

# Sports

# Newsletter



February 25

## A Strong start to the Year

Welcome to this first edition of our Sports Newsletter, celebrating the fantastic sporting achievements and opportunities for our Year 5-8 students!

It has been an action-packed term, with students showcasing their skills and teamwork across a variety of sports, including football, netball, rugby, cross country, gymnastics, table tennis, and basketball. Our interschool fixtures have been highly competitive, and we are incredibly proud of all participants for their dedication and sportsmanship.

A special congratulations goes to our Year 7 and 8 boys' football teams, who have made excellent progress in the National Cup—an incredible achievement that highlights their hard work and talent!

We're also excited to share that our new school sports partnership has opened up even more opportunities for our students. This collaboration is enhancing our sports program by providing additional competitions, training for Sports Leaders and Ambassadors, and further developing our young athletes' confidence and leadership skills.

Thank you for your continued support—we look forward to another fantastic term of sport!

The PE Dept.

### **KS3 National Cup Football**

Year 7 boys continue their run in the ESFA National cup following excellent performances through 4 rounds seeing results of 5-1, 6-0, 3-2 & 4-1. They play a Quarter Final fixture in the w/b 3/2.

Our Year 8 boys reached the last 16 before succumbing to a strong Woodbridge School team 8-5. This followed victories over local rivals St Ed's on penalties and a comfortable double figure win in the previous round.

### **KS3 Rugby Tournament**

Our Year 7 and 8 rugby teams took part in a highly competitive tournament. The Year 7 team put in a fantastic performance, finishing second in their group and, for the first time, progressing to the semi-finals. Their resilience and commitment were evident in every game, and they can be extremely proud of this milestone achievement.

The Year 8 team also delivered some outstanding rugby, winning two of their pool matches and demonstrating moments of exceptional play.

### **Upcoming Fixtures/Events**

- Y7 Girl's Football 25/2
- Y8 Girl's Football 27/2
- Y7 Boys Football 7/3
- Y7 Sports Hall Athletics 3/3
- Y8 Boys Football 6/3
- Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics 10/3

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## Year 7/8 Girls District Football Champs

On a cold December evening a mixed team of Year 7 and girls travelled to King James for a district school's tournament. They came out comfortable winners following some excellent attacking play alongside some awesome goalkeeping. Congratulations!

## KS2 Basketball

Our Year 6's took part in a basketball fixture against KJAR. A spirited effort against an experienced team saw us unfortunately lose. Our students can hold their heads high knowing that improvements were made throughout culminating in a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter draw for our boys

## Table Tennis

Some fantastic performances from our students across the school in the district tournament. A set up allowing seeded players to compete towards points as a whole meant for some competitive games and excellent play. Our students were particularly commended for their officiating and sportsmanship.

## Gymnastics

6 year six students took part in a Key Steps Gymnastics competition that showcased their skills in floor, vault and apparatus routines. We finished (place) with some excellent performances from our pupils. Well done.

## Netball

Across the year groups several of our extremely well attended netball club have taken part in tournaments. We attended two festivals winning all our KS2 games and performing well in our KS3 fixtures.

## Cross Country

Students from across Y5/6 took part in a district Cross Country competition and performed admirably. We finished 2<sup>nd</sup> (Boys) and 8<sup>th</sup> (Girls) overall with individuals gaining 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> positions in a field of over 100 pupils from 17 schools. Amazing achievement!

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- GB Athlete visit 14/3
- Y5/6 Netball 27/3
- Y5/6 Football 28/3
- Y5/6 Cross Country 31/3

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## Year 7 Girls National Cup

Our Y7 girls travelled away in the first round of the cup being narrowly defeated 1-0 in a tightly contested game. Some excellent performances in attack and defence were sadly not quite enough on the day.

## Tottenham Hotspur Vs Ajax U21 Reward Visit.

16 pupils across the school who had maintained the correct PE kit across a term were randomly selected to receive a reward from the PE department. We thoroughly enjoyed a visit to Stevenage FC to watch an U21 football match and were lucky enough to meet some players. Look out for next term's reward!



## Did you know?

The vast majority of our extra-curricular sport offer falls under the delivery of School Games and our School Games Organisers in the area. The events we enter fall under the following three categories

**INSPIRE AND ENGAGE** events are designed to increase participation and fun with a focus on trying new activities and skills.



**ASPIRE AND DEVELOP** events are designed to learn and develop new skills through participation in festivals, friendly competitions, and personal challenges.



**COMPETE** events are competitions for the engaged and active students to include pathway events to county finals and beyond with opportunities to link with local community clubs.



## Sports Trivia Question:

Can you name 10 members of the 'Premier League 100 club'; those players who have scored 100 or more Premier League Goals in their career? 5 merits if you can tell the PE department a correct answer!



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