

Athletics



The season was blessed with some early term sunshine and warmth which enabled us to get to grips with our athletes and to get the season rolling.

Our annual 'Head to Head' v DPS proved a great testing ground for the athletes and gave us some benchmarks to work towards. There were some great individual performances, the Year 5 girls drew with their opponents and the relay teams looked well-prepared and sharp.

In the Girls Sussex Championships at K2, Crawley, some of the girls gained personal best performances and others qualified in their heat to go on to the final. There were notable performances from Claire Hunt, Hannah Manton, 3rd, and Isobel Wingrad in the 200m, Lily Canetty-Clarke 3rd in high jump, Isabelle Powell 3rd in hurdles and rounders ball, Heloise Buxton 2nd in shot put and especially by Isabella Bearcroft who won the high jump to become Sussex U11 Champion.

The boys had the annual Sussex championships at Hurstpierpoint and with a few of our key athletes unable to compete we were looking for the rest to put in big performances. Only Ed Rogers and Daniel Hotz won an event, U13 shot and U10 High Jump. Alex Moore came 2nd in the U14 Long Jump; Jasper Piper was 2nd in his ball throw and we had 3rd places from Alec Coombes, Greg Morley, James Wardle and the U12 Relay team. Ed Rogers and Alex Moore were selected for the Sussex team at the Nationals.

At Tonbridge School we competed for the Tonbridge Trophy and many of our athletes came away with PBs on the day. The highlight was the senior boys relay team which came 3rd overall.

At Birmingham in the National Prep Schools Athletics finals Alex Moore jumped nursing a pulled muscle but still managed a 4.40m jump. Ed Rogers did not throw his PB but came 5th out of 17 against some massive boys of the same age.

Heloise Buxton stole the honours of the day by coming 3rd in the girls U12 shot, only the second girl ever to have won a medal for Vinehall at the Nationals.

