

BETHS PE & SPORT NEWSLETTER

FOOTBALL



Year 7 Football – A Team

Football has always been a very popular extracurricular activity especially with Year 7 and this year has been no exception. With over 75 students training each Thursday it's a real pleasure to see so many young people playing sport and enjoying their sport.

At first fixture was against Heasman school in the English schools cup. Traditionally, Hurstmere are very strong side, and this year group is no exception. With players getting to know each other, We were under pressure from the very beginning and despite a valiant effort, we lost the game 8-2.

The player were not downhearted and with a little bit of rejigging of the team and bringing in some players to shore up the defence, we came across Bishop Justice in the Kent cup where we ran out winners 5-1.

A solid start to football at Beth's and all are looking forward to future fixtures.



Year 7 Football – B Team

Our Year 7 B team await their first win of the season having lost their season opener against Crown Woods in a narrow 3-2 defeat. As all school begin their seasons it is natural that 'A' and 'B' teams are fluid and there is no doubt that Crown Woods had some very strong players who were able to affect the game, despite our best efforts.

Our next fixture was a cup match against Tunbridge Wells Grammar and even though our team put on an excellent display, we didn't take our chances and fell to a clinical Tunbridge outfit who were ruthless in front of goal.

We will continue to encourage Year 7 to attend football training and ensure that players are given the chance to represent the school if they impress.

Onwards and upwards!

Year 8 Football – A Team

It has been a mixed start to the season for the year 8A Football team. After a fantastic team performance and 10-0 win v Crown Woods, the side then travelled to Coopers School in the 1st round of the Kent Cup. Beths started well and found themselves 3-0 up at half time. However, Coopers managed to get a goal back and gain momentum, and bring it back to 3-3 to take the match to extra time. Unfortunately, in the dying moments of extra time, Coopers completed the comeback to score the winner and knock us out of the Kent Cup - a quick exit which was very disappointing.

The next match for the 8A's was against a tough opponent in Kingsdale in the National Cup Round 2. Again, the side started well and went ahead early, but this time managed to hold on and secure the win with a fantastic performance from everyone – a great response after the tough defeat against Coopers. Finally, the side then travelled to Barcelona to compete in the WSG Football Cup. Overall, it was a very enjoyable experience and both Team 1 and Team 2 were brilliant, finishing 3rd and winning the Cup – well done to everyone involved! (photos attached on the final page).



15:30 Wednesday 11 Sep 2024	Away	Stationers' Crown Woods Academy	Won 10-0	Friendly
14:00 Tuesday 17 Sep 2024	Away	The Forest School, Winnersh	Canc 0-0	National Cup - Round 1
15:30 Tuesday 24 Sep 2024	Away	Coopers School	Lost 4-5	County Cup Rd 1
15:00 Wednesday 09 Oct 2024	Home	Kingsdale Foundation School	Won 3-1	ESFA Rd 2

Year 8 Football – B Team

It was a tough start for the 8B Team who came up against a strong Ravens Wood side in the 1st round of the Kent Cup. Beths started well but were unable to create goal scoring opportunities, unlike Ravens Wood who had a lot of pace and creativity going forward. However, despite a 6-0 loss, the side went into their National Cup match v Sacred Heart optimistic, and with a great performance managed to secure a 3-1 win and progress into the next round. Well done boys!



14:00 Thursday 03 Oct 2024	Away	Ravens Wood School	Lost 0-6	County Cup Rd 1
14:30 Monday 07 Oct 2024	Home	Sacred Heart School	Won 3-1	ESFA Rd 1

Year 9 Football

A very strong start was made by the B team against Bullers Wood, with an instinctive finish from Joshua Book and, having won a penalty with a forceful run into the box, Joseph Grady completed a 2-0 win from the spot. Next round saw another good performance against a Ravenswood team that lost in the Nationals quarter finals last year, the game finished 0-4.

The A team have only played 1 game, in atrocious conditions, put in a battling performance against a strong defensive Hayes team, losing 4-2. 3-0 down but 2 goals from Noah Capp and Divjot Lall put us back in the game, only to concede a scrappy goal from a corner with a couple of minutes left.

Year 10 Football – A team

The year 10 football team got off to a good start, beating Wrotham School 3-2 in the first round of the ESFA national cup. The game was physical, but Beths managed to get an early lead in the first half, going 1-0 up. In the second half, Beths scored again early, . In the dying moments of the game, Wrotham school had a corner and threw everyone up in a last ditch effort to get a goal back. They chose to crowd the Beths keeper, with nearly 20 players all swarmed around the Beths keeper Sam Edwards. As the corner was taken, ball pin balled off everyone until it found the back of the Beths net. The referee blew his whistle ending the game 3-2 to Beths.

Goals: Divine Roberts

Ethan Daley

Josh Odaro

Beths played the next round of the National cup against Maidstone Grammar at home. As the ref blew his whistle to kick off the game, Maidstone took advantage of an early corner and subsequently leading the game 0-1. Maidstone looked by far the better team, dominating possession and physical battles. The half ended 0-1, with Beths still in the game at halftime. The score line remained the same through the majority of the game, so Beths started to throw players forwards in the hope of getting an equaliser to take the game to extra time. Unfortunately, this risk did not pay off with Maidstone hitting Beths on the counter attack and scoring. The game ended 3-0 to Maidstone with 2 late goals being scored on the counter attack

A nightmare start by Beths saw them go 2-0 down in the first 5 minutes away to Charles Darwin school. Luckily for the blues, a good strike by Erik saw them go into the half time break with hope; only being 2-1 down. The second half kicked off poorly with Beths conceding early yet again causing our heads to drop again. A chance created by Emmanuel put Beths back into the game, pulling a goal back in quick succession. However, a mix up at the back caused Charles Darwin to punish Beths, going into the last 5 minutes of the game 4-2 down. With the referee signalling a minimum of 2 minutes added time, Erik smashed the ball into the back of the net to give Beths hope. The final kick of the game was a corner, swung in from the right had side and a scramble inside the Charles Darwin Penalty area. The Beths captain, Ethan Daley got his foot to the ball, poking it into the back of the net, taking Charles Darwin to extra time. Beths managed to seal the game off through 2 goals in the first half of extra time coming from Ethan and Jayden.

Goals: Erik Poga x2

Ethan Daley x 2

Emmanuel Ntim

Jayden Abu

The year 10 A team look forward to playing Darrick Wood at home in the next round of the Kent cup on Tuesday 12th November

Year 10 Football – B Team

The Year 10 B team started off their campaign by winning their first ESFA national cup game 4-1 against St Bonaventure's school in East London. As the ref blew his whistle to start the game, the heavens opened; but Beths focus and take an early lead through a strike by Emmanuel. Beths managed to score 2 more in the first half through both centre backs Joshua Lewis and Ahmed Popoola, scoring from corners. In the second half, St Bonn's managed to claw a goal back, adding some pressure to the Beths team. With a good ball passed through to Emmanuel and a powerful strike, the game was sealed by Beths with the score ending 4-1.

MOTM: Noah Bastick

Goals: Emmanuel Ntim x2

Joshual Lewis

Ahmed Popoola

Beths look forward to round 2 of National cup against Shenfield Highschool in Essex (Away) on Tuesday 22nd October.

Year 11 Football













The Year 11's first match was against Stone Lodge in the first round of the Kent Cup. The team knew this was going to be a tough match, having previously lost to Stone Lodge on penalties.

Beths started well and dominated possession, creating some early chances but unfortunately our attackers – Anthony, Bradley, and Sherif could not convert. Defensively we were very solid, with Owen and David working well together in front of Will in goal. With 15 minutes left however Stone Lodge managed to take the lead with a counter attack, but with some brilliant play down the left hand side Melvin quickly equalised. It then looked as if the game was heading to extra time, however with some confusion at the back, and a controversial foul, Stone Lodge managed to score with second left to win the game and knock Beths out of the Cup. A tough one to take and a disappointing early exit – hopefully the side stick around next year for another chance to get their hands on the trophy!



1st XI Football

The 1st XI have made a fantastic start to the season, winning 3 out of 3 games in the League with some very impressive team performances. Unfortunately, the team could not continue this winning streak in the National Cup, losing against a strong Maidstone GS side. All focus now goes into the League and Kent Cup, which this side are more than capable of winning!

Time Date	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Editor
14:00 Wed 18 Sep 24	Away	 Bexley Grammar School	Won 3-1	League	 Editor
14:00 Wed 25 Sep 24	Home	 Christ the King: St Mary's	Won 5-0	League	 Editor
15:00 Mon 30 Sep 24	Home	 Brampton Manor Academy	Canc 0-0	National Cup - Round 1	 Editor
14:20 Wed 02 Oct 24	Away	 Gravesend Grammar School	Won 2-1	League	 Editor
14:00 Wed 16 Oct 24	Away	 Harris Academy Beckenham	Post 0-0	League	 Editor
14:30 Mon 21 Oct 24	Home	 Maidstone Grammar School	Lost 1-5	ESFA Rd 3	 Editor

2nd XI Football

After two weeks of trials the 1st and the 2nd XI football teams were selected for this coming season.

The 2nd XI started off well with a victory against Darrick Wood School however Farringtons (who won the league last year) were a totally different opposition and despite a battling performance, we lost 31.

We knew we had to get back onto winning ways and with a journey away to Hayes school we did that successfully with another 3-1 win. We now know that if we beat Farringtons at Home in the return fixture we have still got an opportunity to succeed in this league.

A positive start to the season and here is looking forward to the rest of it.

RUGBY



Year 7 Rugby – Mark

At the start of every year, it is great to see the enthusiasm of so many Year 7 students wanting to play rugby and for some of them it is the first time.

The learning curve is massive and the discipline and self-controlled that comes from playing such a fantastic game manifest itself in more than just sport.

Our first fixture against Colfes was a battling performance, but it was also a learning curve for many of the players who hadn't played rugby before. A beautiful sunny day allowed the players to demonstrate what they have learnt in their lessons and implemented on the field. A battling performance, however, Colfes just piped us to the post.

Our next fixtures saw a rugby extravaganza where we took three teams to Cleve Park School and this time all the training on a Monday night and during lessons paid off with three great victories.

Simon Langton was the next opposite who are traditionally a very strong. A great battling performance but Langton just won with the last kick of the game.

Having secured the services of a top-class Saracens coach Beth Rugby can only now get stronger and stronger, especially with training on a Monday and Wednesday after school.



Year 8 Rugby – Niall

It has been an excellent start to the year for the year 8 rugby team. Having ended last season with a win in the Canterbury sevens tournament. It was good to see so many faces back for a new season. I couldn't believe how big some of them had grown either.

Our first match of the season was against Colfes and after a blistering first 15 minutes were already 4 tries to the good. Some of the play between the forwards and the link up with the backs, had me dreaming of a marvellous season ahead. Perhaps we peaked early, because not all of our games have been as comfortable. A fantastic 30–30 game against Simon Langton had me wondering what we could achieve, if we could only learn to keep our shape. Games against Robert Clack, Ravenswood and Bexley Grammar, have continue to give the boys the opportunity to shine and they have. We are certainly not perfect and we still have to learn to hold our positions a little better, but I've been incredibly impressed with the way that we have tackled, rucked and scrummaged against some excellent opposition. I look forward to seeing how we will progress with the remainder of the season.



Year 9 Rugby

With very good numbers and some new faces at training, hopes were high for more improvements this new school year. Things started brightly with a comprehensive home win against a much weakened Colfes team, but the old adage of you can only play what's in front of you exemplified the performance and 70 – 5 result for Beths. The harsh learning curve returned against both a very big and physical Robert Clack team, who played some highly effective rugby to win 55 – 5: a similar score happened at Simon Langton, who having not won a game thus far, played very skilfully and with great intensity to win 50-5. There have been some notable performance from Christopher Parkes, Eamon Shrestha and Jared Johnson to name a few.



Year 10 Rugby

The Year 10s started off the season extremely well beating Colfes 19-21 away in a friendly match. This was a good starting point for the season, they continued the winning streak against St Olavs in the Kent cup 26-12 and the National cup 25-24 winning in the dying moments with a try that sealed the win without needing the conversion. These two games were very close and demonstrated to the team the standard at which they must meet to enable them to continue this undefeated run. The last couple of weeks the team have struggled against two very good sides, Simon Langton away proved to be a hard game which ended in a draw 29-29 highlighting some areas that needed to be fine-tuned to ensure that the next game vs Gravesend Grammar school in the national cup didn't end up a similar result. Gravesend Away in the National cup proved to be our toughest game of the season ending in a loss 34-17 and exiting the National Cup at the round of 16 stage. The team have highlighted why this ended in this manner and hope to take these improvements into the next game vs Skinners in the Kent Cup which will prove to be another challenge but are confident they can perform well with a full-strength lineup at home will make for an exciting fixture that could go either way on the day.



BASKETBALL

Year 7

By Marizu 7A



The courageous horses made their way to Bromley where we encountered Ravens Wood. Our hopes were high and we were prepared to fight till the end.

We started off strong in the first quarter, fighting for the ball, never giving up knowing that one silly mistake can end our hopes of advancing further in to the Kent cup. The Beth Horses kept on passing nice and smoothly making little to no mistakes until our defence dropped drastically.

The Beth side tried to see the rest of the quarter off but a killer mistake led the Horses to almost concede a late point. We were led into the second quarter with our heads up high, eager to score more and more points. We had to win and we knew it. Point after point, we owned the Ravens. Blocks, steals and passes were flying in, both teams in it to win.

Beth Horses were not the best with fouls; we had been told the referee to calm ourselves. Both teams were getting free throws, a bit too many. We then transitioned into the third quarter all replenished with our drinks. A sudden outburst of energy pulsed through the Horses. Giving up was not an option now. We were already winning by a mile.

The final stretch. The final quarter that will determined who will advance through to the next stage of the Kent cup. A steady flow of points came flowing in and we even witnessed one of our players get fouled out (Marizu). We ended up winning a landslide victory, winning by seventeen points! The final score was 41 - 24 to the brave Beths. We will win and win everyday we play. Come on Beths!!!

Year nine basketball.

Having only lost once in the last two years we have high hopes for the year nine basketball team. The strength in depth across all positions is something that sets them apart from many of the teams that they play in early training this season it would appear that, these skills have been further grooved and oppositions should be fearful. Having played just the one fixture so far this term they cruised to a 40 point win some outstanding defence and the ability to transition in attack with these. We look forward to an exciting season ahead and I hope , the training continues to improve them as a team.

Sixth Form

Having lost the core of the team last year, it is an exciting time for the senior basketball squad. It would appear that all positions within the team are up for grabs and the competition for places is intense. Nauros, our coach from Sevenoaks Suns is hopeful of a really positive season and the boys appear to have gelled well in the early weeks of training. With just one match under their belts, a close win against Northfleet. It will be interesting to see how we progress over the coming weeks.

Barcelona 2024

On Friday the 11th of October our U13 and U15 football sides departed for Barcelona, to compete against sides from all over the world in the official World School Games tournament. Before arriving at our accommodation of Cambrils Park, the players were given the fantastic opportunity to visit the Camp Nou, the home of Barcelona F.C. The Immersive tour provided an insight into the world-class facilities and grand history of the club, motivating the players for the upcoming tournament.



Before the tournament began there was an opening ceremony, where all of the schools from around the world were announced on the big stage. It was clear this was not going to be an easy competition!

The U15's faced schools from England, Spain, Czech Republic, India and Egypt. With some fantastic performances, they reached the Final finishing their group unbeaten.



The Final was extremely close and after extra-time it was 0-0 and heading to penalties. It was very tense, but the players held their nerve and managed to score all 5 penalties, winning the game with the last penalty taken by Rhys W. An amazing achievement to not only win the tournament, but also not to concede a goal! Well done to everyone and to Mr Sansom.



The U13's both started well winning their first 3 matches against schools from Spain, Qatar, Tanzania, India and Dubai. The U13 Team 2 however lost 3-2 against a strong side from Malta, meaning they finished 2nd in their group. This set up a Beths vs. Beths semi-final!

It was a great effort from both sets of players, however Team 1 showed their strength and came out on top, booking their place in the Final against a school from Bulgaria.

The team were determined to win and with a great team performance, they won 3-1 to claim the trophy – goals from As'ad, Caleb and Raphael. It was an outstanding tournament from all of the players, and we are extremely proud!

