

Highsted Grammar School Match Reports 2019-20

Kent Schools' Table Tennis Competition: Tuesday 10 February

Highsted versus Fulston Manor School

Squad list: Rose B, Katie S, Grace F, Rachel C.

On Tuesday 10 February, Highsted's table tennis team faced Fulston Manor School in The Kent Schools Table Tennis Competition. After a quick warm-up, games began. There were four tables and each Highsted player stood behind one and started playing. After all games had finished, the Highsted players rotated to the next table on their left, and the games began again. After each person had played all four matches, it became apparent that Fulston had been defeated in every game, with some wins stronger than others. Overall, it was a fantastic afternoon for the Highsted players, and a good boost in confidence! Well done to all students involved!

Kent Schools' Games - U15 Basketball: Tuesday 4 February

On Tuesday 4 February, a team of eight students from Highsted travelled to Medway Park, Gillingham, for the Kent Schools' Games U15 Basketball competition. In the first round we came across some tough opposition from Simon Langton Grammar School for Girls, Rainham Mark Grammar School, Rainham School for Girls and Northfleet School for Girls. Highsted looked anxious to begin with but then started attacking to score some great goals. Sadly, we lost our games but the majority of the time it was by just one goal.

In the second half of the competition Highsted were placed into the Plate Round competing against Rainham Mark, Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, Rainham School for Girls, The North School, The Canterbury Academy and Northfleet School for Girls. The girls showed great enthusiasm and Grace made some amazing break through runs from the back line to then shoot! Danielle and Avril made some brilliant interceptions for us, from a defence position for Highsted, to regain possession of the ball. Hannah and Emily worked well taking the ball from centre to then drive towards the basket. Abbie, Rebecca and India displayed great team work skills maintaining possession of the ball.

During the afternoon, our Highsted team only lost by one goal. The Highsted team grew in confidence throughout the tournament and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. Basketball club started this term and the girls have progressed so much already, developing their skills. Well done to all the girls involved!

U12 Football English Schools' Cup: Friday 24 January

Round 3: Highsted versus King Henry School

On 24 January, Highsted took on the King Henry School Football Academy under-12 team in the third round of the English Schools' Cup.

The first half started slowly before Lucy played a great ball through to set Isabel up right in front of goal. One goal up, then Isabel scored again with a great individual run, taking on two defenders, and by half-time the score was 2-0.

In the second half Isabel struck again making Highsted's score 3-0. Next, straight from kick-off, the opposition scored from a straight run down the middle, making the score 3-1! Unfortunately, Highsted gave away a penalty which ended up being saved by our

goalkeeper, Anita. We ended with a late goal and the game finished with a decisive win to Highsted. Well done to all the girls who took part. Here's looking forward to Round 4!

Final score: Highsted 4; King Henry School 1

[Kent Schools' Swimming Championships: Saturday 11 January](#)

Hartsdown Pool, Margate

On Saturday 11 January, a team of Highsted Students travelled to Hartsdown Pool in Margate, for the Kent Schools' Swimming Championships.

Highsted started with Girls 100m Butterfly as our first race for the team. Bethany was our first swimmer to compete, she came 2nd in her heat and gained a new personal best time of 1:23:61. Kayla and Lily then competed against each other in the next heat of the race; the girls swam brilliantly with Kayla coming 1st in 1:14:77, and Lily coming 3rd in the heat with 1:20:41. Both the girls beat their previous personal best times by four seconds!

Our second race was the Girls 100m Backstroke. Chloe came 1st in her heat and achieved five seconds off her personal best time with 1:23:67. Alice also had a fantastic race coming 2nd in her heat and achieving another personal best time of 1:23:51, knocking ten seconds off her previous result. The girls came in 16th and 17th places overall in the competition.

Into the afternoon session, we had more students arrive and ready for the competition.

Alice started the afternoon with the Girls 100m Freestyle and came 3rd in her heat. Isla was competing against 14 and 16 year-olds but had a brilliant swim and overall came 8th in the Junior Girls 100m Freestyle in Kent.

In the Girls 100m Breaststroke, Eleanor and Lily both came 1st in their heats, Lily achieving a new personal best time of 1:31:08 by four seconds, which placed her 10th in Kent.

The last event of the competition was the Girls 200m Individual Medley. Isabella came 1st in her heat with a time of 2:51:99 and both Bethany and Chloe achieved a new personal best. Bethany's was gained by 13 seconds at 2:58:99.

Overall, we are really proud of the girls, it was a fantastic day of swimming and so many of them achieved new personal best times. Well done to everyone who took part!

[U16 Football Kent Schools' Cup: Wednesday 6 November](#)

Round 3: Highsted versus Westlands School

Highsted took on local school Westlands in the third round of the Kent Schools' Cup. Both teams attacked well in the first quarter but were cancelled out by the other team. Highsted gradually became the more dominant side with several shots brilliantly saved by the Westlands keeper and Niamh hitting the crossbar just before the conclusion of the first half. The score remained 0-0.

Highsted started the second half strongly and soon went into the lead with a superbly struck shot by Charlotte. With some intricate play in the midfield and a well-timed pass out to Niamh, Highsted doubled their lead as she placed the ball beyond the keeper's reach. Daylight was rapidly fading which made conditions quite difficult for both teams. Westlands scored on a counter attack which led to quite a nervy last five minutes of the game, where the defence and Daisy in goal had to make some important saves to keep Highsted in the lead. The game finished 2-1 to Highsted putting them through to the quarter finals where the team will face Highworth Grammar School.

Final score: Highsted 2; Westlands School 1

Year 7 Netball: Tuesday 5 November

Highsted versus Fulston Manor School

On Tuesday 5 November, Highsted's Year 7 Netball Team played against Fulston Manor School after a cancelled game against the Sittingbourne School. In the very first quarter, Scarlett, our Goal Shooter, had already shot her first goal and was confident and ready to score another.

The next quarter was outstanding for Highsted, as Kamilla and Lulu had shot three goals between them! Fulston came back fighting and managed to shoot one for their team, but it was still the same score for them in the third quarter, whereas Highsted had shot two more.

The final quarter was exhausting for both schools as they had played their hearts out, however it was still an amazing game as Fulston came back again with two more goals. Highsted continued to take the lead and scored their last, winning goal.

Fulston were fun competitors and it was a great first game for the Highsted Year 7 team. Well done to everyone who took part.

Final score: Highsted 7; Fulston Manor 3

Year 9 Netball: Tuesday 5 November

Highsted versus Fulston Manor School

On Tuesday 5 November, Highsted's Year 9 netball team played against Fulston Manor School. In our first quarter we scored five and Fulston Manor scored one.

In the second quarter we scored eight and they opposition still had only one; and by the end of the third quarter the score was 11-1 to Highsted. Finally we left the game winning 13-1.

We had strong and quick passes throughout the match. We had good communication with each other and good techniques and tactics. We did have some trouble with footwork which I think we will be able to improve quickly.

Overall we had good shooting, good passing and good communication - it was a fun and successful game.

Final score: Highsted 13; Fulston Manor 1

U13 Football Kent Schools' Cup: Wednesday 30 October

Round 2: Highsted versus Kent College, Canterbury

Squad list

Amelia, Emily, Isabel, Rose, Holly, Sophie, Dara, Rachel, Evie, Elle, Olivia, Madi.

On the 30 October 2019 Highsted's U13 football team played Kent College, Canterbury in the second round of the Kent Schools' Cup. We had a fairly slow start as the pitch and goals were much smaller than we were used to which made it difficult to maintain a fluid passing game. We eventually took the lead when Rose scored two goals, including a penalty that resulted from a handball. However, the score stayed at a standstill for much of the first half.

In the second half we started to break down the opposition well, scoring two more goals in quick succession, Rose scoring one and Isabel scoring the other. Kent College did not give up and kept on trying to attack but our defence proved to be too strong. Near the end of the second half, Holly fired another ball into the goal to secure an excellent win, with Maddie keeping a clean sheet.

Girl of the match, as voted by the players: **Holly**

Final score: Highsted 5; Kent College 0

Year 9 Netball: Tuesday 8 October

Highsted versus Oasis Academy

Highsted's Year 9 team played our first match of the season against Oasis Academy and won the match convincingly: 23-1.

In the first quarter we scored eight goals through our ability to feed the ball into the goal circle and successful shooting from our shooting pair of Bella and Isabel. In the second quarter we scored another impressive six goals with some team changes. The third quarter saw us scoring five further goals with Bella holding her space well in the circle and defence letting in just the one goal. In the last quarter we continued to extend the commanding lead with four more goals.

Overall, we had consistent passes and good communication between one another and by using communication we could get the ball across the court quickly. We had some issues with contact and lost possession but still focused on the game and built up an impressive final score. Hollie was strong in defence scooping up any lost balls and mid-court players, Jess and Grace, linked well to get the ball to the attack.

Overall, I think we performed well in our first match, very well played Highsted!

Final score: Highsted 23; Oasis Academy 1

Match report by **I Benniman** (*Year 9 Team Captain*)

Year 10 Netball: Tuesday 24 September

Highsted versus Fulston Manor

Squad list

Katie S, Eleanor W, Millie M, Megan B, Amelia W, Karine M, Oakleigh F, Avril T, Danielle B

As this was the first game of the season, we had many new players, meaning that we had a new team. We were up against Fulston School, in previous matches we have beaten them but with the new team anything could happen.

In the first quarter, we started off strong, scoring five goals, the opposition scoring one. However, it was still early on in the match, so we had to stay focused. In the next quarter, we scored two more goals and so did Fulston, luckily we were still ahead but we were only half way through the whole match. The third quarter was harder because people were getting tired and knowing that we still had another quarter after it. Unfortunately, we conceded two goals but we were still winning 7-3. After some people switched positions, we started the fourth and final quarter. We worked as team even though we had never all played together before, and scored two more goals, however we did concede one more as well.

The stand out player of this match was Avril in WD and our two new players, Millie and Eleanor also influenced the play well in the goal circle. The final score was 9-4. Well done girls on the first game of the season and bring on the next match!

Final score: Highsted 9; Fulston Manor 4

Match report by **K Stringer** (*Year 10 Team Captain*)

Year 11 Netball: Tuesday 24 September

Highsted versus Fulston Manor

Squad list

GS - Isabelle, GA - Hannah, WA - Mia, C - Freya, WD - Summer, GD - Anais, GK - Ruth

The Year 11 Netball team played Fulston Manor away on Tuesday 23 September 2019. The team had high hopes to win against Fulston as we were fielding a strong team. Despite it being our first match of the season, the team had been working on their skills and match play at Netball Club.

In the first quarter Highsted team took an early lead. We made changes to the positions, with Mia switching from GD to WA and this seemed to work well for us with Freya as Centre and Mia as WA feeding the ball into the circle to our shooters. In the second quarter we built on our initial lead with a steady trickle of goals scored. By the 3rd quarter Anais and Ruth in defence were not really pressured and had a fairly quiet game. In the last quarter we consolidated our commanding lead with a final score of 17-1. The high percentage shooting was key to the victory and Hannah was the stand out player of the match with consistent shooting with every opportunity being banked.

Well done to the whole team with an impressive first match performance this season.

Final score: Highsted 17; Fulston Manor 1

U16 Football Kent Schools' Cup: Wednesday 18 September

Round 1: Highsted versus Rainham Mark Grammar School

On Wednesday 18 September, Highsted Grammar School's Under 16 football team travelled to Rainham Mark Grammar School for the first round of the Kent Schools Cup. We started well and were 2-0 up at half time. We worked well as a team and demonstrated strong footballing skills by out running and defending our opponents. In addition, with good sportsmanship and teamwork we come out victorious with a 5-0 win!

Big congratulations to Niamh and Ella for scoring a goal each and well done to Charlotte for not only scoring a hat trick but also for being awarded Player of the Match by her teammates. Well done Highsted, keep up the positive start heading into Round 2!

Final score: Highsted 5; Rainham Mark 0

Match report by **LB** (*Year 11 Team Captain*)