

High Sports – Friday 9 February 2024



U13 IAPS Netball vs Uppingham School

On Friday 2 February, the U13 netball team went to Uppingham School for a tournament. We played 3 matches in the pool stages. Against St Johns College we lost 7-2, against Spratton Hall we narrowly lost 5-7, against St Hugh's we lost 3-16. In the next round we faced Witham School losing 3-10. Although we did not have the chance to move up to the next stage in the tournament, we progressed well as a team. Well done to our goalkeepers, Esme and Jasmine, for making some great interceptions and saving many goals. Also to Peony and Safiya for some amazing shooting despite the wind in our first couple of games. Everyone played well and I hope in the future we have the opportunity to develop our skills and win some games in the coming season. **Amelia N, Captain**



U16 Netball Regional Schools Finals

On Saturday 3 February our U16A team competed in the regional finals, after placing 2nd out of 6 schools at the regional qualifiers. Going into this competition we knew there would be some hard games. We competed against schools such as Stamford who were the biggest competition in our pool. Our defence, consisting of Jasmine Y, Kirsten M and Olivia R, put up a good fight for the ball.

In centre court we had Evie F, Roja L, Tanishqa T and Isabelle S who put in their all and delayed play very well. Special mentions to Evie and Isabelle for playing up a year. Olivia displayed some great diversity of play when she came into shooter, and together we made a great shooting duo. Unfortunately, the schools we played were very good, and despite everyone in the team pulling their weight, it was not quite enough to proceed to the next round. I am very proud of everyone who played, and they all deserve to be recognised for their outstanding effort. Well done to all, I can't wait to see where the netball season takes us! **Gemma S, Captain**

Regional Cross Country at Burghley House

Well done to Emily who represented Northamptonshire at the Regional Cross Country competition on Saturday 3 February. Despite being unwell, Emily persevered and ran a great race! We are currently awaiting the results and look forward to sharing them shortly. **Mrs Littlewood**

U12A&B Netball vs Quinton House

U12A – The A team were really good in attack and played fast attacking netball. Grace F was solid in shooting and made some great lead runs and accurate feeds into the circle. We were delighted to win 11-3 against a combined U12&U13A team from Quinton. Well done to all who played! **Zoe S, Captain**

U12B – On Monday 5 February, the U12B team played the 2nd and 4th quarters of a netball match against Quinton House. Everybody played a great game, especially Annashe who was voted player of the match. Charlotte also played well and was a great asset to the team. Overall, everybody did a great job marking their players and running into spaces. Across the 2nd and 4th quarters the score was 2-1. Great job everyone. **Francesca G, Captain**



U14A&B vs Kimbolton School

U14A – On Tuesday 6 February, the U14A Team had a netball match against Kimbolton. The match went really well with brilliant play from everyone. Throughout the game we showed perseverance, finishing the match 19-12 to the opposition. As the season has only just started, we can use this match to improve our play and learn from our mistakes; this season has a lot more to bring us! Congratulations to Emily K who was our player of the match. **Bella F, Captain**

U14B – The U14B team also played Kimbolton on Tuesday. We all tried our best and were unfortunate to come away with a 19-4 loss. Our player of the match was Ava S. Well done everyone! **Lily G, Captain**

U15A&B vs Kimbolton School

U15A – On Tuesday 6 February, our U15 team faced Kimbolton School. Their team was very well drilled and disciplined, and both teams had equal efforts when in possession of the ball. The game began with our centre, which we used to our advantage to put us ahead. We ended the first quarter being 4-4 with both teams showing fight for the game. However, they were tight on our shooters causing us to lose centres. As a team we displayed great ability when transitioning from defence to attack, with our strong defence often causing turnovers. We ended the match 10-14 to Kimbolton and played very well throughout. Our player of the match was Aiyven as she showed a continuous fight for the game, and our players' players were Charlotte F and Olivia, as they both marked tightly and were often in free space. **Izzy S, Captain**

U15B – The U15B's played an incredible game against Kimbolton, finishing with a very unlucky outcome of 7-16. Player of the match went to Alex R. Well done to everyone that played and we look forward to the rest of the season. **Alex R, Captain**

U15 Cricket vs Caroline Chisholm

This week, the U15 cricket team attended the ECB Schools Indoor Competition. Everyone played especially well, winning the game with a score of 48. Our bowler of the game was awarded to Charlotte D and our batter of the game was Katie who got to 15 runs (the maximum you can get to before you must retire in indoor cricket). A very impressive performance from the team in the first game of the year. **Katie F, Captain**

U16A Netball vs Quinton House

On Thursday afternoon, our U16A netball team took on Quinton House School. Our past games, ending in 9-6 and 10-7 losses to us, meant we had huge ambition to beat them this time. The match began with their centre but was very quickly turned over by our brilliant defence. Jasmine Y, Kirsten M, Olivia R and Ashana H worked together amazingly which resulted in many turn overs throughout the game. When taking a defensive back line, we carried the ball through the centre court really well, with me and Anna C working extremely well as a shooting pair. If the shot wasn't on, we had Evie F, Roja I and Tanishqa T ready for some brilliant options behind. We pulled ahead quickly and finished the game with a score of 30-11.

Everybody worked incredibly hard; defence made great inceptions, centre court players brought the ball down and were great back up options when shots weren't on, and me and Anna successfully picked up each other's rebounds and scored off all of them. Huge congratulations to everyone for a very well-deserved win! Our player of the match was myself, but I want to credit everybody else for their excellent play and determination for the win. I am so proud of everybody for working so well together and cannot wait for more matches to show our brilliant abilities! Well done everyone! **Gemma S, Captain**