# PE Faculty Newsletter



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### FOOTBALL

It has been a long, but rewarding, school football season this year. For the first time ever each year group reached at least one final, a tremendous achievement for one of the smallest schools in the area. Both the Year 7 and Year 8 teams got to the final of the Manchester Catholic School's Cup, before both losing out to Cardinal Langley, Rochdale. The Year 7 team also reached the Stockport Cup Final, only to be beaten by a strong Cheadle Hulme School line-up. The Year 9 team were victorious in the Stockport Cup final, beating Stockport School 3-2, but unfortunately lost out on penalties to Reddish Vale in the League final. A similar fate struck the Year 11 team; beating Cheadle Hulme High School 2-0 in the Stockport League final, before losing on penalties to Marple Hall in the Cup final. Finally, the Year 10 team played out an epic tussle with Priestnall for the Stockport Cup losing 3-4 to a last minute winner! A big thank you to all the boys for their commitment throughout the season. As we go to press, the Year 11 team are still awaiting a date to play the Greater Manchester County final v Manchester Grammar School.

#### **B TEAM FOOTBALL**

Both the Year 7 & 8 Stockport School's 'B' Team tournaments finished this half term, with the Year 9 competition planned to reach its conclusion after half term. Our Year 7 and Year 8 teams were both unbeaten in their final round of fixtures, with the Year 8 boys gaining a phenomenal 11 points out of a possible 15 to finish as overall runners-up. The Year 7 team finished in 3rd place. Great results all round!



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#### **CONGRATULATIONS JIM**

Congratulations to Jim S (St Benedict's Primary School), who has been chosen as Stockport Boys' Under 15 Player of the Season for this year. He is the top scorer for Stockport this season and has led the team to the final of the North West and Cheshire Cup. Jim, who now plays for Oldham Athletic FC, has represented Stockport for 2 years and is also the captain of our Year 10 team.



#### **KYI'S CONTRACT**

A huge congratulations to Kyi N who has gained a two year contract at Preston North End FC, starting from September after he's completed his GCSEs. Kyi has represented St James' for 5 years, barely missing a game. He has been a major part of our school team's success and has also played for Stockport Boys and Greater Manchester Boys. We wish Kyi great success in his footballing future.





#### BADMINTON

St James' success in badminton continues. Both our Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 boys' teams won the recent Manchester Catholic Schools Badminton competitions, defeating St Thomas More, Denton, in the finals. For the first time, our KS3 girls' team also won this competition.



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#### NETBALL

It gives us great pleasure to announce that the Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 netball teams have all finished the season as LEAGUE WINNERS! The Year 10 girls did not lose a single game! A huge congratulation to everyone involved, we are extremely proud of you all!

The Year 7 team gained their first experience of competitive netball and demonstrated improvement from the beginning to the end of the season. The Year 8 netball team has shown great progress from last year and won many more games in comparison to Year 7. The Year 8 netballers have a consistently high turnout at training and their work ethic has been commendable. Both the Year 7 and 8 teams show great promise and we look forward to tracking their progress in the coming years.

#### CRICKET

Our Year 7 team took part in the Stockport Schools Kwik Cricket tournament, held at Stockport Cricket Club. The team performed excellently throughout, led by Spike N (St Peter's Catholic Primary School) and Hayden C (Cheadle Catholic Junior School) winning three of our four matches.



## RUGBY

St James' took a Year 8 team to the Kingsway Rugby Sevens competition. We defeated the host school 7 tries to 2 in our opening game before losing two tight matches 3-4 against Priestnall and 1-3 versus Hazel Grove.







#### **KATIE'S GOLD MEDAL**

A superb performance from Katie S (Cheadle Catholic Junior School) who took home the gold medal for Stockport in the Greater Manchester Championships 1500m. Katie also really enjoyed her experience participating in the London mini marathon she completed the three mile race in 18.08, a new PB for Katie. She even had time to watch Mo Farah compete too!



#### **ATHLETICS**

Great work from Mia N (St Peter's Catholic Primary School) who was victorious in the 200m at the recent Stockport Athletics Championships. After the first league meeting both our Year 7 and 8 boy's teams are handily placed in fourth position. The Year 7 Athletics Championships take place on Tuesday 25th June at Cheadle Hulme School and we look forward to seeing some great performances then.



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Matthew 19:26



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