

## Year 7 and 8 Tennis Singles Tournaments

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April the Year 7 and 8 boys and girls had their school tennis singles. It was actually quite windy and cold after school, but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the players who turned out. The Year 8 Girls' Singles tournament was the best girls' final I have seen in the school since the days of Olivia Hyde and Maddy Lea. In the end Emily H won a superb set 6-4 versus Lucie C and both girls were thrilled with the way they played. The third/fourth playoff saw Georgia WJ beat Fran RB 6-2. The Year 7 girls' singles final was another lovely game to watch and Phoebe B won 6-1 against a valiant Roxy Y to win that title.

The Boys' Year 8 final was hotly contested by the two finalists from last year and ended with the same result. Will G took an early lead only to see Rocco F battle back to win it 6-5 in the end, but both boys can take great credit from the way that they played. The third fourth playoff was between Tommy M and Eric T which Tommy won 4-0 in good style, but Eric played some lovely tennis at times.

The Year 7 Boys had the largest contingency of players with 17 entrants and they had a fantastic evening with some great sportsmanship and enthusiasm all around the courts. The semi- finals saw Jack S beat Ned C in an enthralling encounter 4-2 (they play best of 7) , followed by Nikita LS beating Zander WJ 4-0 in the other. As time was running out we decided to play the third fourth playoff and the final at another time back at school on the hard courts and that will be a real treat for anyone watching.

Thanks to the parents, as ever, for their support but also to the pupils who played in such a committed manner. How fantastic to see that they appreciate the fact they might not win, but that one has to at least have a go. Excellent attitude from all of them.

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