

PE Faculty Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2019



It has been such a busy and rewarding half term so far that we felt it was necessary to produce another PE and Sports newsletter for February and not wait until the Easter break!

We are lucky to have such a vibrant and busy sports calendar in Stockport with lots of different activities and competitions. Added to this is the fact that St James' compete in Manchester Catholic Schools and Greater Manchester Schools competitions means plenty of opportunities for our pupils. So far this school year, 308 different pupils have participated in competitive sport for St James', as we look to build upon the record figure of 350 that we reached in 2017-18. Happy reading!

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Thank you,

Mr Walker



BADMINTON

Badminton is extremely popular within St James'. Our Key Stage 3 Boys Badminton team finished as runners-up in the recent Greater Manchester Schools Badminton Championships. We won our group, beating West Hill, Altrincham Grammar and Burnage Academy, before losing to Manchester Grammar School in the final. Our Key Stage 4 team finished third, beating Lostock and Burnage but losing to Manchester Grammar and Altrincham Grammar.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Well done to our Year 8 hockey team who finished as runners-up in the recent Manchester Catholic School's tournament which was hosted here at St. James'. The team won 2 of their 3 fixtures, only losing 2-4 to St. Bedes in a closely contested final.



RUGBY UNION

After spending all last term coaching our Year 8 boys in lesson time, Manchester Rugby Club are now helping develop the skills of our Year 7 boys. Anyone wishing to take up Rugby Union should contact Tim Holmes on 07887 625868



CROSS COUNTRY

St James' took a squad of 41 runners to the recent Stockport Cross Country Championship which were held at Marple Hall School. Both our Year 7 boys and Year 8/9 girl's teams finished in third place, with Year 10/11 boys going one better and coming runners-up. Katie Stringer (Cheadle Catholic) became Stockport School's Champion winning the individual Year 8/9 girls event with her brother Joel coming third in the Year 10/11 boys race. Other excellent performance came from Connor Lawler-Smith (St Peter's) 4th Place Year 7 boys, Ava Walsh (Ladybrook) 4th place Year 7 girls and Kyi Nicholson (St Catherine's) 8th Year 10/11 boys, all who now qualify to represent Stockport in the forthcoming Greater Manchester Schools event. Katie Stringer has also had further success in cross country, winning the gold medal in the Greater Manchester School's Cross Country Championships. Well done Katie!



SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all the members of our Sports Hall Athletics team who were winners of the Stockport Schools' event which was held last month. They will now go through to represent Stockport at the Level 3 Greater Manchester Games. Max Beswick, Harvey Gavillet, Gabrielle Torres, (St Peter's), Jamie Donohue, James Furey, Ash Bethall (Cheadle Catholic), Finlay Peeks (St Ambrose), Jason Payne (Prospect Vale)

BOYS ACTIVE

16 of our Year 9 boys travelled to Brinnington Park Leisure Centre to participate in the Stockport Schools Boys Active Day. Pupils were given the opportunity to experience new sports such as American Football, Taekwondo, Short Tennis and Boxing as well as using the gym and weight training facilities.



NETBALL

Our Year 10 girls are having amazing success in the Stockport Netball League they remain unbeaten after 6 fixtures including victories against Kingsway, Priestnall and Cheadle Hulme High School!





TABLE TENNIS

A huge well done to our Year 8 Table Tennis team who beat Kingsway 8-2 in the final of the Stockport School's competition. Led by captain Zavier Downing the team were undefeated throughout. Indeed, the two games they dropped in the final were the only ones they lost all evening!

Final standings;

1st	St James' 'A'
2nd	Kingsway
3rd	St James 'B'
4th	Stockport Academy 'A'
5th	Stockport School

Team: Zavier Downing, Jamie Donohue, Seamus Garvin (Cheadle Catholic), Harvey Gavillet (St Peter's)

The Year 10 team reached the final of the U15's competition, before losing to Bramhall 3-6 in the final.



KURLING

Congratulations to our Kurling 'A' team who were crowned Stockport Champions at the competition before Christmas. A special mention goes to Kate Renshaw (St Peter's) and Ria Matthews (Prospect Vale), who both won Spirit of the Games Awards.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Martha Lees (Cheadle Catholic) who won the gold medal in the Junior Girl's 50m & 100m breaststroke competitions at the Cheshire Swimming Championships. Martha, who swims for Stockport Metro, also won the gold medal in the 50m and the silver medal in the 100m breaststroke open age category.



BADMINTON

The Key Stage 3 Girl's Badminton team finished as runners-up in the Stockport School's badminton tournament. This resulted in them progressing to the Greater Manchester Badminton competition at Manchester Velodrome. A big well done to Mia Pullar, Rebecca Scott, Annie O'Donoghue, Caitlyn Grady (Cheadle Catholic) & Erin Donnelly (St Elizabeth's).





REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

A number of St James' pupils have been selected to represent Stockport School Boys this year. Khia Whitehead (St Amrose), Kanye Nisbett (St Benedict's), Tom O'Brien and Cameron Bradbury-Allen (both Cheadle Catholic) have all featured regularly for the U14's Stockport team, with Jim Simms (St Benedict's) the top goal scorer for the U15's side. Jim is preparing to go on tour to Dublin with Stockport Boys at February half term. Meanwhile, two of our Year 11 boys, Kyi Nicholson (St Catherine's) and Niall Dolan (St Winnifred's) have represented Greater Manchester Schools throughout this season. Well done to all!

CATHOLIC CUP FOOTBALL

Goals from Kingslee Watson (Cheadle Catholic) and Fionan Burke (St Peter's) were enough for our Year 7 boys to beat Blessed Thomas Holford in the semi-final of the Manchester Catholic Cup.

The Year 9 team play Newman College in a quarter final this week, with the Year 8 and Year 11 teams already in the semi finals. Our Year 10 team were beaten by Barlow High School in the previous round. All the finals take place at St Bede's playing fields in Chorlton on Wednesday 20th March, 4pm kick offs.

STOCKPORT SCHOOLS CUP QUARTER-FINAL DRAWS

Year 7 v Priestnall or Stockport School

Year 8 v The Kingsway School

Year 9 v Cheadle Hulme High School

(away) Tuesday 26th February

Year 10 v The Kingsway School

(away) Wednesday 6th March

Year 11 v Harrytown

(home) Tuesday 26th February



'B' TEAM FOOTBALL

Our Year 7 'B' team are handily placed in second spot with one round to go of the Stockport Schools tournament. Both the Year 8 and 9 competitions for this half term were 'snowed off'. All remaining competitions will now take place after Easter.

Stockport Year 7 'B' League standings:

Team	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Hazel Grove	6	3	1	7	21
St James'	6	2	2	12	20
Cheadle Hulme	5	2	3	5	17
Stockport Academy	4	4	2	4	16
Werneth	2	2	6	-4	8
Harrytown	0	1	9	-21	1

ST JAMES' PE FACULTY

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 all things are possible

Matthew 19:26

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