



EBC SPORT

LT24 SPORTS NEWS



It is amazing how much sport you can fit into five weeks. The first half of term saw some amazing achievements, and already we can see the second half of term will be the same.

My thanks to everyone who helps make the magic of it all happen in spite of the challenges of the weather. And to the many pupils involved in training and competing. I hope you enjoy reading this first half of term sporting update. As ever, if there are sporting achievements and news we are not aware of, please do let us know as we would love to celebrate them and let others know.

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Director of Sport

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HOCKEY

The first half of the boys hockey season started with a number of cup fixtures across U14, U15 and 1st XI age groups. The 1st XI lost narrowly (3-5) to a talented Ardingly side in the first round of the EHA cup and now, with two convincing 9-0 victories over Lancing and Bede's, they play Kent College in the third round of the plate. The U15A, after a 1st round win (3-2) over Seaford College, lost to Charterhouse on penalty flicks after a 3-3 draw, and now play KCS Wimbledon in the ISHC plate. The U14A beat Bede's 6-0 in their tier 1 cup match and then lost narrowly to Kent Canterbury (1-2). They now progress through to round 2 of the plate after a convincing 11-0 win over Claremont. They will play either Reigate Grammar or Charterhouse. The girls 1st XI cup run ended when they lost narrowly (2-2 in full time) on flicks to Bedford Girls' School in the last 16 of the ISHC plate. The boys teams have played really well in the Saturday block fixtures with the U14A/C/D and boys U15C winning half their matches so far.

With all the age group teams still in the National Plate competitions and with block fixtures vs Cranbrook, Hurst, Lancing and Sutton Valence after half term, there is still plenty of hockey to be played.

Rob Hill

Director of Hockey



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NETBALL










The first block of fixtures were against strong Cranleigh sides with some close games and the U15C team gaining a convincing 18-8 victory. Mayfield were next with wins secured across the board with very convincing wins from the U15A and U14A teams.

February started with a triangular against Christ's Hospital and Lancing College. Some very competitive fixtures took place with our 1st team and 3rd team going unbeaten for the seniors. Our juniors won both games at U15A level as well as nearly completing a full sweep of victories at U14 with that year group only losing one fixture across all teams that weekend.

Next up was SISNA for our 1st VII with the U15 and U14 tournament being cancelled due to bad weather. The 1st VII finished 4th overall losing only to the top three teams, narrowly losing to second-placed Ardingly.

After half term, we look forward to playing Ardingly and Hurst as well as the house competition.

Lisa Price
Head of Netball

Summary Table										
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Position	Team	Season's Results	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Points
1	 Hurstpierpoint College 1st VII	🔍	8	8	0	0	115	29	86	40
2	 Ardingly College 1st VII	🔍	8	6	1	1	102	55	47	34
3	 Brighton College 1st VII	🔍	8	6	1	1	98	39	59	33
4	 Eastbourne College 1st VII	🔍	8	5	0	3	82	86	-4	27
5	 Mayfield School Girls-U18A	🔍	8	3	1	4	42	62	-20	20
6	 Lancing College Girls-U18A	🔍	8	2	2	4	38	84	-46	17
7	 Christ's Hospital 1st	🔍	8	1	1	6	31	71	-40	9
8	 Seaford College 1st	🔍	8	1	0	7	44	88	-44	9
9	 Worth School Girls-U18A	🔍	8	1	0	7	46	84	-38	8



TENNIS

The tennis team have had another busy half term playing in the National Premier League (NPL) and competing in the LTA Youth Schools Year 11-13 Competition 2023-24.

In the LTA Youth School Competition, the boys team played Rikiyo in a close match at Hampden Park. Daniel Li and Brooke Haycock teamed up to win the shootout 10-8. The boys had a convincing 6-0 win against Seaford College, but unfortunately went down to Collyer's 2-4. On the girls side, there was another win in the league against Collyer's 6-0. This concluded the round robin stage, putting the girls team in first position to play Lancing in the knockout stage to qualify for regionals. Congratulations to both teams.

Three NPL matches have been played so far this term against Campden Hill, West Side and Queen's Club. Although losing, the team managed to take Queen's Club to a shootout with Becky Fisher and Gaby Pacheco-Lagoda going down 9-11 in a very high-quality doubles match. One more match to come against the National Tennis Centre on 25 February.

Simon Gent
Head of Tennis



SWIMMING



We have completed rounds three and four of the schools super league this half term. It has been a wonderful addition having combined the swimming talent from St Andrew's Prep and Eastbourne College to create a stronger team. This has allowed us to fulfil each age group category. The finals for this competition take place in the middle of March.

A special mention to Zoe Ambler for swimming three years up and being an excellent addition to the College team. She also scored 7/8 points for her individual event. We also saw personal bests from Josh Yip (who also achieved a school record for his 50 breaststroke) and a PB for Isola Crawford on her 50m backstroke. Nate Cahill has also achieved an excellent PB while representing Eastbourne Swimming Club; his hard work and dedication are certainly being recognised and paying off.

Jess Simmonds
Head of Swimming



FOOTBALL

The football season has unfortunately been hit by the weather and saw multiple games cancelled due to flooded pitches. However, some games were able to be played, and others rearranged for after half term. The season started with block fixtures against Tonbridge School with varying results across the board. The 1st XI and the U16 team lost 3-2 after some tightly contested football while the 2nd XI snatched a one-all draw.

The next block saw tough fixtures against King's Canterbury where the 1st XI secured a 3-3 draw away from home.

After half term, we look forward to rearranged fixtures vs local rivals Bede's and away trips to Sevenoaks School, Worth, Brighton as well as Cranleigh at home.

Nik Clark
Head of Football



In Other News...

Basketball

A cup game vs the Hayes away from home was followed by a victory over Michael Hall School. Some great training going on in preparation for final league fixtures against Ardingly, Brighton and Lancing after half term.

Luke Flanagan

Head of Basketball



ESports

Our recently formed ESports team have competed in the National British ESports Championships. Our team of Andreas Photiou, Oliver Edmead and Charlie Jenden competed in a 'home' match (based in NBG32) against a team of three from a college in Dover.

Despite losing the first match 3-0, the Eastbourne College players came back to win the next match in overtime 1-0, and then the third match by a convincing 5-1. A hard fought fourth match could have gone either way but was lost 1-0. So to a decider... very tight... 1-0 up with two minutes to play... then 2-0 with 53 seconds on the clock. 3-0 and we cannot be beaten. 4-0 in the end. Eastbourne College 3, the Rocketeers from Dover 2. A win.

Ian Shakespeare

Head of ESports



Rugby

The Lent term rugby programme has started well with fixtures for both our U18 and U15 sides. Our U18s have played against Reading Blue Coat School and Reeds School winning one and losing one.

The U15A team continue their cup run in the National Schools Bowl Competition with victories over City of London Freeman's and Duke of York's Royal Military School whom they beat in a 28-27 thriller to progress to the quarter finals against Gordon's School after half term.

Olly Torri

Director of Rugby



In Other News...



Fencing

Fencing enjoyed another fixture this half term, taking on Worth School who came out on top. In other fencing news, Izzie D'Abbraccio has seen recent success at both U14 and U16 level, winning the U14 Elite Epee Series Grand Final and more recently winning the U16 Kent County Championships.

Abigail Ball

Head of Fencing

Cricket

Our winter cricket programme has started this term, with group sessions for all year groups gaining traction in time for the summer term to start. Congratulations go to our U15 girl cricketers who took part in the girls U15 National Indoor Cricket Competition. The girls had a great day playing some excellent cricket, while gaining more competitive experience in the process.

Matilda Callaghan
Director of Cricket



Fives

Eastbourne pair Dexter Bell and Archie Stephens won the U18 South East regionals doubles plate competition beating Tonbridge (third pair) 16-14 in the final.

Huge thanks to Dexter Bell, Lucas Jayaraj and Archie Stephens for agreeing to compete as part-time fives players, and represent the school and Eastbourne fives.

Simon Beal

Head of Fives

