

Term 3 PE Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This third term has been a very busy and exciting one, with plenty of fixtures, cup competitions and clubs to be a part of. Each term the PE department will release a newsletter indicating what all our sports teams have been up to during the term.

As always you can keep up to date with all things Crypt PE by following us on instagram @thecryptschoolpe. If you would like to share information regarding your child's sporting success outside of school. Please send all information to hatkinson@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk, with your permission we want to highlight as many of our students sporting successes as possible.

Kind regards,
Amy Leask
Director of Sport

Rugby Overview

U12 Boys - Mr Windsor & Mr Hart

The U12 rugby squads have come to the end of what has been an overwhelmingly positive season. They have epitomised what it is to be a rugby playing Cryptian, showing commitment, team spirit and endless resilience. Results have not reflected the hard work and dedication of this group, but the future is definitely bright as long as they stick to their guns and continue to improve. They are a group to watch, and I wish them all the best in their future rugby development at the school. My thanks to all involved, and to the parents who have supported them through the season.



U14 Girls - Thea Gooch

The U14 girl's rugby team has come on leaps and bounds this year and it's been great to see girls of all ages and abilities give the sport their all. In November, the girls took part in the first round of the EDF cup held at Churchdown school. It was a difficult tournament, playing challenging teams from across the county, but despite the challenge the girls managed to hold their own and finished third in their group. The second round of the cup in January saw massive improvements in the squads ability, dominating their group and even progressing to



the finals! This now means the girls get the opportunity to compete in front of a cheering crowd at Kingsholm Stadium for the final stage of the cup. An excellent achievement! We look forward to seeing how this team continues to grow in both skill, and confidence.

1VII Boys - Mr Atkinson

The 1VII started off their season and build up to the Rosslyn Park National School 7s, the Sunday just past at the Bristol Grammar School 7s tournament.



The group played with great attacking intent, disciplined defence and a fantastic work rate. The results from Sunday's tournament are below and with the nature of 7s rugby, a few games could easily have gone our way against some very tough opposition.

The group are excited to keep training hard for Rosslyn Park & will attend the prestigious tournament looking to play an exciting brand of 7s rugby.

Sundays results

Group games

The Crypt School 22-14 Wells Cathedral School

The Crypt School 12-27 Taunton School

The Crypt School 10-14 Bristol Grammar School

Shield Semi Final

The Crypt School 12-27 Beechen Cliff School

Boys Football Overview

U12 - Mr Howell

The Crypt School's first year 7 football team have shown what the love of football combined with strong friendships can achieve. All of the players have represented the school with pride and resilience as they have battled through wins and losses.

The greatest part of leading these talented players has been the growth and bonds created between players. The friendships and comradery formed through adversity but also success have been a highlight of coaching these players.



U13 - Mr Farmer

Thirty-five boys in Year 8 have made selecting a 1st team football squad a real challenge, which is fantastic to see. The level of commitment and encouragement within this year group has been excellent. Our first fixture against Holmleigh Park resulted in a pleasing 4–1 home victory on the new Blackbridge 3G pitch. The boys adapted very well to the size of the pitch and goals, showing confidence and composure throughout. We then played a friendly against Barnwood Park, selecting a larger squad to provide more opportunities for the group. After going 1–0 down within the first 20 minutes, the boys responded superbly. They remained positive, kept their heads up, and equalised just before half-time. The second half was impressive, and we went on to secure a 4–1 win — an entertaining and well-deserved result for Crypt. Our final game of the term was always going to be a tougher challenge against Severn Vale. We started brightly, playing some intricate passes and maintaining strong possession in the opposition half. However, a simple defensive error allowed Severn Vale to take the lead within the first 15 minutes. Unfortunately, we struggled to recover from this setback and conceded again before half-time. Missing some key individuals, we found it difficult to regain momentum and ultimately lost 5–0. The boys have been working hard in both training and matches. We must maintain this level of effort and focus as we prepare for our next fixture against St Peter's after half term.

U14 - Mr Hart

Lots of keen footballers this year with the squad group being over 40 boys. So far half of them have played in a competitive fixture. The first was against Holmleigh Park and saw an emphatic win of 9-1 with 5 different scorers. The next was a friendly against Barnwood and I selected 19 players. Everyone had game time and the result was again very positive winning 5 0. We then had our toughest test against Severn Vale. We went 2 0 down early on so had to show real character. We got back into the game early and held on to win 4-3. That is 3 wins from 3 so far. Well done boys.



U15 - Mr Atkinson

A fantastic start to the season for this extremely talented group. 4 games played, 4 wins, 19 goals scored and only 4 conceded. It has been a pleasure to see the progress this group has made as a team and as individuals, with some fantastic football being played. We now move on to the knockouts of the Gloucester City cup after half term, hoping to push on from this brilliant start to the season.

Massive well done to all players involved, results so far this season are below:



The Crypt School 6-0 Holmleigh Park
The Crypt School 3-1 Barnwood Park
The Crypt School 7-3 Sir Thomas Rich's
The Crypt School 3-1 Severn Vale

U16 - Miss Leask/Mr Higgs

The Crypt U16 football team have already shown great commitment this season, playing a competitive first match in which they fought hard despite coming out on the losing side. The squad have been training regularly and pushing themselves to improve with every session. Even though the result didn't go their way, the team's effort and determination on the pitch were clear, and they're training hard each week with plenty of optimism as they look forward to more games after the half term break.

1XI - Mr Windsor/Chris Gooch

The 1st XI have had a great start to the year, unbeaten in 4 games. While (somewhat disappointingly) drawing at home to Tommies in the first group game of the County Cup, they have bounced back strongly with convincing wins against Bournside and Wyedean putting them joint top of the group. Some outstanding achievements to report on from these games include a hat-trick for captain Harry H in the 6-2 win against Bournside, and Martha C becoming the first female player in the history of the school to represent the 1st XI. She followed this up with a goal in a one-off friendly with Cheltenham College, which ended in a 4-0 victory for the team. There is serious potential in the team and they need to keep their eyes on the ultimate goal of winning the County Cup. They are enjoying the use of Blackbridge as a home ground, which has been a welcome change from the grass pitch at school, allowing them to play some excellent free-flowing, attacking football.



Girls Football Overview

U12 Miss Leask

The U12 girls' football team have faced a tough start to their season, beginning with challenging matches in the County Cup that tested their resilience and teamwork. After working hard in training and sticking together through those early setbacks, they celebrated a fantastic moment by beating Denmark Road for their first win, a real boost for the squad and a testament to their determination on the pitch. It's been great to see more girls turning up to sessions and games, growing the squad and bringing energy and enthusiasm to every training night. With this positive momentum building, the club is calling for even more female footballers to come and join them, helping the team continue to develop, have fun and compete with confidence.

U14 Miss Leask

The U14 girls' football team have endured a tough season, facing strong opposition and difficult results along the way, but they have continued to show outstanding resilience and character. Their determination, teamwork and positive attitude have been clear in every match, with performances steadily improving as the season has gone on.



U15 Miss Leask

Our match report from the U156 girls last ESFA game:

National quarter finalists!

The Crypt School U15 girls delivered a superb performance to secure their place in the quarter-finals of the ESFA Small Schools Cup, defeating Forres Sandle School 8–0 despite some awful weather conditions.

From the first whistle, Crypt took control of the match, playing confident, attacking football on a pitch made challenging by heavy rain and standing water. The team adapted brilliantly, moving the ball well and showing great determination, skill, and teamwork throughout.



Although chances were limited at the Crypt end, goalkeeper Libby remained fully focused and produced an outstanding save, quite literally launching herself into a puddle to keep a clean sheet. It summed up the commitment and bravery shown by every player on the pitch.

Goals flowed at the other end as Crypt dominated possession and converted their opportunities clinically, resulting in an impressive 8–0 scoreline and a thoroughly deserved victory.

A huge thank you also goes to Mrs Knight and Mrs Dyer, who provided fantastic support, great company, and served as unofficial team mascots on the long journey. Their encouragement was greatly appreciated by players and staff alike.

An outstanding team performance in difficult conditions, well done to all involved!

They face LEAF academy on Friday 13th in the national quarter finals!

U16 Miss Leask

The U16 girls' football team continue to impress this season, remaining unbeaten in the County Cup and showing real quality and confidence in every round. Their campaign has been built on strong teamwork, disciplined defending and sharp attacking play, and their outstanding performance against Kings this term was a perfect example of their progress. From start to finish, the girls demonstrated determination, composure and a real hunger to succeed, controlling the game and working tirelessly for one another. With momentum firmly on their side, they are proving to be a formidable team and one to watch as the competition continues.

1XI

The senior girls' football team have been enjoying a season full of friendly matches where the emphasis has been on having fun, improving skills and building great team spirit every time they take to the pitch. The team is calling out to all girls who want to get involved, come along and be a part of the fun, fitness and friendship that football brings.

Netball Overview

U12 - Miss Leask

The U12 girls continue to impress with their fantastic commitment to netball, showing great enthusiasm and dedication at both training and in matches this season. Their hard work is paying off, with several strong wins that reflect their improving skills, teamwork and confidence on court. Despite a number of fixtures being rearranged due to challenging weather conditions, the squad have remained focused and ready to compete, with plenty of netball still to come in the weeks ahead. Excitement is also building for the upcoming local district netball competition held at The Crypt where the girls will have another excellent opportunity to test themselves, represent the school with pride and continue their impressive run of form.



U13 - Miss Leask

The U13 netball teams have enjoyed a strong run of fixtures, securing impressive wins against St Peter's with confident and composed performances across the court. In a very competitive match against Ribston, the girls battled hard in a closely contested game but narrowly came away with a loss, showing great determination and teamwork throughout. Commitment to the sport has been excellent from both the A and B teams, with players consistently giving their all in training and matches. There was also success for the ABC team, who celebrated a well-earned victory against Severn Vale, rounding off a positive and encouraging set of results for the year group.



U14 - Miss Burnside

This term has been a positive one for both the U14A and U14B netball teams. The U14B team have been outstanding, remaining undefeated and showing huge development in their discipline and precision as a unit. They have had some outstanding performances against the local schools in the Gloucestershire area. The U14A team had mixed results, but a key highlight was a strong 12–5 win against Denmark Road.. Commitment from both teams has been exceptional, and we look forward to seeing how they perform in the upcoming district tournament in March.

U15 - Miss Burnside

The U15 A team had an excellent term, highlighted by their participation in the Sisters in Sport U15 National Bowl. They worked together brilliantly to progress to the second round, where they were unfortunately beaten 31–19 by Hayesfield Girls' School. This setback did not faze the team, who came back stronger and showed great resilience throughout the rest of the term. Their hard work and teamwork paid off, as they went on to win every local fixture and remain undefeated in the local area this year. The U15 B team have gone from strength to strength this year, showing a drastic improvement from last season. They achieved several outstanding wins, with a key highlight being an impressive 17–5 victory against St Peter's High School. Their commitment and progress have been a pleasure to see. We look forward to seeing the U15 team in action at the Maydent Tournament in the summer.

U16 - Miss Burnside

This term, the U16 netball team focused on developing their teamwork and skills in training, despite not having fixtures against local schools. The squad showed excellent commitment and work ethic throughout the term. The team competed in the Sisters in Sport National Bowl, recording an impressive 51–17 win in their first match. They progressed to the second round feeling confident and played with great drive and determination against Henlow Academy. In a closely fought game, they narrowly lost 27–25 after strong performances in both attack and defence. Overall, it has been a positive term, and we look forward to a strong performance at the district tournament in March.

Senior Netball - Miss Burnside

Both the U18 1st and 2nd teams have worked incredibly hard this term, showing strong commitment and a willingness to work together to develop as teams. Training sessions have been highly competitive, with both squads pushing each other to improve and supporting appropriate development across the group. Locally, both teams have performed well against neighbouring schools, with the 1st and 2nd teams securing impressive victories against King's Gloucester. These results reflected the progress made in training and the growing confidence within both squads. The U18 1st



team also competed in the Sisters in Sport National Plate competition. Every match was closely contested, and the team worked exceptionally well together, overcoming injuries and players competing out of position to deliver strong performances. A confident 40–32 win against Trent College saw the team progress to the final eight of the competition. In the semi-final against RGS Worcester, the opposition proved strong and well-drilled. Despite producing a committed attacking and defensive performance with plenty of turnover ball, the team were unfortunately defeated 51–22. Overall, it has been a great term for the U18 netball squads, highlighted by an outstanding run in national competition. Well done to all players for their effort, resilience, and teamwork.

Basketball Overview

This term has been challenging due to weather disruptions; however, all teams have shown excellent commitment, with players consistently attending training and working hard to develop their skills and understanding of the game.

The U12 team produced a strong performance in a closely contested match against Sir Thomas Rich's School, securing a well-earned 28–20 victory. Their improving shooting and teamwork were key highlights. The U13 team has gone from strength to strength since last term, showing great enthusiasm and determination as they prepare for the upcoming competitions. Notable results included a 38–18 win against Severn Vale School and an impressive 36–8 victory over Pittville School.



The U18 1st team has demonstrated excellent commitment and independence in organising and running the team. While they are yet to record a win, their developing teamwork and skills have been impressive and with more focused practice, positive results are expected in the matches ahead. We look forward to the continued development of all teams and to upcoming competitions after half term.



Girls Cricket Overview

This term, the U13 girl's cricket team competed in the U13 Lady Taverners competition against St John's-on-the-Hill and Dean Close. The team performed excellently throughout, showing real potential in both batting and fielding. Batting first, the girls started confidently, scoring 47 runs with only three wickets lost. In the field, they worked outstandingly as a unit and took five wickets through strong bowling and sharp fielding. Despite this, the opposition proved to be stronger batters with greater playing experience. Overall, it was a very positive performance and we look forward to continuing to develop the team and seeing how they can improve in future competitions.