



AGSB SPORT TERM REVIEW



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Holland Rugby Tour 2024

After a quick training session, we set off from school at noon on Sunday 20th October 2024 to make our way to Hull to catch our ferry. After cabins were allocated, we made the most of the 'All You Can Eat' buffets, arcades and films, as we sailed the North Sea through the night to the Netherlands.

A little tired, we disembarked early in the morning at Rotterdam, picking up the coach to our hostel. We then went for a nice walk to stretch our legs after a long journey. We had our lunch, dropped off our bags and went to Scheveningen. We had a lot of good free time on this trip, which is one of the reasons why it was so good. We arrived at 5pm for our evening meal and to explore the very interesting town.



After a good night's sleep, we had our breakfast at the hostel and then went for a game debrief, instructions for the day and a training session to make sure we stayed in good form for the matches. Just before midday we left to go sightseeing in the beautiful city of Breda. After the impressive trip and some food, we were pumped up for the match against Oisterwijk RC. We had a late kick off at 7pm and they were very excited to see us. They loved the fact that they were able to play a team from England, they felt it was an honour. We won the match 48-10 with them being great sports and really cheery, the rest of the night when we stayed with them having food and drinks. This was a great start to our trip with us on our way to an undefeated tour and being made very welcome by our hosts.

The next day we departed for Scheveningen where we had free time to find our lunch in a massive food hall with many different restaurants of different cuisines. We then went go-karting at Race Planet before departing to play our next match against Gouda RUFC. Gouda played a gruelling game. The end score was 24-5 which meant we officially had an undefeated tour. Our hosts threw an amazing celebration for us and forfeits were completed for forgetting things, such as the correct socks or shorts. The forfeit was to sing a song in front of everyone, but we all just joined in anyway as we were having such a great time dancing and singing.

Before heading home, we had an early start as we went to a waterpark extravaganza, called Tikibad. It had amazing rides and a large range; from rides you can go on with your friends to strong g-force rides where you go straight down to a splash. After working up an appetite, we went to Hudson Steakhouse where we had our awards presentation. The awards went to Flynn for 'Unsung Hero', Peter for 'Best Tackler', Tyron for 'Best Try', Jonah for the best clubman and best of all Khalid for 'Player of the Tour'. Their names have since been engraved on the shields making it extra special.

This was an amazing trip, which we would all go on over and over again.

Ben Moss



BADMINTON

This year in badminton we are representing the north-west beating MGS in the semi-finals, however, we played our own B team in the finals as they beat MGS 's A team highlighting how strong badminton is in AGSB thanks to weekly sessions. In the near future, we hope to go forward and win the national finals as we were close to last year.

Siri Eldi

BASKETBALL

AGSB Basketball got off to a strong start this year with both U14's and U16's picking up wins in the first game of the season against North Cestrian School. The U14's were led by a scoring outburst from Sol Gnanapragasam who hit multiple threes and deep mid-range shots to secure a 39-13 victory. The U16's followed suit and held North Cestrian to only 9 points in a 35-9 win. This strong defensive performance was held up by both Philbert Pindy and Shayan Dige who locked down the paint and allowed no easy shots.

Looking to finish the year 2-0, AGSB faced off against Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College. First up was the U14's who had a tough test against their opponents, ultimately losing 37-25 in a game where Andrew Chiphang scored 15 points to keep AGSB running close. What followed from the U16's could only be described as a defensive masterclass with AGSB holding their opponents to 0 points in the first half on route to a 30-11 victory. William Qian starred with upwards of 5 steals and lead the offense throughout, finding teammates such as Daragh Fleming (who shot 100% from the field) for wide open shots. Both teams look promising, with eyes on the new year.

Mr Hardy



HOCKEY

This year's Hockey season is well under way. In the county competition our U18s have finished 2nd in the league to a strong Kings Chester side. Our U14s have reached the finals to be played in March and we wish them well.

The U14s, U16s and U18s all embark on their National Cup runs this term, with the U14's drawn against Calday Grange School, U16s awaiting the winners of Kings Macclesfield and Bishop Vesey's and the U18s playing MGS.

The U16 indoor hockey team was dealt a tough hand when Jack H (GK) sustained a broken wrist in the first game, resulting to the team playing without a goalkeeper for the rest of the tournament. The U18's played well in their tournament losing narrowly to MGS in the semi-finals.



FOOTBALL

This year's Football teams are experiencing some good success in the Greater Manchester Cups. The year 7s have reached the quarter finals of the plate, the year 8s are in the quarter finals of the cup as are the year 9s. The year 10s and 11s have reached the third round of the competition and the 1st XI have reached the semi-finals. Good luck to all teams with their remaining matches.



HOUSE SPORT

This term saw the 4 houses compete in the winter sports festival and in the annual house football competitions.

Years 7-10 compete in the Winter Sports Festival which includes, Rugby, Hockey, Table Tennis and Badminton. The results can be seen below, well done to all those that competed.



Year 7 – Winter sports Festival Results 2024.

Hockey				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Bradbury	Stamford	Massey	Tatton
Points				

Badminton				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Tatton	Bradbury	Massey	Stamford
Points				

Table Tennis				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Bradbury	Massey	Tatton	Stamford
Points				

Rugby				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Bradbury	Tatton	Massey	Stamford
Points				

Final Standings	House	Points total (lowest wins)
1 st	Bradbury	5 - 100
2 nd	Tatton	10 - 75
3 rd	Massey	11 - 50
4 th	Stamford	14 - 25

Year 8 – Winter sports Festival Results 2024.

Hockey				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Tatton	Stamford	Massey	Bradbury
Points				

Badminton				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Massey	Stamford	Tatton	Bradbury
Points				

Table Tennis				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Massey	Bradbury	Tatton	Stamford
Points				

Rugby				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Tatton	Massey	Stamford	Bradbury
Points				

Final Standings	House	Points total (lowest wins)
1 st	Massey	7 - 100
2 nd	Tatton	8 - 75
3 rd	Stamford	11 - 50
4 th	Bradbury	14 - 25

Year 9 – Winter sports Festival Results 2024.

Hockey				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Tatton	Massey	Bradbury	Stamford
Points				

Badminton				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Bradbury	Massey	Tatton	Stamford
Points				

Table Tennis				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Stamford	Massey	Tatton	Bradbury
Points				

Rugby				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Massey	Bradbury	Tatton	Stamford
Points				

Final Standings	House	Points total (lowest wins)
1 st	Massey	7 - 100
2 nd	Bradbury	10 - 62.5
3 rd	Tatton	10 - 62.5
4 th	Stamford	13 - 25

Year 10 – Winter sports Festival Results 2024.

Hockey				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Stamford	Massey	Bradbury	Tatton
Points				

Badminton				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Stamford	Tatton	Bradbury	Massey
Points				

Table Tennis				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Stamford	Massey	Bradbury	Tatton
Points				

Rugby				
Position	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
House	Stamford	Tatton	Massey	Bradbury
Points				

Final Standings	House	Points total (lowest wins)
1 st	Stamford	4 - 100
2 nd	Massey	11 - 75
3 rd	Tatton	12 - 50
4 th	Bradbury	13 - 25

This year's House Football was a great success. Rules were changed allowing each house to enter two teams, increasing competitor numbers. Every year group 7-13 compete in this competition. The competitions ran over lunchtimes and were greatly supported. Year 11 will have their competition in January. Results below.

House Football

Year Group	1 st (100)	2 nd (75)	3 rd (50)	4 th (25)
Year 7	Bradbury	Massey	Tatton	Stamford
Year 8	Stamford	Massey	Tatton	Bradbury
Year 9	Bradbury	Stamford	Tatton	Massey
Year 10	Stamford	Massey	Tatton	Bradbury
Year 11				
Year 12	Stamford	Bradbury	Tatton	Massey
Year 13	Massey	Bradbury	Tatton	Stamford

KHO-KHO

Dharmic Games – Regionals edition

Winners, Victors, Champions. This is how we wanted Trafford Hindu Society to be remembered in 2022's Regionals. We achieved that. Then we set our eyes on retaining that for 2023's Regions. We achieved that too. Then this year on November 24th, 2024, in Leicester we aspired to be champions for a generational third year running as the youngest Hindu Society currently, competing with just teenagers against the likes of universities such as Warwick, Loughborough and Cambridge.

We entered boldly with two enthusiastic but collected Kho-Kho teams, The A team led by its captain Arjun Amudalapalli (YR13), and our B team led by Jayden Vaiwala (YR13). The B team had a tough group to go up against but won their games only needed to be top two to go through, however they unfortunately lost against Manchester University, a team with the previous captain of England Kho-Kho team. They also lost to Warwick University, who have been a consistently good team over the last few years. The B team truly put on an impressive performance and still performed well even with it being the very first tournament for most of them, however, were unfortunately knocked out in the group stages.

As for the A, with three new additions to the team since our victory last year, we dominated. We began our first game against Leicester, wishing to set the standard and show everyone how far we have come in the last three years. All our players played exceptionally well, even with the slippery floors and countless falls, we never stopped applying the pressure. Every team we thought to be good, we dominated, no one got close to beating us, until the semi-final against Warwick. We put on a battle until the final whistle was blown, both teams being beaten and bruised having put it all out on the court. The referee announced the scores, Warwick with 12, and Trafford A with 14.5.

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Still unbeaten for the whole tournament, we now had to set our eyes on the final. To our surprise, it was against our first opponents, Leicester. They had reached the final somehow, beating everyone else besides us. This did not change anything for us though we were ready, unbeaten for the last two years in all competitions, we had no fear of losing this game, we knew we could do it. Our captain said his words and Trafford sat down to chase first. The whistle was blown and there, one person out, 5 seconds later one more out then 5 more, the last one gone, the second batch came in, same again, we were applying the pressure and Leicester could not do anything but hope for the best. The final whistle blew with us getting two full cycles of runners out. We were confident with our performance, but we did not get complacent. It was our time to run. The second half started, and the first batch lasted a good amount of time but got out eventually, but our second batch lasted longer, and every team watched how Leicester were struggling to get a couple of 16-year-olds out. Eventually the third batch had to come in and they performed perfectly. The final whistle blew, we knew the result. They all knew it. For the third year in a row, Trafford were winners, victors, and champions.

Written by Pranav K (YR12) and Dylan P (YR13)



SQUASH

AGSB this year has entered the National Schools Squash Championships for the first time in more than 10 years. The team is in the KS4 Boys Competition and consists of Taha Dossajee (capt) (Yr 10) Siddhant Vaidyanathan (Yr 11), Will Belfield (Yr 11), Dario Cavaciocchi (Yr 11), Zac Rafiq (Yr 10) and Mohamed Eldeeb (Yr 10). We played our first two fixtures in November against a very strong A and B team from St Aidan's CofE High School. Zac had a brilliantly close match as the 5th string against the B team, losing by just 1 point overall, and Dario played some awesome squash to come very close to winning his match as the 4th string. Unfortunately, the opposition had a lot of strength at the top of their team with Taha (1st string), Sid (2nd string) and Will (3rd string) all losing despite some back and forth matches. Mohamed came into the team as 5th string for the second round of matches against their A team and with a very quick turnaround we played another fixture. Their A team proved too strong for AGBS however and we lost all 5 matches. The KS4 boys have now moved into the plate competition starting in January with 2 more fixtures. If we manage to top our group of three schools, we will move on to the National Plate Finals in March.

Mr Olney

TENNIS

Glanville Cup

The A team was able to reign victorious in the North West League Box in November, comfortably defeating Stonyhurst B, Lancaster B and Wilmslow A on home soil. The B team put up an amazing fight in the other group, just losing 13-11 in a nail-biting deciding shootout against Lancaster A for the top spot. We look forward to the upcoming regional finals once again, hoping to retain our title from last year in Sunderland.

The National Glanville Cup, the finals of which the A team has reached in 2021 and 2022, will be held later in this school year, with both teams hoping to have a deep run in the tournament. After missing out for the last 2 years, the possibility of another trip to the national finals at Nottingham Tennis Centre for the best 16 schools in the country awaits us once again.

SPORT FOR ALL CAMPAIGN - UPDATE



Phase 3 of the project is now in the panning.


Several target areas have been identified, and further drainage work will be completed. Dates are being put in the diary for the new artificial cricket wicket to be laid along with the long jump pit.

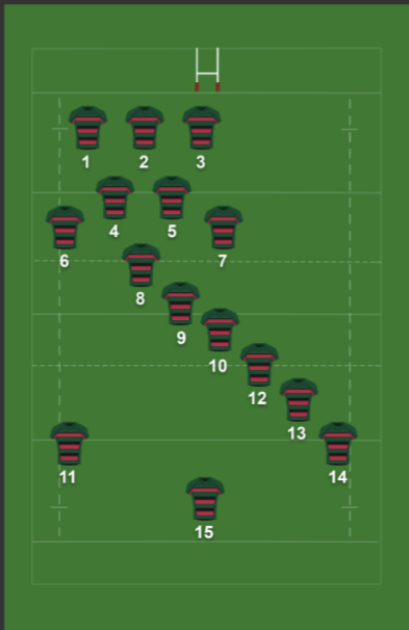


The bottom fields have been fully drained and levelled, and we now have a new football pitch giving us 3 grass football and 3 grass rugby pitches.

Thank you to all that have donated!

TEAMS OF THE TERM

 **AGSB Rugby Team of the Term**



1	Louis Potter Whittard	1st XV
2	Xander Lee	U14
3	Cameron Smurthwaite	U15
4	Aarav Singh	U14
5	Aidan Chiu	U15
6	Mannix Maher	U13
7	Hamish Quinn-Chan	U12
8	Finn Shennan	1st XV
9	Charlie Sidwell	U15
10	Oli Sidwell	1st XV
11	Marc Yan Lung Cheung	U12
12	Max Guan	U13
13	Freddie Doyle	1st XV
14	Khalid Omer	U14
15	Rory Lingard	1st XV



AGSB Football Team of the Term



1	Henry Marsden	U13
2	Joe Spencer	1st XI
3	Aric Cross	U14
4	Dan Stevenson	1st XI
5	Albert Odumade	U15
6	Joe Booth	U15
7	Kyi Chaichi	U13
8	Will Hutchinson	U12
9	Hugo Ofonagoro	U12
10	Ollie Rimmer	1st XI
11	Semilore Ihimoyan	U14



AGSB Hockey Team of the Term



1	Josh Rickels	U16
2	Patrick Fogarty	1st XI
3	Rory Hatton	1st XI
4	James Forrest	U14
5	Joe Booth	U16
6	Arlo Bobin	U14
7	Harry Small	1st XI
8	Zach Pamma	U14
9	Tom Small	1st XI
10	Dan Stevenson	U16
11	Charlie Rouke	U14