



GRACE ACADEMY SOLIHULL

PE NEWSLETTER

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We would like to share a roundup of the fixtures Grace Academy Solihull students have participated in against various different schools in Netball, Football and Cross Country. We are extremely proud of our students and wish them luck for the rest of the year with these sports.

Y10/Y11 BOYS FOOTBALL

Last term the Year 11 football team competed in both the Solihull and Birmingham Schools Cup. Well done to all of the boys that were selected to play in the matches, all of who showed exemplary sportsmanship. The highlight of their season was a 2-1 win against North Birmingham Academy.



The year 10 team convincingly won their Solihull Cup first round tie against Heart of England School 9-0 and will now play against Arden Academy in the second round. Unfortunately, they were knocked out of the Birmingham Cup by Streetly Academy in their first round tie; we will be hoping to progress further in the competition next year.

CROSS COUNTRY

There were two Cross-Country fixtures last term, where students from years 7-9 went to Park Hall Academy to compete in a cross country league race. Our Year 7 pupils ran approximately 1650m and our Year 8's ran approximately 2325m. Two of our Year 7 pupils, Ruby H and Jonathon M came within top 20 for their event and they both competed at the county trials as a result of this on Saturday 14 October. Two of our Year 9 pupils, Brody P and Dev F, also came top 20 for their events!

There was another race for year 7-9 pupils at Langley Academy to compete in the final cross country league race. There were a lot more schools which attended this final event, but our pupils still showed great determination throughout their races. Jayden R came 7th place in the Year 8/9 race and has been invited to compete in the county championships in January! Well done to all those involved!

NETBALL

Year 7 and 9 Netball Teams also competed in a netball match against Park Hall Academy. It was the first time both teams had competed against another school and they played incredibly well. At half time, our Year 7 team were winning 4-3 and our Year 9's were unfortunately losing 3-1. However, after a quick team talk and a few adjustments, both teams began the second half determined to come out with the best possible outcome. By the end of the match, the Year 7 team won with a score of 12:7 and the Year 9 team won with a score of 8:5!

YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL

The Year 7 boys football team were involved in a Satellite Competition at John Henry Newman school.

Two Grace Academy Solihull teams attended the tournament and played 4 games each against Coleshill, John Henry Newman, and Parkhall. One team drew 3 games and also won a game, and the other team managed to win a couple of games but was unfortunate in securing the win as there were some tough opponents! Despite being their very first time playing together, all boys showed great teamwork and resilience!

Well done to everyone that participated and we are looking forward to the next couple of games and Satellite fixtures!

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our girls' football success continues! Last half term we had two Girls Satellite Competitions for our Y7/8 students, and our Y9 and 10 students. The fixtures were held at our Academy and saw teams play their first satellite night against 6 other schools.

Both teams made an excellent start to their satellite league winning a number of games to put them in a good position in the league! They will continue this in March and May - well done girls!



YEAR 8/9 FOOTBALL

The Year 8 Football team managed to win 2-1 against Lode Heath! An early goal from Grace put us in the lead until the end of the first half where Lode Heath scored an equalizer. This was a very tight game but a last minute goal from Grace managed to secure a win!

The Y8 football team also attended a satellite tournament consisting of 4 games each. Both teams managed to secure a win for their first game, blowing the opposing teams out of the water with a minimum of a 2 goal lead. Moving into the second leg, one team secured their second win with the other team ending on a draw. A great performance from both teams. Moving into the third round both teams secured a draw against tough opponents, showing some real drive, teamwork and resilience. In the fourth and final leg both teams ended on a high, winning their games and heading back to the Academy with a very positive outcome.

The Year 9 Football Team also played a match against Park Hall. Grace students showed great determination and drive throughout the game. Despite starting the second half on the back foot, they continued to work to the best of their ability and managed to secure a goal. The game ended in favour of Park Hall but all Grace Academy Solihull students showed true sportsmanship and dealt with the result very well.

To all our students, we would like to say, keep working hard – your effort, dedication and commitment to school sports and extracurricular activities does not go unnoticed. These activities also help you to be a more well-rounded young person, which is what we strive to help all students be here at our academy.

To all parents/carers, thank you for your support in allowing your child to access these opportunities.

