



## **BEDFORD GIRLS' SCHOOL**

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

#### **U19B Lacrosse National Schools Lacrosse**

#### **Miss Higginson (Head of Year 9)**

The U19Bs faced some tough opponents in their Saturday matches. The squad got off to a tough start facing a well organised St Swithens teams. BGS were tense and nervous and St Swithens came out with a 5-2 win. Not feeling deflated the squad marched on to play what could be said to have been their toughest game of the weekend which saw a loss of 7-0 to Guildford's quick and very skillful side.

The U19Bs did not lose faith in fact they re-grouped and managed to get a plus 50% score of 3 goals to 5 against St Catherine and St Helen's. They met LEH in the next game, but it was the final game of the Saturday pool matches where BGS were up against Haberdashers School. A team they had played in friendly Saturday fixtures and experienced a very tough game and high scoring loss. BGS dug deep, motivated one another and went into the game with confidence and positivity. This worked to our favour as the positivity and encouragement shown by the side allowed them to play their game, the fast breaks came back and the centre draw possession was impressive. BGS U19Bs pulled off a fantastic win to end the day. All were in high spirits, proud, determined and ready for Day two.

On Sunday in their pool of Division 2 the U19Bs were on fire, they won two games on the run, putting in a total of 7 goals against St Paul's and Cheltenham Ladies College. Losing game three to Godolphin put them in second place as they moved into the quarter final to face Sherbourne. BGS U19Bs went from strength to strength finding themselves in a thrilling semi-final that resulted in 3-3 on the final hooter. The team went to overtime and despite their perseverance and commitment St Catherine's and St Helen's scored a golden goal!

The weekend really brought the team together. There was some phenomenal team play and some outstanding performances. Every player in the squad contributed to the team's success and every player showed determination and resilience throughout the weekend. The weekend showcased the work, dedication and progress every player has shown this season and just how far the team have come. A special mention to Captain Ophelia Devile who has led the team impressively all season, she has been a real role model to all and everyone felt inspired. It will be sad to see our Upper Sixth 13 U19B's leaver BGS but we hope they will continue their lacrosse and we know they will cherish their memories.

Team: Ophelia Devile (Captain), Maisie Robson, Lara Wildon, Sophia Knight, Faith Adeyemi-Abere, Gabriela Woodruff-Gomez, Ella Jemett Gabrys, Natasha Pennington, Daisy Inman, Daisy Simester,

Alice Pennington, Izzy Jackson, Olivia O'Dell, Aimee Hughes, Harriet Benjamin, Emmie Rose Stephens, Amelia Barrow Jones and Avneet Dhaliwal.