



BEDFORD GIRLS' SCHOOL

U19A & B National Schools Lacrosse, 11th/12th March 2023

By Mrs Mason-McLeod (Director of Sport)

The U19A and U19B National lacrosse competition took place over the weekend of 11th-12th March. Travelling down to Aldershot at 5.30am Saturday morning was a slight shock to the system but it allowed for plenty of team bonding on the bus before the tournament began. There was a great feeling amongst the team and with the school gazebo pitched in record time it was clear that the weekend was going to be a great one!

Saturday is the day where all teams across the country battle it out in various sections to then get placed into different tournaments on Sunday. The U19A team finished midtable in a very tough section. Their results saw them placed into Division 2 for Sunday's competition. The U19B team had some really close matches and only lost by 1 goal to both Berkhamsted and Moreton Hall who finished in the top 2 schools in the group. The U19B team also qualified for Division 2 for Sunday's competition.

The U19A and B teams had a great start to the Sunday's competition both qualifying for the knockout stages in the afternoon. The U19B team went on to beat Walthamstow Hall and Godolphin to earn a place in the final against Wycombe Abbey. The team were fully prepared and all had their sights set on giving the best performance of the weekend. Without any doubt the team played their best lacrosse in this game and made it simply impossible for Wycombe Abbey to find a way through to our goal.

The U19B team went on to win this game 3-0 and they were crowned Division 2 Champions. Whilst this final was taking place the U19A team were playing in their Semi-Final against St Bartholomew's, having beaten Abbots Hill and Fettes College in their other knock-out matches.

The U19A finished their semi-final match with a 5-2 win and ran over to join the U19Bs to celebrate their success but also the fact they had also earned a place in the Division 2 'A' team final! Spirits were high across the camp and it was so lovely to see both teams enjoying each other's success. The U19A team were to play Malvern St James in their final and they stepped on to the pitch in a great frame of mind along with the huge support on the sidelines of the U19B and the many parents and families who had travelled down to support the girls.

Once again the U19A team played their best lacrosse of the weekend and were simply unstoppable! It really was a display of class and the final result was 4-1 to BGS meaning the U19A team were Division 2 National Champions.

A huge well done to all the students who represented the senior lacrosse teams at this competition particularly our year 13 students who were playing in their final national schools event. A great way to end the season!

U19A Team

Kierra Saloma GK, Amy Kneller, Freya Arnold, Tash Pennington, Tash Miller, Caitlin Peppiatt, Meg Howlett, Mya Lakhan, Amy Hall, Avneet Dhaliwal, Molly Lincoln, Milly James, Scarlett Stokes, Ellie Castell, Anna Mathew, Emily Perry, Ria Lakhan and Izzy Jackson.



U19B Team

Erin Murphy GK, Sophia Knight, Phoebe Barker, Lara Wildon, Annabelle Cooke, Izzy Cochrane, Faith Adeyemi-Abere, Isabelle Perry, Aimee Hughes, Harriet Whitbread, Olivia Davies, Gabriela Woodroffe-Gomez, Mia Rao, Alice Young, Amelia Mead, Olivia O'Dell, Amelia Barrow Jones and Ella Jemmett-Gabrys.

