



## BEDFORD GIRLS' SCHOOL

### National Schools Lacrosse Tournament (19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March)

#### U14 National Schools Lacrosse

##### Mrs Hooker (PE Teacher)

When the coach pulled off at 5.30am on Tuesday, the U14's were ready for the day ahead. We played our first game against Sherborne. Realising the short games were incredibly intense, the team settled into a rhythm and convincingly won 7-0. BGS then took on Godolphin and won 7-2.

Tougher opposition meant the players then had to up their game. Goalkeeper, Lucy Nissen, kept BGS in contention against Claremont and the score at the horn was a 3-2 win. BGS moved pitches for their toughest game of the pool against Withington Girls. Withington scored first and BGS equalised shortly after; this was the pattern for the rest of the game. Something went wrong with the central timing but despite having played an extra four minutes, BGS walked away with a 4-4 draw. A fair result for such a competitive game! St George's Ascot were then beaten 7-0 and then the final game was a 5-3 win v St George's Harpenden.

A truly successful morning. Having won the pool, the players were into the last 16 to compete in the knockouts.

BGS faced Birkenhead and the game was fast and closely contested. We scored first whilst neither team had settled. It was a physical game of equal skill and the team (and I) were devastated when the buzzer sounded and the score was 4-5. The U14 team just hadn't been able to play their game and maximise on the opportunities.

On reflection, we need to remember that Birkenhead and Withington were the finalists. With the Withington team winning the U14 National Schools 2022. BGS were just shy of glory and the efforts the U14 Lacrosse Squad put in this year were worth it. They have been an absolute pleasure to coach.

Team: Jessie Parrish (Captain), Molly Brierly (Vice Captain), Lucy Nissen, Ed Devile, Keyah Longdon, Sophia Potts, Alice Lawson, Esmee Challacombe, Kate Woodward, Isla Campbell, Alice Everitt, Bella Moretto, Charlotte Brackenbury, Alice Challacombe, Holly Maudlin and Emma Adsley.