



DHSB SPORTS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2021

DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

WELCOME

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of the DHSB Sports Newsletter, 2021.

It has been a busy term with school sport returning after such a difficult period. The boys have largely welcomed the opportunity to participate in sport and numbers are beginning to return to pre covid levels.

This term we have fielded teams in the major games of football, rugby and basketball. We have also run regular clubs in hockey, ultimate, badminton, table tennis, golf, cross country running and the fitness suite has finally opened on specific days of the week for certain year groups. GCSE PE students have also been given the opportunity to undertake courses in climbing and kayaking.

This term Mr Campbell, has organised House football tournaments for A and B teams for all year groups which have taken place after school and have, on the whole, been very well attended.

During Curriculum Challenge Week we organised our first ever swimming gala at the Life Centre and this is an event on which we are hoping to build in the future.

This term has, however, provided many challenges and several schools are not yet back to their pre covid levels of participation. As a result it has proven to be difficult in obtaining fixtures for some teams and we have been frustrated by the fact that we have not played as many competitive inter school fixtures as we would have liked, particularly in rugby. More games are however scheduled for the Spring Term.

I would like to express my gratitude to the PE staff for their extra curricular efforts; to Mr. McConnell for running Ultimate club; to Mr. Anderson and Mr Spencer for running basketball teams and sixth form student Noah Carlisle for running the table tennis club. In addition to this I would like to thank Mr May, Mr Anderson, Ms Wilkinson and Ms Weaver for supervising the fitness suite at lunchtimes.

From all of the DHSB PE Department we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr. R. Orkney

DIRECTOR OF SPORT



INTRODUCTION

Hi Everyone,

For those of you who I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, my name is Mr Campbell, and I am the new School Sports Co-ordinator at DHSB. I am writing to formally introduce myself and share a little bit about the work I'll be doing here. As the SSCO, I will be responsible for planning and executing all of our House sports. I am also tasked with ensuring that we offer a well-balanced and enriching extra-curricular sport programme.

This term has seen another successful return of A&B team House football. A huge well done for everybody who came out and took part in, at times, some horrific weather!

We have also seen the inaugural Swimming gala take place at the Life Centre during Curriculum Challenge Week which, we hope, will continue to grow from strength to strength in the coming years. A big well done to Owain Woodcock 7E, James Brinkworth 8E, Finley Smallshaw 9S and Aidan Keslake 10C for being the big winners on the day.



Mr. D. Campbell

SCHOOL SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

DHSB 1ST XI



The first XI have had an excellent start to the year and are currently top of the league having won 5, drawn 1 and lost 1. Luca Tsianavas is top goal scorer for the league with 8 goals and Louis George is close behind with 7. Will Heard and Sam Knobloch have the most appearances so far this season and have both been fantastic in defence.

YEAR 11 FOOTBALL

The Year 11 football team made it to round 3 of the national cup before going out in a tightly contested fixture against Torquay Boys Grammar School. In the earlier rounds Devonport were successful against St Boniface College and Brixham College. The school will take part in the Devon Cup starting in the new year.



YEAR 9+10 FOOTBALL



Year 10 emphatically made it to Round 4 of the National Cup until sadly going out 10-9 on penalties to Torquay Academy.



The Year 9 football team have put in some excellent performances so far this season and were unfortunately knocked out of the National Cup in Round 4 on penalties to Ivybridge. The first of three Plymouth Schools Central Venue nights of fixtures was a success giving other boys an opportunity to play for the school team.

YEAR 8 FOOTBALL



After playing some really exciting, attacking football in the first two rounds of the National Cup we came against a really strong opponent in Eggbuckland CC and went out fighting in the 3rd round.



The second of three Plymouth Schools Central Venue nights of fixtures , hosted here at DHSB, was a success giving other boys an opportunity to play for the school team. All should be proud who have participated so far.

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL



Outstanding performances from Year 7 to reach round 4 of the National Cup narrowly losing 2-1 to Ivybridge CC.



Hosted here at DHSB, two of three rounds have been played so far with lots of students having the opportunity to participate and good performances and results coming as well.

1ST XV RUGBY



The sixth form rugby team has reformed after an absence of several years and have performed well so far. They have played Plymouth College, Exeter School and Mount Kelly and despite losing these fixtures they have played well and have been competitive throughout. More games are scheduled for after Xmas.



YEAR 11 RUGBY



It has been difficult in arranging fixtures for this year group as so many schools are not able to field sides at this age range. We did manage to secure one fixture however and we beat a good St Boniface's College side away earlier in the term . We will continue to try to get fixtures in the Spring Term.

YEAR 10 RUGBY



The U15 team has played three games to date, beating Holsworthy School in the National Vase but losing to an excellent Torquay Boys Grammar School in the next round.



YEAR 9 RUGBY



The U14's have played three games so far and have beaten Eggbuckland and Hele's Schools and remained unbeaten in a tournament at stoke Damerel.



YEAR 8 RUGBY

The year 8 rugby team took part in the central venue fixtures earlier this term and were successful in all their games. Training takes place on Monday after school and will start again in the new year



YEAR 7 RUGBY

The team have fulfilled all their Central Venue fixtures with development games against Stoke Damerel, Eggbuckland and Tor Bridge. Training has been well attended and special thanks to Sixth Formers George & Josh for their help with coaching.



Y7 BASKETBALL

The team played St Boniface and Plympton Academy in their first of two nights of Central Venue fixtures at the Life Centre. The focus is on learning how to play the game and the boys are enjoying the competition.



HOCKEY



A big thank you to our Sports Ambassadors who took part in officiating the PSSP Quick sticks hockey tournament at Brickfields earlier in the term.



Our hockey club after school every Wednesday continues to go from strength to strength. A big thank you to Colin Wood and team for all their efforts.

CROSS COUNTRY



Kristyna Cade 6RNC

For the first time in the 125 year history of the school we have had a senior girls winner. Congratulations on being selected through to the next stage.



Once again we have had a good turn out of runners for cross country club this year and rewards have been found in performances at the Plymouth Schools Cross Country Championships with medals won and a significant number being selected to run at Devon Schools Cross Country in January at Stover School.

CROSS COUNTRY



Well done to all those who took part and the very best of luck to all those selected to run in the next round.

GOLF



Golf club returned this term and proved to be a popular option for after school sport. With our friends up at Boringdon Golf Club the boys attending enjoyed 7 weeks of lessons aimed at developing their skills whether they were complete beginners or not. This will be back again in the new year and always welcome to new faces.

TABLE TENNIS



A huge well done to our U13's Table tennis team who are Devon County Team Champions. They go on to play their Regional matches in the New Year.

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INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES



Very well done to Oscar Westbury 7W who competed at a diving competition at Southampton Invitational during half term.



Congratulations also to Ewan Lock 7S who during half term officially signed for the Plymouth Argyle U12's Academy as a goalkeeper, following an eight week trial.

INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES



Congratulations to Leo Nguyen 8C and Hugo Nguyen 8N who are ranked first and fourth in the national table tennis ranking in England in the U13 Boys category. Many congratulations.



Congratulations to Ollie Lee 10C who won the Western Counties boxing U59kg category last weekend. He is competing at the national semi-finals in Newcastle this weekend and we wish him all the best for this event.

INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES



7E, Jago Midwinter started sailing at Torpoint Mosquito Sailing Club in the summer and obtained the RYA Stage 1, a fantastic achievement.