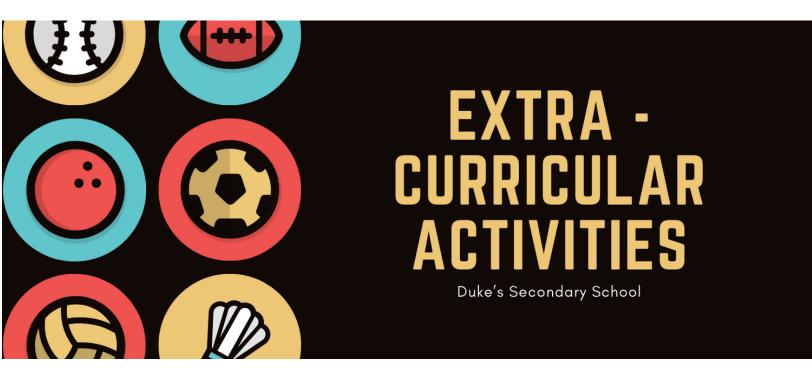
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November 2023

Football fever grips Duke's



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What's Happening

November has seen a number of football fixtures taking place allowing students to let their light shine through competitive sport! Girls U13's and Boys U15's teams both made their debuts this season having embraced training sessions provided by Miss Regan, Mr Campbell and Mr McManus. Boys have had fixtures @ U12, U13, U14 and VI Form. Year 8 reserve trials were well attended with a B & C team due to play a Round Robin against other schools in December.

A wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities continue to make the department a hive of activity during Lunch and After-School. November has seen Kinball making its popular debut in yr 11 core lessons as well as adding variety to Volleyball lessons at Key Stage 3. Girls have braced the elements with a football unit of work. New additions this month include KS3 Lunchtime Futsal for Yr7 on a Tuesday Week A, and Yr8 on a Tuesday Week B. We will be adding Trampolining (in partnership with Wansbeck Gymnastic and Trampoline Club) to the after school activities list soon - so see Mr Hunter to reserve a place!

Students have enjoyed some alternative curriculum lessons during bouts of recent wet weather. Girls have enjoyed taking part in Clubbercise complete with flashing glow sticks, and the boys have thoroughly enjoyed glow in the dark dodgeball!

Netball Club is still running after school on Mondays. It would be great to see more faces there. All girls played netball as part of the Curriculum throughout September and October and it would be great to see the girls who enjoyed it, after school to further develop their skills.

Football Results

GIRLS U13 CUP Home Vs Dame Allan's - Duke's 2 - 3 Dame Allan's (AET)

BOYS U12 CUP Away Vs Excelsior Academy - Duke's 1 - 1 Excelsior (Duke's win 2-1 on Penalties)

BOYS U13 vs James Calvert Spence -

BOYS U14 CUP Home vs St Mary's - Duke's 2 - 2 St Mary's (St Mary's won on Penalties)

BOYS VI FORM

Away vs Bede - Bede 2 - 3 Duke's Home vs Duchess - Duke's 3 - 3 Duchess Home vs Excelsior Academy - Duke's 6 - 4 Excelsior

MVP's of the Month - Teachers Picks

Mr Watson

Rian, Yr 7, Tremendous progress in PE, Rian exemplifies all of the DNA strands in PE

Miss Davis

Libby, Yr12. Consistent engagement in lessons and coursework completed to a high standard. Real effort in being made with learning and preparation for her exams in the Summer. Libby has also volunteered her time to help officiate in football matches for both Duke's and in Primary festivals. Libby continues to play football to a high level outside of school, and recently played in a hotly contested fixture against our very own Miss Regan. Libby says she had Miss Regan in her back pocket! Well done, Libby!

<u>Mr Taylor</u>

Year 9 Football Team - Exemplified our LIGHT culture during their recent fixture. Superb attitudes throughout the night. It was a pleasure to manage the team.

<u>Miss Naunton</u>

Ava, Yr 7, Shining at the moment in football, shows leadership in PE lessons. Whether winning or losing Ava takes it all in her stride and remains positive. Ava has represented school and county in football

Miss Regan

Isla, Yr 9, Outstanding effort and attitude, always striving to give her personal best.

<u>Mr Blight</u>

Harry, Yr 12 - Captaining the VI Form Football team and officiating multiple Key Stage 3 Fixtures, a true role model for younger students and peers!

<u>Mr Hunter</u>

CJ - Yr7, Incredible progress from this young man, a fantastic effort made to engage in PE this half term!