Stratton
9	Chloe Weaden	Toby Rice Ari Rugman	Ella Leakey	Ben Lumoso	Jolie Breakwell Isra Sandhool Jess Stanley Isobel Taylor	Nana G-S		Lewis Cole Maxwell Williams
10	Leah Milkins	Alfie Wagland		Ethan Emery	Amelie Purvis	Louie Dun Jazper Peacey	Molly Jackson	Max Andrews
11	Stella Crocker	George Hardwell Charlie Hayward Henry Welch	<u>Jazzy Pither</u> <u>Ruby Webber</u> Ebonie Mccombie	Will Conroy	Lucie Robertshaw	Logan West	Priscilla Lumoso	<u>George Hayward</u> M Zubair

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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.

Cosmo Browne (Futsal)

Cosmo selected to represent Great Britain in Futsal



We are delighted to share that Cosmo Browne in 7S2 has been selected to represent Great Britain in Futsal!

This is a fantastic achievement for Cosmo and we are really looking forward to keeping you updated on his progress and future achievements!

Cosmo has made a brilliant start to PE at St Katherine's so it was not a huge surprise for us to find out about his amazing achievement! We wish Cosmo the best of luck with his futsal going forward.

Congratulations Cosmo!

Jazzy Pither (Football) and Ruby Webber (Football)

Jazzy and Ruby selected for Somerset Schools County U16s

Jazzy Pither and Ruby Webber in Year 11 have been selected to represent Somerset Schools County U16's in a regional competition. They both played in their first game against South Glamorgan, with a convincing 5 - 0 win. With this win they qualified for the 2nd round of the Inter County Cup against Cornwall. In this game Ruby, who usually plays in midfield was forced into goal, after the regular keeper was sent off. The girls managed a 3 - 1 win and are now through to the 3rd round against Hertfordshire, which will be played in the New Year.

It is lovely to see two fantastic role models continue to enjoy success on the football pitch!

The very best of luck to both girls for 2019 and beyond!



Daisy Money (Cricket) and Chloe Weaden (Cricket)

Duo selected for Somerset Senior Pathway Centre Programme after successful trial!



During their time at St Katherine's both Daisy and Chloe from Year 9 have always impressed on the cricket pitch! The girls have always been integral to our school teams but both have also played club cricket locally for Lodway.

Earlier this year Daisy and Chloe trialled and we are delighted to share that following a successful trial, both girls have been selected for the Somerset Senior Pathway Centre Programme. Daisy and Chloe are both talented all rounders playing a whole host of sports for the school!

Congratulations to both girls for this fantastic achievement!



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Leah Wardingley (Netball)

Leah selected for North Somerset Netball Academy



Back in September Leah attended a netball trial after being put forward by one of her primary school teachers. After Leah had impressed at her first trial she was invited to trial again in Weston-super-Mare which involved four different sessions where Leah was put through her paces! We are delighted to share that Leah was selected and now attends weekly training session with North Somerset as well as playing her club netball closer to home at Crossbow Netball Club.

No surprises then that Leah has impressed on the netball court for the school already but she hasn't stopped there with amazing performances at the indoor athletics and cross country too!

Good luck with your netball for 2019 Leah!

Frank McCann (Rugby)

Frank selected for a memorable trip to the home of English rugby

Many of you may have enjoyed watching the Quilter Internationals back in the autumn but what you may not have realised is that Frank McCann from 7Y had a front row seat for the England v Japan game on Saturday 17 November! Frank has captained the school rugby team brilliantly since September and plays his club rugby at Gordano. Frank was selected as part of his club for a first class sporting experience!

Frank was given a tour of the ground before taking part in a game on the Twickenham turf pre-match. Frank also acted as a flag bearer cheering on the teams as they came out of the tunnel for the match. As if all of this wasn't enough, Frank was interviewed on the big screen as well as finding time to grab quick photographs with England legends Lewis Moody and Lawrence Dallaglio.

An amazing afternoon for an amazing young rugby player!



Does your son / 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 to tell us more!

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CLUBS AND CAPS TERM 2

A look back at student achievements in the second term of the academic year 2018/19

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

Leah Wardingley	Year 7	Jake Packham
Poppy Baldwin-Brooks, Jemima German, Zara Mace, Mia Melias, Helena Mills, Scarlett Newby, Daisy Wilkinson	Year 8	Will Stratton
Hetty Cleaver, Molly Green, Issy Prime	Year 9	Toby Rice
Viktoria Fekete	Year 10	Jazper Peacey
-	Year 11	Abdulahi Jama & Zakariah Mohamood
Bo Marshall & Meg Andrews	Year 12 & 13	Caolán Pearce & Louis Stratton

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).

Ruby Gray & Leah Wardingley	Year 7	Layton Thompson
Jemima German, Mia Melias, Jamie Packham, Daisy Wilkinson	Year 8	Will Stratton
Isabelle Howie & Chloe Weaden	Year 9	Toby Rice
Amelya Hobbs, Molly Jackson, Leah Milkins	Year 10	Jazper Peacey
Stella Crocker, Eleanor McCarthy, Jazzy Pither, Lucie Robertshaw, Niamh Scanlan, Ruby Webber	Year 11	Bailee Farley & Zakariah Mohamood
Bo Marshall	Year 12 & 13	Louis Stratton

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

Ruby Webber	105	Most Capped Students	Danny Conway	135
Bo Marshall	81		Caolán Pearce	125
Jazzy Pither	71		Tom Green	117

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

Thank you all for your contributions.

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