



Netball House Matches

On Wednesday 12th January 2022 year 7 and 8 girls took part in the first inter-house competition of 2022. For the Lent term the main games focus has switched to Netball, and this was an excellent opportunity for our students to gain some full-court match practice early on in the season.

Who would emerge victorious? Would it be Bentley, Chaucer, Latham or Newton who ruled the court?

Read on to find out



Assessing options



Focused and ready to score!



Passing

Well, this tournament had it all! We had outrageous flare bears to keep the ball on court (Effie), shots being scored from the very edge of the circle (Grace), some excellent intercepts and defensive play (e.g. Lara), and even a Golden Goal being required to decide the outcome of the 3rd / 4th play-off match.

The aim of the house tournament was to give the students an early opportunity to play some competitive netball matches, ahead of our school fixtures which start next week against Felsted. The houses each had two teams, made up of a pre-selected mixture of year 7 and 8 players. In addition, to help develop leadership skills the students were asked to elect a team captain to help assist with the completion of the tournament.

The matches were played in an excellent spirit, and the coaches / officials commented that the work rate displayed

across the board was outstanding. There was some high-quality netball played, and every participant should feel proud of their contribution. It was fantastic to see some real leadership skills emerge, both in terms of off-court organisation from the captains and also on-court leadership from a number of players. Several players also pushed themselves out of their comfort zones to play in new or unfamiliar positions, in order to benefit the team.

The final positions can be seen in the results table below. The final task for the players at the end of the competition was to reflect on their team's performances and decide on the individual who was felt to be the 'most valuable player'. This nomination process was designed to recognise players that had displayed an excellent work ethic, and personal performance level, across the whole tournament. Again, the results of the 'MVP' vote are displayed in the tables below.

Results Table—Final Positions

1st	LATHAM
2nd	BENTLEY
3rd	NEWTON
4th	CHAUCER

MVP Winners

BENTLEY BULLDOGS	Chloe	LATHAM LEECHES	Avani
BENTLEY BUMBLEBEES	Heidi	LATHAM LIZARDS	Effie
CHAUCER CHICKENS	Lillian	NEWTON NEWTS	Phoebe
CHAUCER CHIHUAHUAS	Hannah	NEWTON NIGHTHAWKS	Evie