



## **U19A National Schools Lacrosse 2025**

### **By Mrs Mason-McLeod (Director of Sport)**

The U19A squad took to the field at the National Schools Lacrosse Competition on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th March, ready to test themselves against some of the strongest teams in the country. Across two days of intense competition, the team demonstrated their skill, teamwork and resilience.

Saturday's group stage saw BGS face a demanding line-up, including Godolphin, St Mary's Calne, Putney High, Walthamstow and Harrogate Ladies' College. Every match was fiercely contested, with the team rising to the challenge and delivering some impressive play. A narrow loss to St Mary's Calne and another by just one goal to Putney High were hard-fought battles, while a determined performance against Walthamstow resulted in a draw. A strong victory over Harrogate Ladies' College ensured a place in Division 1 for the following day's competition.

On Sunday, BGS continued to display their ability and determination. Drawn against Putney High, Heathfield and Caterham, the team fought for every possession and worked tirelessly in attack and defence. A well-earned draw against Putney demonstrated their progress from the previous day's

narrow defeat, and a victory over Heathfield secured valuable points. Despite a loss to Caterham, the team's performances saw them advance to the knockout rounds.

In the first knockout match against Fettes College, BGS produced their best performance of the tournament, securing a commanding 4-0 victory to reach the Quarter Finals. The team faced Bolton School in the next round, a formidable opponent who went on to win the Division 1 Championship. Although BGS were unable to progress further, they had proved their ability to compete at the highest level.

Finishing in the top 24 schools nationally was an excellent achievement in such a competitive field. The squad gained invaluable experience and will look to build on this success in future tournaments.

**U19A Team:** Alice Challacombe, Esmée Challacombe, Izzy Cochrane, Bella Holt, Molly Lincoln, Lucy Nissen, Rhianne Noor, Jessica Parrish, Caitlyn Peppiatt, Charlotte Proctor, Harri Scarr, Lara Spajic, Harriet Whitbread, Kate Woodward and Isabelle Wright.