



BEDFORD GIRLS' SCHOOL

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

U15A National Schools Lacrosse

Mrs Greenwood (Lacrosse Coach)

5:30 is a tough hour for anyone to get to school at, even with the sun up so early. But just like clockwork each of the Sixteen U15s selected turned up sleepy eyed and piled into the bus. When we arrived, we set up base camp where Mrs Peppiatt made us truly at home with chairs, hot coffee, and snacks. The captains were announced as Ria Lakhani and Harriet Whitbread and led them on to their warm ups.

Pumped up and ready to go, our first match against St Albans was hard fought, falling to them 4-3. A known opponent, that often makes things more difficult. The tension was high and it was the game where we got our jitters out. Despite the loss, they came off the pitch determined and ready to play their next match.

The next match against Benenden was where we showed our skill. Each player contributed to the 5-2 win. With three different goal scorers, and great defence we held the team to only 1 goal per half. Ecstatic, the team came off the pitch and started to immediately look to the next game and talking tactics.

Westonbirt and Moreton Hall proved to be no match for our team beating them 3-2 and 5-3 respectively. But our hardest match of the pool play was against Godolphin, a very skilled team. The loss, 6-0 was not unexpected after the team watched them in previous matches. Despite this they had high spirits.

With a tough group full of strong teams, BGS finished second in their group taking them into the top 16 teams in the country. Despite the fight, the day ended there after a loss in the first round to St Swithun's who beat us 6-0. They no doubt had the time of their lives participating in their first national schools. With such a positive performance they will most certainly fit well into the seniors next year for their next lacrosse adventure.

We would like to thank the parents who attended to support the team on the day. You are so important in encouraging a positive culture here at BGS and I know each player appreciates hearing your support on the sideline win or lose. Well done on a great lacrosse term!

Team: Alana Ball, Phoebe Barker, Bridget Calder, Isabelle Cochrane, Annabelle Cooke, Olivia Davies, Rachel Forbes-Laird, Milly James, Ria Lakhani, Molly Lincoln, Erin Murphy, Amelia Mead, Isabelle Perry, Caitlin Peppiatt, Grace Thomson, Harriet Whitbread, Alice Young and Mia Rao.