

DHS students continue Basketball success across the school

DHS have excelled in boys basketball over the past few years, last year's year 11 team won the district league for all 4 years they were at the school, and boys teams from across the years regularly win county cups, district leagues and district tournaments. This year that success has also included the girls' teams, who across the years are excelling across the various competitions.

The under 14 girls team recently made the final of the County Cup, something that hadn't been achieved in over 10 years. This team of excellent, determined and dedicated players beat everyone on their way to the final. In the final they played against Holy Trinity in a tough game that saw them coming back regularly from 7 points down to close the gap to just a point. Despite their best efforts, as they tried to take the lead in the final minutes with attacking play, they conceded points and lost the game 30-23. They played fantastically and were a real credit to the school, Mia Farris and Tiffany Davids gave standout performances. The great news is that reaching the final means they qualify to represent Sussex at National level later this year.

This week we took 2 teams (year 8 and year 9) to a U14 girls district basketball tournament. Both teams played in 7 games in a round robin tournament, the highlight of which was the year 8 team beating Bohunt an impressive 20-2. As both teams had excelled in the round robin they faced each other in a final play off for 1st and 2nd place, a moment to be very proud of. They both played exceptionally in a very close game but the year 9 team took the win 8-4. The year 9 team were crowned District Champions and the year 8 team runners up.

The boys have also been continuing their success with the year 7s getting off to a great start winning both a district one-day tournament and the district league final this week. The one day tournament saw them play other schools in the Worthing area and they played brilliantly, winning all their games and beating Shoreham Academy in the final to win the tournament. They had also been progressing well in the district league and reached the final, which they played this week against Shoreham, winning an impressive 42-22. Stand out player was Will Pinkney.

The year 9 and 11 boys have also had impressive seasons and have reached the district final for their year group. These will be played next week –good luck boys!

