



Lords and Ladies!

The Oathall U13 Girls Indoor Cricket Team has taken part in a cricket competition that they'll never forget!

The Oathall team of Lucy Western, Lily Bravo, Josie Batchelor, Ella Bates, Izzy May, Maddie Aloof, Imy Dilling, Rebecca Bonanate and Melliha Teague took part in the Lady Taverners Indoor Cricket Competition and clinched the following titles along their way to the National Finals:

Area Champions

Beating Holy Trinity & Oathall B

County Champions

Beating Brighton College, Warden Park, Millais, Ratton and Bishop Luffa

(Oathall reached the County Finals in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011)

Regional Champions

Beating Perse Girls, Queenswood, Godolphin & Latymer, Great Comard & Shenfield High

(Oathall reached the Regional Finals in 2008, 2010, 2011)

Ending up as National Finalists

Beating Millfield Prep, Ponteland Middle, Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr and Mount Grace to finish 3rd

(Oathall reached the Nationals in 2008)

The girls have played some outstanding cricket throughout this competition and thoroughly deserved to represent London and the East at Lords at the National Finals.

There were 6 teams in total representing each region:

Abberley Hall School (West Midlands)

Ysgol Gyfun (Wales)

Millfield Prep School (South & West England)

Mount Grace School (East Midlands)

Ponteland Middle School (North England)

Oathall Community College (London & East England)

The girls did extremely well, winning their first 4 matches against Millfield Prep, Ponteland Middle, Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr and Mount Grace and making it to the semi-finals, where they faced Millfield Prep for the second time. Millfield definitely got their own back and beat us by just 3 runs to gain their place in the final and become eventual winners. It's good to know that we have still beaten the best team in England and Wales!

Not only did the girls get to play against the best teams in England and Wales, but they also got to rub shoulders with the stars, meeting England players; Charlotte Edwards (Captain), Caroline Atkins, Sarah Taylor, Lydia Greenway and Danielle Wyatt to name but a few! The girls were also lucky enough to be given the 'Grand tour of Lords' taking in the sights of the pitch, the Pavilion, the Media Centre, dressing rooms and the Long Room.

The girls had an amazing day and I am incredibly proud, not just of their achievements but the way they have represented our school. Their impressive behaviour and attitude is second to none.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents who made the journey to Lords to support the team; it was fantastic to have so many people there. Same time next year anyone?

Miss Gynge