

Tennis Academy Newsletter Autumn 2024

As I write this I hope you are enjoying the last few days of the summer holidays. It's fantastic to see so many of the girls competing over the summer- from local events at the Bournemouth Open and County Closed to Sutton, Burnham-on-Sea, Nottingham, Penzance and the grass courts of Wimbledon. A massive thank you to you as parents for transporting them across the country and supporting their progress. Please keep me updated with photos and achievements- it's always good to celebrate their success in assembly and on social media (do let me know if you are not happy for photos to be used on our school socials). A special well done to Daniella for playing at the U14 Wimbledon Championships and representing GB in the European Summer Cup and to Emily and Iraja who both reached the quarterfinals of the Play your Way to Wimbledon Finals. Fantastic achievements!



I would like to welcome Lara, Elizabeth, Morgan and Scarlett into the Tennis Academy. I hope the other Tennis Academy girls will make them feel very welcome and support them as they find their feet! James White and James Pankhurst should be in touch with parents as the tennis schedules are completed. I would like to thank Mr Cradick and both James's for all their hard work in putting

together your schedules. It is not an easy job! Please email both myself and James P with any issues regarding schedules/ buses etc so we can work to resolve these.

We will be holding our annual parents (and girls) meeting on the first day of the Autumn term- **Wednesday 4th September at 4-5pm** in the senior school exam room. This will be an information meeting updating everyone on the expectations and procedures for the next year, meet key personnel and assuming it arrives on time I will be handing out the Tennis Academy kit. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

As I mentioned in the recent email will be NO tennis sessions during the day on Wednesday 4th September. Tennis lessons during the day will start on Thursday 5th September for years 8-13 and before and after school sessions will start on Monday 9th September along with year 7 day sessions.

It was a very busy summer term with 6 tennis teams in the various age groups competing in the U13, U15 and U18 school competitions. The U18B team did very well reaching the semi final of the Regional round of the Aberdare Cup and the U18A team won the Regional round which qualified them for the National Finals in Nottingham in late June. The girls represented the school very well showing a high level of tennis, working incredibly hard on the court and ended the week with 2 wins and 2 losses giving them 6th place out of 16 schools. It was a fantastic week, alongside the tennis we had a trip into Nottingham on the tram, meals at various restaurants and the girls developed a great team spirit. I have included a few photos at the end of this newsletter.

DIVISION 1 KNOCKOUT STAGE

Round 1: Thursday 12 September 2024

Round 2: Thursday 26 September 2024

DIVISION 1 REGIONAL FINALS

The winners of the Division 1 Knockout Stage will qualify for the Regional Finals.

Girls 14 November 2024

Boys 15 November 2024

Venues TBC

Winners of these Finals go through to the Division 1 National Finals.

DIVISION 1 NATIONAL FINALS

30th November - 1 December 2024 (Bolton Arena)

The U13A and U15A teams won their age group in the Division 1 beating BSG to go through to the Regional play offs. The dates for the subsequent rounds are shown here. The first 2 dates are only provisional as it is up to the 2 schools to find a mutually acceptable date but should the teams progress to the Regional and National Finals these are set dates so please could I ask all girls in year 7-11 to put these dates in the diary. Team selection will be confirmed in September. The U13B team won the Division 2 County title.

I will go through this at the parents meeting but can I remind parents to request absence for tournaments by emailing me and I will forward requests on to Mrs Harris. Please keep me up to date whilst they are away letting me know when they expect to return to school so I can update the school office for absence records.

Last year we had a lot of wasted packed lunches that were made up by the kitchen staff and not picked up as girls headed off to West Hants over lunch. If girls are not wanting lunches and prefer to pick something up at West Hants please can they let me know and I will cancel orders.

Please make sure you follow the schools social media pages. As a PE department we tend to use X (Twitter) @THSch_Sports but our main channels for school are [facebook.com/talbotheathsch](https://www.facebook.com/talbotheathsch) and Instagram @talbotheathsch.

Many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4th September.

Best wishes
Mrs Camp

