Rock Challenge Success for Henry Beaufort Students

The Henry Beaufort School was delighted to scoop third place in the heats at Rock Challenge 2019, as well as a fabulous array of other awards...continued at centre pages
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I can’t remember ever overhearing a student asking if anyone has any sun cream in February, but this rather summed up the bizarre weather in the Spring Term! Thankfully everything else ran smoothly and it was a positive term in many ways. If you live locally, I hope you enjoyed seeing our articles published in The Hampshire Chronicle, with a starring role on the front page for our third place award in Rock Challenge. It was such an uplifting evening with so many students performing and supporting backstage. This was replicated in the Spring Concert where we again welcomed ‘Winchester Sings’, and also had the opportunity to acknowledge the magnificent contribution of Year 11 students over the last five years.

I was delighted to take part in the first Henry Beaufort Business Network event. This is an opportunity for us to build strong links with local businesses for the benefit of the school and the students. If you own a business or know someone who would be interested in joining the group, please contact us for more details.

Thank you to all staff and students involved in welcoming visitors from two schools. John Hanson students worked with our students on the impact of \([\text{hb}]^2\) and it was great to see the two school communities sharing ideas and experiences about education. In addition, we welcomed the Headteacher and Head of English from Tewkesbury School on a fact finding mission.

Over the coming months we will be working with The Westgate School and Kings School to develop a comprehensive drugs education programme for all three schools. We know that these can be worrying times for parents and students, and our aim will be to provide the right education and support for all our young people. Thank you to Mrs Briggs, Head of Year 8, and Mark Cox, Vice Chair of Governors, for signposting us to groups who can support this work.

By the time you read this, I hope to see many students using the new reusable lunchbox that will help to reduce the amount of single use packaging in the Bistro. I know how important climate change issues are to our young people, and hopefully this is the start of a range of initiatives to support this campaign.

I hope that you enjoyed the Easter break but I would like to finish by sparing a thought for Year 11 students for whom Easter was not a break. Many of them spent the holiday revising in school or at home. Of course, this could not happen without the staff who gave up holiday time to deliver revision sessions, and our thanks go to them for their commitment to our young people.

Miss Hearle
Headteacher
Lunch Bowls

Last term, the School Council approved a motion to supply reusable, collapsible, lunch bowls to use for meals purchased in the Bistro. We have sourced the ‘MyBento box’ which is now available to purchase from the school finance office (orders can be made online) at a price of £3 each, and include a ‘SPORK’. The lunch boxes collapse to a third of their size, thereby taking up less space and can be transported to and from home for washing and reusing.

Students enthused by Frontline History

Students from Year 11 History enjoyed an engaging History session about World War One medicine provided by Frontline History. Richard and David from the History group enthused students with anecdotes, real life accounts and an array of real WW1 artefacts, ammunition and weapons. It was a great way to bring this topic alive and an excellent start to Year 11 exam revision.
Members of the local business community were welcomed to the launch of The Henry Beaufort Business Network in March.

They enjoyed tours around the campus given by Year 8 students, before meeting and chatting with Year 10 students about their potential career paths.

The Henry Beaufort Business Network has been established to provide staff and students with the chance to engage with the local business community and find mutually beneficial opportunities for working together.

Powered by The Schools Business Network, the group aims to prepare students for work and to give businesses the opportunity to connect with and support the future workforce. David Hewlett of The Schools Business Network was delighted with the launch event and commented, 'The Henry Beaufort School students took pride in showing off their facilities and spoke with great enthusiasm about their aspirations for the future. The attendees also had the opportunity to make new connections with other local businesses. It was a great first event for The Henry Beaufort Business Network.'

Miss Hearle, The Henry Beaufort School Headteacher, said, ‘We were pleased to host the first meeting of this Network. We are looking forward to working with local businesses to enrich the education of our students as we prepare them for the world of work.’

The Network will also provide its members with a depth of understanding about their future workforce and the skills they can bring to their organisations.

The Schools Business Network holds monthly networking meetings, places at the meetings can be booked via Eventbrite.

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Our Year 9 engineers have been hard at work designing micro drones. This is all part of a national engineering competition called Airgineers, which sees students design, build and race micro drones against other schools from around the country.

During the design stage the engineers have been learning to use SolidWorks, an industry standard computer-aided design package used for creating 3D models of engineered products. These models can then be sent to our 3D printer which builds the micro drone frame up layer by layer from a type of plastic called ABS. This allows our engineers to manufacture quality products to a high level of accuracy, something which would be unachievable using hand tools. Micro drone parts are then assembled into the 3D printed frames and the flight controllers programmed to allow the drone to fly correctly.

The engineers are now ready to begin flying these micro drones. They will be testing their designs and creating new and improved versions based on their flying experience.

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Some of our other engineers are getting ready to enter two other competitions later this year.

However, we are looking for potential sponsors who might be able to help us purchase or supply us with materials or remote control equipment. If you think you can help please contact:

morgan.lane@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk
In January, two staff and eight students from Years 7 and 8 flew out to a very snowy Finland on the first Erasmus + visit of the new ‘At Work in Europe’ project. On arrival the group had some free time to explore Helsinki and visited attractions including Allas Sea Pool, Helsinki Cathedral and the Sky Wheel. They then joined with the German and Italian groups from the partner schools to travel north to Soini where the host families were waiting to greet them, in temperatures of -24! The week itself consisted of many activities both on and off the school site. There were introductory presentations and language games, as well as the opportunity to try Finnish winter sports such as cross country skiing, ice skating, sledging, and snow shoeing.

As part of phase one of the ‘Jobs Around Us’ project, students interviewed entrepreneurs who went to the school, including a very famous shoe designer, who has won many fashion awards and sells her shoes all over the world. The group also travelled to the nearby town of Vaasa to visit a family run weaving business, followed by a tour around one of Finland’s top engineering companies where they spoke in detail about the importance of English in their worldwide business links. Over the course of the week students learnt the importance of using local products, especially in a rural location like Soini and participated in some traditional workshops such as felting, knife making and baking. On one afternoon the group experienced ice fishing and there was an evening taking part in the very Finnish tradition of a sauna followed by a dip in a frozen lake. Everyone enjoyed free hot lunches as is customary in Finnish schools and also wandering around school in just socks or slippers!

This trip was an incredible opportunity for the students, not only to experience Finnish culture, but also to appreciate language and communication in the world of work. They also developed a better understanding of the importance of keeping traditional skills alive and using local produce. The students bonded quickly with their partners and were very sad to say goodbye at the end of a great week together.
It's been another creative and productive term in the Music Department! Year 11 students have worked hard on their final GCSE performances and compositions. They have produced an impressive collection of work and should be proud of their achievements. It's now the final push through to the listening exam in June.

A number of Year 11 students were also a huge support to and part of the Music Department's Spring Concert. They were the backstage crew providing lights, stage management and sound production, alongside performing themselves and being excellent role models to younger students.

The Spring Concert was the usual eclectic mix with the orchestral music of Bizet, the Jazz Band playing the theme to ‘Hawaii Five-O’ and choral arrangements of pop songs. There were brilliant and poignant solos from Year 11 students and some wonderful performances from Saxophones, Brass Ensemble, String Ensembles and Clarinet Quartet. All of Year 7 sang two songs, opening both halves of the concert which was incredibly brave! They impressed with their singing and enjoyed watching their peers. Hopefully, they will be inspired to join in with more music making in the future.

The School was again delighted to welcome local community choir 'Winchester Sings' to the Spring Concert, ably led by Nigel Hemming.

The wonderful sound of their performance of 'Perfect' was an absolute joy. They then joined the Resonate and Chamber Choirs to end the concert with 'Let it Be' from ‘The Greatest Showman’. An inspiring finale to a very enjoyable evening!

A week after the Spring Concert was the inaugural Vocal Festival. This event was coordinated by singing teacher Ms Orba, who worked with four feeder primary schools. 156 pupils from Kingsworthy, Harestock, Itchen Abbas and South Wonston Schools attended a rehearsal with Ms Orba and the Henry Beaufort Chamber Choir and then performed to their parents and invited guests in the Concert Hall. It was joyful to see the enthusiasm of the primary schools. Their hard work over the past few months with Ms Orba and their own class teachers was evident through the musical performances they delivered. It is hoped to make this an annual event and it would be great to get even more local schools involved next year!
Maths Department Celebrates Pi Day

In March, the Maths Department celebrated international ‘Pi Day’ for the first time, with a variety of activities. This day is celebrated on March 14th (3/14) around the world. Pi (Greek letter “π”) is the symbol used in Mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159.

‘Pi Day’ was a running theme in students’ Maths lessons during the day, with a mini competition to ‘Guess as many digits of Pi’, ‘Pi Dingbats’ and a ‘Pi cake baking competition’ for Year 8 students which was judged by the Maths Department.

The day was a huge success and enjoyed by everyone. Congratulations to the following students who were judged as worthy winners for creating some wonderful cakes:

Katie
Charlotte
Benji
Ellie
Zoe
Alice
and Mrs Chalke!

The ‘Guess as many digits of Pi’ was won by the incredible Ellie who managed to correctly recite an astonishing 72 digits of Pi. Second place winner was Zoe with an equally remarkable 46 digits and Jack with an impressive 32 digits!

Well done to all who tried!

Over the past two years Mr Janes from The Henry Beaufort School has been visiting local feeder primary schools to work with pupils from Year 3 to Year 5 exploring their current topics through Drama.

The themes have ranged from ‘taking shelter from The Blitz in the Second World War’ and ‘imagining what it would be like to live on the rations of the time’ to ‘exploring evolution through the animals considering how they have changed over the past million years’. The young people have been exploring different dramatic skills including ‘thought tracking’ and ‘tableaux’, reflecting on how they can be applied to different topics. All of this has been studied with the use of the HB² principals and the pupils are ready to bring those ideas to life on stage. The pupils have fed back that they love the sessions and feel they have been able to improve their drama skills whilst also improving their understanding of that term’s topic.

Mr Janes will continue the initiative this year and is looking forward to working with South Wonston and Micheldever Primary Schools next.

Primary Schools on Stage!
At the Optimal Learning Centre the garden is becoming well-established with a small lawn, a herb garden, a bug hotel and some climbing plants. In one corner there is a bench and sculpture, a memorial for Mac Sutcliffe, a student who passed away two years ago. There is also a collection of starfish, made as part of The Starfish Project which concerns developing good mental health and preventing suicide. It is a very peaceful place, which many students who work with Mrs Lewis in the OLC find is a nurturing environment.

Nurturing the OLC Garden

But no garden stands still! With the warm weather approaching, a number of students have been working together to weed the borders and turn over the soil. The next step is to plant some shrubs, ground cover plants and flowers to bring colour and form in the summer months.

The Gardening Club members are planning to hold a cake sale to raise funds for plants and garden equipment. It has also been suggested that members of our school community may have plants they are willing to donate. So, if you are dividing plants in your garden and would like to donate any spare ones to the OLC, the students would be very happy to receive them. There will be an area at the front of the OLC for anyone who wishes to drop plants off. Alternatively, if you would like to support the garden by making a donation of money, the Gardening Club would also be very grateful.

Donations can be made through the School’s cash office, or alternatively payment can be made by cash or cheque into the finance office.

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So let us open the door for your business to sit at the heart of the community and to partner with The Henry Beaufort School – and if it’s not you making the decisions, then why not have a word with the boss!!
There will be a pop-up uniform shop at the School in the Concert Hall on 27th June 2019 from 5pm to 6pm. This is being held before the new parent Information Evening.

A number of Year 7 students have enjoyed attending dance club after school on a Wednesday.

This club is run by Sarah from Platform School of Dance, a dance company based in Winchester and the surrounding areas. All the Year 7 students have been working hard to learn various street dance routines and some have also taken the opportunity to complete dance exams – special mention to Heidi and Rebecca in Year 7 who received Honours (over 90%). Additionally, a number of the students are now involved in the Platform end of year show at The Berry Theatre. This is an amazing achievement, well done to all involved!

If you would like to become involved in Platform School of Dance and attend one of their many classes, visit their website www.platformdance.co.uk or contact Sarah 07793 081698, sarah@platformdance.co.uk.
Last term, Year 10 PE GCSE students had a fantastic opportunity to experience the thrills of rock climbing, as they took part in a two hour taster session at Sparsholt College.

These sessions were run by Sparsholt students who are completing the Outdoor Education course. During this course the Sparsholt students complete their NICAS (National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme) and complete their training required to be a CWI (Climbing Wall Instructor). Therefore, when they instructed the Henry Beaufort students they were gaining valuable experience whilst being assessed.

The Year 10 GCSE PE students were fantastic and enjoyed tackling a number of different routes and learning how to safely belay. Thanks to Sparsholt for such a fabulous opportunity!
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Students chose mental health as the theme for their performance, with the brief as follows:

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The School was most proud to win the Student Leadership Award, as the concept of the performance through to its delivery was driven by the students themselves. The basis of the performance was centred on mental health issues that young people may experience and the routine was expressive of this; the message being ‘it’s ok not to be ok’. In addition, the team received awards for Set Design and Function, Stage Use, Visual Enhancement, Lighting, Entertainment, Concept and Performance Skill.

In total, 39 students participated in Rock Challenge and practised tirelessly with the help of dedicated staff over the last year. On the day, the students were all incredibly supportive of other teams as well as each other and were a credit to the School.

The Henry Beaufort School would like to express special thanks to Barratt David Wilson Homes and The Henry Beaufort Association who made donations to enable participation in such a wonderful event.
For the past year, The Henry Beaufort School has been working alongside the Winchester Rotary Club. Members of the club Ian White and Maggie Hastie approached the School last year offering time and resources to support the young people. Initially, a pilot group of 12 Year 8 students participated in a technology event on a small scale. This year’s event in March (see separate article) involved over 45 Henry Beaufort students, where small groups of students competed against each other to design, build and race a crane.

Following last year’s pilot, the same students have been working in and out of school with the Rotarians’ support.

The most recent project was set up by Rotarian Steve Feeney, an expert in the field of film and media. Working in groups of three, the students were tasked with making a one minute film clip about a place of interest in Winchester. After spending the day with Steve alongside Ian White, Mike Billington, Chris Towle, Bruce Royston-Smith in the media suite at The Henry Beaufort School, the students were ready having prepped their storyboards, scripts and practised with their cameras. The Rotarians helped to arrange special entry into the following four local attractions:

- **Green Jackets Museum** – special thanks to Alex for allowing unlimited access during closed hours
- **The Great Hall** – special thanks for allowing the group to view the steps used to take prisoners down to the cells
- **City Mill** – thanks to Naomi from the National Trust
- **Technology Centre** – thanks to Emily from ‘education’ for allowing the group on site during a very busy afternoon with other school children around

This was a great opportunity to develop confidence in the students involved, and they flourished in such a new experience. The next stage will involve editing the films and collating them to make a final piece for the School’s website and the Rotarians website.

The School’s journey with the Rotarians has just begun and students and staff are excited to take on more opportunities over the coming months to provide a wide range of cultural experiences. Thanks to everyone involved for their time and kindness so far.
Winchester Rotary Youth Technology Tournament

In March, members of staff and Winchester Rotary Club ran a Rotary Youth Technology Tournament during which 48 Henry Beaufort students, in groups of four, competed against the clock and each other to design, build and manoeuvre a model crane through a task.

The scenario given was that a train, carrying hazardous chemicals in a container, had been derailed and the container had fallen into a gulley at the side of the track. The crane had to be used to recover the chemical container from a safe working distance, had to be moved to collect the container, and then had to return the container to the starting line.

A selection of materials was provided and the solution incorporated the use of wood, an electric motor, batteries, a pulley system, wheels and a magnetic lifting hook. It was also necessary to control the crane’s operations and movement remotely from a minimum distance of 800mm to the container placed some 900mm below the track.

Several teams completed the challenge in the limited time available and demonstrated the effective use of teamwork, communication, planning and design to develop a solution.

Huge thanks to the staff involved and to the members of Winchester Rotary Club for a very successful day. It is hoped to run a similar tournament next year but with a different challenge.
Netball News

At the end of the netball season, all teams have completed their matches in the Eastleigh and Winchester League with the following results:

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Year 7
The Year 7 Team had a squad of 22 players so enough for three teams. Players were rotated for each game so that everyone had the opportunity to represent the School. This meant it was difficult for them to gel as a team but they certainly improved their skills during the season. They won a game against Wildern and will be looking to build on this next year.

Year 8
Winning four of their games, the Year 8 girls were the most successful year group. They have an amazing work ethic; their success is a reflection of their commitment to training and wanting to improve.
Year 9
The Year 9 girls are such a positive group and it’s a pleasure to take them on a fixture. Next year they will be combining with the year above to make a U16 Team and will be looking to improve tactical skills and understanding as a team and individually.

Under 16’s
The U16 Girls’ Team is predominately Year 10 but with some Year 11 girls. The highlight of the season was the last game against Hamble and although they lost 12-11, they played fantastically.

After each game the opposition team pick a player of the match – well done to the following students who were selected as player of the match and some players more than once!

Year 7 : Alicia (2), Sabba (2), Megan, Phoebe
Year 8 : Gemma, Jasmine (3), Lenka, Alice, Izzy
Year 9 : Saskia (3), Izzy, Ellie
U16 : Alice (3), Becca (2)

Next year, students are looking forward to a PGL netball residential, more information to follow! If any netball coaches would be willing to support after school netball practice, Miss Elsdon and Miss Colebourn would welcome the help, please just email emma.colebourn@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk
What a final it was!

The score at half time was 1-0 to The Petersfield School (TPS) but the girls had played some excellent football and in my opinion had dominated possession in the first half.

The girls left the team talk optimistic and ready to start the second half well. However, straight from kick off the Petersfield team scored again to make it 2-0. This is where the game changed – in 8 minutes the Henry Beaufort girls had managed to score 3 goals – Phoebe was determined to score and hit an incredible volley, then Katie scored and Jess stepped up! Beaufort were leading 3-2. But we don’t like to make things too easy and TPS then scored in response 2 goals. We were again on the back foot losing 4-3. Perhaps it wasn’t to be – but the girls never lost hope and kept on battling away. We were awarded a penalty after an excellent run by Jess – but it was saved. But Jess was determined to get this equaliser she calmly slotted the ball through the legs of the goal keeper to make it 4-4. The crowd, made up of parents and staff were on their feet! Extra time was now happening, but Lucy and Ava had given everything and could go on no more as both were suffering with cramp. After extra time it was still 4-4 and the game was to go to penalties.

Jennie, calm as you like in goal, had such a difficult job but did so well! Katie, Phoebe, Jess and Chloe all scored their penalties and TPS missed 2 – the girls were crowned champions and were awarded their medals! Fantastic!

The next day the U16 Girls’ Football team all went to see Miss Hearle to be awarded with a ‘Headteacher award’ to recognise this amazing achievement.

This was the last game for the Yr 11 Girls and what a way to leave! Over their time at the Henry Beaufort School in total, they have been involved in 5 county cup finals which is testament to their fantastic positive attitude, their amazing team spirit and their sporting prowess. A massive well done to Phoebe, Ava, Katie, Paige, Tegan, Lucy, Catherine, Eleanor, Jennie and Martha. Well done girls, we wish you all the best of the luck in your future and thank you for being so amazing!
The girls’ football teams continue to impress and U13, U14 and U16 teams have all been involved in League and County Cup fixtures. The standard of girls’ football is excellent within the District. Over the past three years, The Henry Beaufort School has co-ordinated the Girls’ Eastleigh and Winchester League providing opportunities to play many competitive fixtures. There are also some excellent girls’ football clubs in the local area where many girls play at the weekend. It is great to see the profile of girls’ and women’s football continue to grow.

U13 Girls’ Football Team
So many Year 7 girls have attended football club with so much enthusiasm and talent. The U13 Girls’ Football Team has progressed to round two of the County Cup with an impressive 7-2 win against Harrow Way. From Year 7, Lilly was strong on the attack and was ably assisted by Bryony, and Maisie did a fantastic job in goal! Year 8 students Zoe and Niamh also impressed. Round 2 of the County Cup against Mountbatten was an incredibly close game – Henry Beaufort narrowly lost 2-1 but it was a performance that many positives could be taken from!

U13 Girls’ Football Tournament
The Henry Beaufort School also hosted an 8-a-side U13 Girls’ Football Tournament with 8 schools attending. There were two Henry Beaufort teams, predominately made up of Year 7 students and both teams did fantastically well. They then headed to Perins for another 8-a-side tournament.

U14 Girls’ Football Team
The U14 Girls to date have played Westgate, Romsey, Toynbee, Thornden and Perins, all tough opposition. Toynbee was the opposition in round 1 of the County Cup and a wonder strike by Chloe put the girls 1-0 up. The Toynbee girls dug hard and equalized before half time. The second half was a very close, well-fought game, with one breakaway goal from Toynbee making the final score 2-1 to Toynbee.

The highlight of the games so far was a 7-1 win over Thornden with super striker Chloe scoring a double hat-trick! Izzy always continues to be great in defence, Zoe causes havoc in midfield, Emily is a super striker and her speed worries the opposition and Alys, cool as you like as centre back and solid in the tackle. A great team with lots of potential!
Handball a Big Hit with Henry Beaufort Students

event, although a shame that not many schools from Hampshire entered. The students were excellent and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. One boy even said, ‘I think I prefer handball to football!’

The girls only had one game against Toynbee and won 3-1. This means that they are Hampshire Champions and will represent Hampshire in the South East Championships. The boys played two games against Swanmore and Toynbee. They narrowly lost to Toynbee 5-2 but hit the post many times! They then played Swanmore, winning 7-1. Great work and an amazing learning curve!

The Henry Beaufort School also hosted the U15 Boys’ and Girls’ Hampshire School Handball Tournament in March. These teams focus on Year 10 students who are taking part in GCSE PE and may consider using this as part of their assessment. Throughout the competition, the PE teachers were able to assess the students in a game situation.

Both U15 boys’ teams beat Swanmore and lost to Toynbee. The boys were keen to emulate their success from two years ago, when they won the U13 tournament and went on to represent Hampshire. However, it wasn’t to be – the A team narrowly losing 5-2 to the eventual winners Toynbee. Unfortunately for the U15 girls, it was only Henry Beaufort and Toynbee taking part. It was a great game but the Henry Beaufort team narrowly lost to Toynbee 4-1.

Well done to all involved!

After these two tournaments, it is apparent that there is real enthusiasm for handball amongst Henry Beaufort students, so the PE Department will be looking to start a handball club in the Summer term and also investigating if there are any local handball teams.
Henry Beaufort Runner Represents Hampshire

Congratulations to Oli in Year 11 who was selected to represent Hampshire in the New Balance English Schools' Cross Country Championship 2019 held in Leeds in March.

It was a particularly tough course, with the mud being knee deep in places! Oli ran extremely well and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

Well done Oli!

International Rugby Inspires Young Players

Thirty students had a fabulous opportunity to experience international rugby in March, when Mr Coe, Mr Nasibitt, Miss Elsdon and Mr Applin took them to Twickenham for England v Italy in the Six Nations.

The students were all invited as they have shown a commitment and dedication to school rugby this year and what an experience! It was an excellent game and they had a superb view of the eight tries scored by England as they smashed Italy 57-14. The atmosphere at Twickeham was amazing and there were a number of opportunities to belt out ‘Swing Low’.

All students were a credit to the School and hopefully the trip has inspired the next generation of rugby players!
During the Spring Term, the Key Stage 3 Rugby Teams entered the RFU Hampshire Schools’ Festivals. These events are a brilliant opportunity for teams to play multiple schools from the county and partake in numerous games.

The Year 8 Team went from strength to strength as they won 6 out of 8 games at their recent Festival. Special mentions go to captain Thomas and Freddie who played exceptionally well. Moving on to the Year 7 Team, they also played very well at their Festival, winning 4 games and drawing 1 out of the 8 games. It was great to see all their hard work in training pay off with some nice results and some excellent team tries scored. Special mentions go to Ben, Carl and Oliver who showed really good skills on the pitch.

Unfortunately, the Year 9 event was cancelled due to the cold weather but they did play other league fixtures with particularly good games against Romsey and St. Georges. The boys played some of their very best rugby at these games and it was brilliant to see new players Ethan and Alex join the team.
Girls’ Rugby Teams

Under 13’s Tackle Hampshire Rugby Festival

In March, the U13 Girls’ Rugby Team headed to Winchester RFU to take part in their second Hampshire Rugby Festival of the year. There were over 22 teams; it was excellent to see so many girls playing rugby and this is testament to the excellent work Hampshire RFU is doing to promote girls’ rugby across the county. Miss Elsdon has been working hard with the girls at training along with coaches from Hampshire RFU and Winchester RFU.

The girls faced teams from Bitterne, Swanmore and Burgate in the morning, winning two games and losing one. There was some excellent play and try scorers were Emily (2), Zoe (2), Lenka (2), Hannah and Luciana (2). The girls’ commitment was fantastic – some of the tackles being made were fierce! They were also introduced to five man uncontested scrums which was an excellent learning curve.

In the afternoon, the girls moved up to the ‘competent’ pool where they played even more competitive games and were introduced to rucking. They really stepped up to the new challenge, drawing against Bishop Challoner, and narrowly losing to Cams Hill and Noadswood.

U15 Girls’ Rugby Report

The RFU development days are a great way of getting the girls playing the correct level of rugby safely and learning step by step the many rules that come from contact rugby. Unfortunately the U15 day had to be cancelled due to weather but it was possible to play friendly games against Wyvern St Edmund’s. Unfortunately, the team lost both but the girls displayed great attitudes in playing a team of much more experienced club rugby players and not giving up for a full 40 minutes.

Many of the girls were lucky enough to be part of a Twickenham trip to see England v Italy in the Six Nations. It was great for them to have the opportunity to experience a crowd of over 83,000 and watch players of the highest level maintaining such etiquette and discipline.

Hampshire RFU have an aim to increase girls’ rugby and the School has been lucky enough to have some RFU accredited coaches come in to help this term and the plan is to carry this on next year. Touch rugby will be running as an after school club throughout the summer and the girls are encouraged to come along to keep practising their handling and speed skills, plus there are some touch games lined up!
## Dates for Your Diary

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