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GIRLS BASKETBALL A FLYING START FOR THE YEAR 8 AND YEAR 11 TEAMS!



Year 8 Team – Rebecca, Aisha, Asheka, Amina, Victoria, Meya, Miar,

Basketball has become a big sport amongst the girls of Heartlands Academy and there's plenty of talent – so much so, that we are now competing in a year 8 AND a year 11 basketball league.

The start of the season began with a regeneration of interest in basketball as more girls took part in afterschool clubs which has had a positive impact on the results in both leagues so far.

The Year 8 season began with two friendly matches against Hodge Hill and Aston Manor. It was at these matches that we saw the real potential of the girls' ability and skill after they trashed the Hodge Hill team 29-2 also beating Aston Manor 36-16. Team-work was faultless, passing almost perfect and there was some superb shooting from all members of the team- noticeably 2 three-point baskets from Rebecca. It was fantastic to see other team members stepping up into leadership roles throughout the games, such as Ashia Johnson, who not only defended brilliantly but also encouraged the team to get back and

defend, giving instructions on who to mark. I am looking forward to coaching Year 8 in future league matches in the new term.

Unlike the Year 8 team, the Year 11 basketball team did not have any friendly matches to prepare them for the league matches which, being physically exhausting, came as quite a shock. The girls have played two matches so far and performances between the games have been worlds apart. In a nervous first match, they suffered a dramatic loss: the team struggling with no subs. However, the second match was in stark contrast with over nine fantastic players to choose from who were demonstrably focussed on a win and displaying team spirit. The girls have really come together nicely and provided they keep up this level of commitment, I am sure they can succeed and go on to win more league matches. Keep you eyes peeled for more wins from the girls – Go Heartlands!

Miss Morris

Year 11 Team – Charlotte, Aisha, Shadine, Diana, Shanakay, Glenna, Angel, Meya, Miar, Khushbukht

GIRLS' NETBALL

Year 8/9 v Hodge Hill Sports and Enterprise College

The Yr 8 Netball team arrived confident in the knowledge they had previously beaten Hodge Hill. Miss Morris led a thorough warm up to ensure they were well prepared both mentally and physically. Heartlands had a good start after the team captain, Rebecca Yamalimbu, won the toss giving them the first centre pass. They started off well, having changed the shooters because, in training, some girls had shown a flare for this position. However, it was short lived as the team quickly lost possession when they were unable to stop chatting to the other team instead of dodging and sprinting into the space and passing correctly. Miss Allen gave them a stern team talk at half time after which, they got stuck into the game scoring two goals in the second half and narrowly missing out on a third goal by a matter of seconds.

KS4 County Tournament

Heartlands team was at a disadvantage in this Tournament because many of the other schools' teams have club players and members who have been through the satellite academy training programme. Despite this, Heartlands made a great start against Sutton Grammar - they kept their heads up and played really well. During the game against King Edwards Camp Hill, the team began to get disheartened so at half time, Miss Allen changed the positions of players and gave them a target not to let the other team score more than 5 points. They more than exceeded this, in the second half Camp Hill only scored one goal. This was a massive achievement for the team and a real moral booster. This experience has given the team an insight into the standard required to play for a team outside of school. Every team member put in 100% and played to their best.

Miss Allen

BOYS' FOOTBALL

Year 8 v Park View Business & Enterprise School, Tuesday 8th November

The squad: Yahya, Marvellous Musa, Astonishing Adam, Nasir, Goitom, Ernest, Dancing Dante, Ibrahim, Roheel, Raheem, Guled and our mind blowing goalkeeper Manuel.

I just wish you had been there to experience what it is like to see so many fabulous players go head to head. After warming up, Nasir lost the toss and the match got off to a slow start with only a poor tackle from Ernest on one of the opposition players. A good free kick from Park View was saved by the Heartlands' goalkeeper, Manuel.

Mr Hanson, our spectacular coach, was shouting so loud I was terrified. His throat must have been hurting afterwards. Heartlands finally scored with a breathtaking goal in the 17th minute from Nasir. An excellent shot from the edge of the area was enough to beat the Park View goalkeeper. You could see the joy on Mr Hanson's face.

After 25 minutes, Heartlands made three subs with Yahya, Musa and Adam replaced by Raheem, Guled and Roheel. Park View had another clear chance but Manuel was excellent again and managed to save a difficult shot. However, just five minutes before half time, Park View equalized. It was very disappointing seeing their fans go crazy as if there was money falling from the sky! The pressure was now on.

Two minutes into the second half and Ernest again put in a hard challenge which, unfortunately, was given as a foul. Another free kick followed and again Manuel made a wonderful save. With just 10 minutes left Heartlands conceded a silly corner but then came the counter attack. Yahya passed to Musa and continued forward with some fabulous passing, finishing with a shot from Yahya which went just past the post. With minutes left, more great passing between Adam and Nasir created another chance for Yahya. From about 20 metres Yahya hit

a powerful shot. The crowd thought it was going in but it swerved at the last minute and hit the post. Soon after the referee blew for full time and Heartlands had to settle for a 1-1 draw. Well done to all the players that were involved and a big thank you to Mr Hanson.

Shuhaib Sarwar, 8FLS

Year 11 v Washwood Heath Technology College.

On a bright late summer's afternoon in September, the Year 11 season got underway with a thrilling 3-3 away draw at Washwood Heath. Although at times it was a shaky performance (especially from the debutants), they managed to share the spoils in what was probably a fair result. Both teams made a good start but it was Washwood Heath who were the stronger side quickly shaking off the post-season blues to score two early goals. Not necessarily by playing brilliantly but rather because Heartlands were playing pants. However, some harsh words and a frank discussion at half time, led to a brief tactical change that instantly paid dividends with Alhadawi breaking through the two centre-halves and slipping home under the on-rushing keeper. Back in the game, year 11 suddenly had the bit between their teeth and, looking far more relaxed, their play became more and more expansive. A nice passing move allowed Almam to get through midfield and a cute pass behind the left back saw Kaharee nip around the keeper and smash the ball into an open net. Then suddenly, they just stopped playing. They were giving the ball away at every opportunity like a profligate banker, and their reward? A Washwood Heath goal just two minutes from time. However, after stern words from Samson and Tyrell the team regained focus and, with seconds to spare, Alhadawi set off on a meandering dribble through midfield and defence to smash the ball left footed past the despairing keeper. All in all, a fair result, and a great game for the neutrals.

Mr Lea

FIXTURES

17 January	Girls' Basketball	Y8	v Aston Manor (A)
18 January	Girls' Basketball	Y11	v St Pauls (A)
18 January	Girls' Basketball	Y8	v Bishop Challoner
24 January	Girls' Basketball	Y11	v Georg Dixon (H)
25 January	Girls' Netball	KS4	v Hodge Hill
31 January	Girls's Basketball	Y11	v Yardley (H)
28 February	Girls' Netball	Y8 + 9	v John Willmot
14 March	Girls' Netball	Y7	v Sutton Grammar

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Brandon Ashwin 9HUS

After being spotted by Heartlands PE staff, Brandon was invited to attend an open day event held by the Birchfield Harriers Athletics Club where he was picked to attend their regular meetings. Brandon attended the program for six weeks and was then selected to be an official member of the club – this included training twice a week with his own trainer and beginning to compete for the Birchfield Harriers in several Athletics meets. Brandon has competed in both the Long Jump and 100 metre events where he achieved massive success considering his short spell at the club. He is due to compete in an indoor 60 metre event on Saturday 14th January at Alexander Stadium where we are hoping for a top 5 finish.

Miss Morris

"I enjoy being a member of the Birchfield Harrier Club – it makes me feel good that I have been noticed by my coaches and PE staff for the things I am good at. It makes me feel good that my Mum is behind me all the time and encourages me – I like making her feel proud. My friends are beginning to know how well I'm doing and they also support me – thank you guys. My success has inspired me to keep motivated and now I am determined to train hard to achieve a successful Athletics career".

Brandon Ashwin

RESULTS - GIRLS' FOOTBALL

U15

Broadway	1 - 14	W
Aston Manor	7 - 3	L
Hodge Hill	6 - 2	L
Al Hijra	0 - 6	W

U13

Broadway	2 - 3	W
Aston Manor	8 - 2	L
Hodge Hill	2 - 8	W
Al Hijra	0 - 10	W

RESULTS - BOYS' FOOTBALL

Year 7

Park View	1 - 2	W
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Year 8

Saltley	2 - 1	L
Stockland Green	8 - 3	W
Saltley	2 - 2	D
Park View	3 - 3	D

RESULTS - GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Year 8

Hodge Hill	29 - 2	W
Aston Manor	36 - 6	W

Year 11

Four Dwellings	54 - 4	L
International	36 - 12	W

RESULTS - GIRLS' NETBALL

Year 7

Bordesley Green	1 - 0	L
Aston Manor	6 - 0	L

Year 8

Hodge Hill	8 - 2	L
Bordesley Green	1 - 2	L
Aston Manor	11 - 0	L

KS4

Bordesley Green	5 - 15	W
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