



PE Newsletter 15th-19th November

YEAR 7

Year 7 Netball

The year 7 had their first ever home fixture this week against KEGS. A very tightly fought match, which at half time saw them 4-1 down. The second half saw fantastic goal keeping from **Freya Underwood**, who intercepted and stopped many goals to keep their scores low. With effective dodging, **Poppy Healy** and **Rich Calabio** worked brilliantly together to keep the ball and possession. Unfortunately, KEGS had a very effective and tall defence making **Danielle Taylor** and **Layla Peckford's** part in the game very difficult. Great effort all round for the whole team, well done! Also, thanks to all of those who came out to support the girls.

YEAR 8

Year 8 Netball

The year 8s had their next game against King Edwards this week. There was a lot of support for the girls this week and after a short while the girls got the first score followed by a loud cheer echoing in the sports hall! They defended brilliantly and intercepted many passes making it hard for KEGS to get a goal from their centre.

Despite some great defensive work between **Naomi Selby** and **Eve Caldwell** in their goal end, KEGS managed to be 2-1 up at half time. The next half was then played outside. **Martha Hardcastle** and **Chloe Price** worked extremely hard to gain possession but unfortunately the girls couldn't get past KEGS strong and tall defence effectively. Ending in a loss, the game was a very low scoring game, showing just how hard it was fought for both sides. Great effort all round and lovely to see so much support for the team out there!

YEAR 9

Year 9 Netball



The u14 girls also did extremely well in their first ever county netball tournament. Whilst they lost their first game to the overall winners, Ipswich School, they went on to be at Hartismere and Ipswich High School.

This meant the girls had also qualified for the semi-finals as runners up in their group. Here the girls faced the overall winners of the tournament, Woodbridge School. In what was a tough game for the team, the girls came away learning an awful lot and look to build upon their performance for next year.

A huge well done to **Eve Caldwell** who played up an age group and did brilliantly well.

Year 9 Girls Basketball



The Year 9 girls basketball team travelled to Mildenhall on Thursday for their first game of the season. The girls were very excited from the offset and got off to a great start taking a 6-4 lead at the end of the first quarter. The next two quarters were excellent for Stowmarket who started to play some really good basketball with some great intensity on defence. The four quarter was slightly closer but in the end we remained comfortable with the final score ending up 27-20 to Stow. Top scorer was **Harriet Croft** with 7 points but it was an excellent team effort with 9 of our 11 players getting on the score sheet.

Year 9 Girls Football



The girls u14 football team, made up of y8 and y9 played their first game together this week, away at TGS. Led strongly by captain **Chloe Taylor**, the girls got off to a great defensive start holding back a number of strong strikers and **Charlotte Buckle** stopping a few shots on goal and comfortably feeding the ball back to our girls. Despite some fantastic defence by **Chloe Payne**, **Erin Hurst Cotton** and **Emily-Jane Williams** the girls unfortunately were 3-0 down at half time.

After half time, we went up to 11 players with **Dana Foxley** and **Maerhyn Bishop** making their first appearance and both making a big difference in the game. TGS took advantage of a quick break and got a lucky goal, shortly after this one of their players went down injured. We took this time to make some radical formation and positioning changes. This led to a great goal by our captain and some further chances for **Milly Healy** and **Erin Baker**, which a strong goalie unfortunately got their hands

too. Some lovely speed from **Amy Cobbold** to win the ball and passing by **Lauren Turner** all helped us to keep most of the possession in the second half. The second half definitely showed what our girls were made of and I look forward to any future games they have. Great effort all round and fantastic sportsmanship shown throughout. Well done ladies!

YEAR 11

Year 11 Netball



The u16 girls started their county tournament perfectly, beating 'the favourites' Fram College (7-5). They then went on to draw with Ipswich School (8-8) and beat Culford School (9-5).

This meant they had won their group stage and had qualified for the semi-finals. The girls then faced Woodbridge school in what was their most important game of the day (as the winner of this were guaranteed a spot in the regional finals!) After the scores at half time were tied, it was anyone's game. However things in the second half did not go our way, as Woodbridge ran away winners and qualified alongside Fram College (who they had previously beaten!)

A huge well done to **Madison Skoulding** who played up an age group and was a stand out player across all of the games.

Over the last 5 years, these girls have done themselves proud, beating a number of private schools and are still unbeaten (since year 7) in the West Suffolk League.

U16 Mixed Badminton



On Thursday four u16 badminton teams travelled to Newmarket for the area competition. Eight of our students were in year 10, competing in an age group up.

Our u16 A boys team consisted of **Sonny Larke, Oli Davy, Zaine Stribling** and **Isaac Kulsea**. The boys had extremely tough competition, facing county finalists Culford & KEGS, meaning they came in third place. Sonny & Oli did fantastically and gave them a good run for there money!!

The boys B team was made up of **Adrian Andreev, Ozzie Gunton, Sam Manning** and **Danny Bowman**. These boys went on to beat Mildenhall & Newmarket to win their competition. Shout out to Sam for providing us with some excellent entertainment throughout the tournament!

The girls A team featured **Madison Skoulding, Lillia Prior, Evie McKane** and **Maddie Chenery**. These girls also had county finalists KEGS in their competition and just lost out to them, coming second place. Some outstanding play was shown from Madison Skoulding, who was yet again competing in an age group up.

Lastly, **Eleanor Watts, Angel Calbio, Kacie Crowfoot** and **Ella Markwell** competed in the girls B team catagory. They did extremely well, wining all of their games, coming in first place!







Fixtures Next Week:

Monday 22nd November

- Year 7 Boys Football vs KEGS (2:30-4:15pm) *D.WISE/L.ANDREWS*

Tuesday 23rd November

- Year 11 (B) Netball @ TGS (3:10-5:30pm) *G.WHITFIELD*

Thursday 25th November

- Year 10 (B) Netball @ SHS (3:10-5:30pm) *J.HOWLAND/G.WHITFIELD*
- Year 10 Boys Futsal @ Sybil (3:10-5:15) *T. WEST*
- Year 9 Boys Basketball vs OSA @ Home (3:10-5:15pm) *D.WISE*