



BEDFORD GIRLS' SCHOOL

National Schools Lacrosse Tournament (19th-22nd March)

U13 National Schools Lacrosse

Mrs Mason-McLeod (Director of Sport)

For the fourth day in a row the sun was shining and the excitement was clear for all to see!

In the U13 tournament, the players faced a very strong section of teams from across the country. Their first game was against Moreton Hall, which we knew would be one of their toughest matches. The team took a while to get going which meant their opponents came at them stronger than anticipated and scored a couple of quick goals. BGS soon stepped up a gear and with two awesome goals from Jeanie Morris the final result finished with a 4-2 loss but secured BGS with a bonus point for achieving half of their opponents score.

In the next game against St Catherine's the team had an incredible start taking the lead in the first minute of the game with an absolute rocket of a shot from Rhianne Noor. After end-to-end play, unfortunately BGS didn't make the most of their scoring opportunities and St Catherine's did, which resulted in a final score of 4-2 to St Catherine's. BGS were playing well and knew that a win would come their way soon. Next, they faced St Hughes where they secured a 3-1 win and the confidence amongst the team was really on the up. Our last three group matches saw a narrow loss to both Gostowe (3-2) and Wycombe Abbey (4-3) but an excellent final win against St Paul's ensured the students qualified for the Division 1 Quarter Final.

After a well-earned break in proceedings to refuel, the team were fired up and ready to go against Dunottar. What a game this was! BGS played some impressive lacrosse with the defence working tirelessly to ensure no shots were taken on our awesome goalkeeper Rekha Kambli. The midfield transitioned the ball into attack with precision and creativity and overall it was an awesome team performance. With goals from Charlotte Proctor, Rhianne Noor (x3), Hayley Konzo and Nicole Kilby (x2) the team secured a 7-0 victory qualifying for the semi-final.

In the semi-final the girls faced St Albans and at this point felt ready to take on anyone! This game couldn't have been any closer with both teams having a plethora of scoring opportunities. Bedford went 1-0 up but didn't manage to convert three of the penalties they were awarded in the game. St Albans battled hard and managed to get two goals in the second half and with Bedford about to take a penalty in hope of drawing the game and bringing it to extra time the buzzer went for full time. It wasn't meant to be this year but the team had a great day and the progress made across the tournament was clear for all to see. Thank you to all the parents who made the trip down to support the team and we will come back stronger next year!

Team: Rekha Kambli, Flo Sibbald, Sophie Thomson, Lara Spajic, Jemima Deane, Saskia Cutts, Zena Breed, Charlotte Proctor, Nicole Kilby, Hayley Konzo, Rhianne Noor, Harri Scarr (Captain), Bella Holt, Jeanie Morris, Millie Peacock and Katarina Woollard