



Dunottar News

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The pupils who went skiing in Andorra at half-term were hoping for snow (and were not disappointed!), but we weren't expecting quite so much back in Reigate. Undeterred, our sports teams have braved the wintery conditions to keep up a busy training and fixtures programme. Our under 13 girls won the Coloma Cup for lacrosse; we hosted a successful senior girls netball tournament in our grounds; and our under 14 boys became the first ever team to represent the school at Rosslyn Park – the world's biggest rugby sevens competition. In slightly warmer climes, the new, indoor cricket nets have been getting regular use and we are really looking forward to the many exciting opportunities that our partnership with Surrey Cricket will bring over the next few years. Sports Relief has seen our Lower School pupils challenging themselves in some really ambitious ways, including mountain climbing, rowing, running, Zumba and cycling. I have been impressed by the tenacity on display.

Our whole school production of *Oliver!* was a real triumph. The catchy songs of this much-loved musical have been drifting around school for weeks as excitement about the performances mounted. From the players and musicians to the backstage crew and everyone else who contributed, this show has taken commitment, passion and talent to a new level. I was pleased with the inclusive composition of the cast, ranging from experienced actors and actresses, to those for whom it was a first experience on stage.

Earlier this month we hosted an Open Morning for current parents which was an outcome of the focus groups that we ran last term. This was a good chance for parents to see how the school is evolving. And we are of course delighted with the significant take-up of places at the school for this coming September.

On the academic front, we hosted an inspirational World War 1 day for our Year 9s, involving a melange of activities from cooking trench cake to marching drills – all designed to get a feel for life on the battle lines 100 years ago. As our thoughts turn to the Summer Term, many pupils will be thinking about revision and preparing for important exams, especially GCSEs and A Levels. We continue to encourage all our pupils to achieve that most difficult of things - a healthy balance between hard work and good rest.

I hope that you are all able to enjoy a happy and relaxing family time this Easter.

Mr Mark Tottman, Headmaster



Please Sir, can I have some more?

We were all left wanting more when the fabulous school production of *Oliver!* was over after three fantastic performances!

Miss Pettet, Mr Lowe, and I were excited about putting on '*Oliver!*' from day one of the auditions. It was great to see many students from '*Little Shop of Horrors*' back for another year of musical madness and we were equally delighted to welcome many new faces.

Building on the success of last year's production was always going to be a challenge. Miss Pettet and I knew we had a task on our hands, as we were so impressed with the passion and commitment shown by students last year, but as soon as rehearsals began we could see that the talent and enthusiasm was there and we had the makings of a great show.

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Open Morning

Tuesday 24th April
(10.15 for 10.30 start)

Our Open Mornings are designed to give you a real insight into a typical school day. You will hear from Mark Tottman, Headmaster, tour the school to see lessons taking place and chat with staff and pupils.

To book call us on 01737 761 945.
We look forward to seeing you at Dunottar!

Diary Reminders

28 Mar	Term Ends
9 Apr	French Exchange (to 13 Apr)
11 Apr	Yr 11 Revision Workshops (to 13 Apr)
16 Apr	INSET (no school for pupils)
17 Apr	Term Begins
19 Apr	Visit from Gondomar Spanish school
20 Apr	MFL trip to British Museum
21 Apr	Silver DofE practice (to 23 Apr)
21 Apr	GCSE Drama rehearsal (10am-2pm)
24 Apr	Open Morning GCSE Drama performance to family and friends (7pm)
26 Apr	Junior Maths Challenge GCSE Drama practical (2p-4pm)
27 Apr	Yr 9 trip to Belgium
4 May	Bronze DofE practice (to 5 May)
7 May	Bank Holiday
8 May	Yr 11 GCSE study leave begins
17 May	Informal Concert (4.30pm)
18 May	Mufti Silver DofE qualifying (to 20 May)
21 May	Yrs 7-10 Revision Week (to 25 May) Lower School Production (7.30pm)
28 May-1 Jun	Half Term holiday

View full details of forthcoming events on the website
www.dunottarcalendar.com.

SchoolBlazer

SchoolBlazer will be offering free delivery on all orders from 2nd to 15th July.

They're making some other changes to their delivery charges and from 1st May there will be free delivery on all orders over £150. See www.schoolblazer.com for details and to place your order.

News from Dunottar PTA

Thank you to all those who have supported PTA events. Thanks to your support, we have now raised over £8,000 pounds and whilst we have already been able to support some smaller incremental projects, e.g. the cricket kit and drone, we will be working with Mr Tottman in the summer term, to identify a more significant project to support the pupils and school. As a result, at the recent PTA meeting we set ourselves a target of reaching £25,000 pounds.

In consultation with the School, we have taken the decision to postpone the Quiz Night. While the School works towards securing planning permission, we felt it appropriate to have only one event this term.



However, we are delighted to announce our Summer Party - more details can be found on Classlist and the PTA website - but please put Saturday 30th June in your diaries. This event will be adults only to include a summer buffet, band and bar in the Mansion House. Tickets are already on sale. We will also be holding a silent auction - more news on this shortly - also via Classlist.

We have recently launched the Dunottar School Lottery.* It is really easy to do - we just ask that you complete the subscription form and either transfer £60 per annum to the PTA bank account or pay £62 per annum by PayPal (£2.00 Paypal fee included) for 12 draws. It will take two minutes only.

This buys you one membership number (we will allocate), which enters you into the monthly draw. As a private lottery we are only open to past and present families and staff at Dunottar School and you must be over 16.

If you win, a Bank Transfer will go to the winner. Each winner will be published in the school's newsletter and on Facebook and the PTA website. The prize money will be 50% of the membership fee taken that month. The remaining 50% goes to the school to help towards fund equipment, resources and opportunities for pupils.

Sign up online at www.dunottarschoolpta.co.uk/lottery

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Show week is a busy, frantic and extremely enjoyable week. Anticipation was building around the school. The set had arrived, the costumes were ready and tickets were selling fast. The cast gave solid performances during our Wednesday matinee and first Thursday show. And then Friday night happened...The workhouse boys and girls entered the auditorium louder, heavily footed and clearly determined to provide our audience with a night to remember. The opening number of 'Food Glorious Food' was a joy to behold. The students sang and performed with real aplomb and passion. I place huge importance on the role of the ensemble. Every single student in the cast is responsible for making a show the most entertaining and engaging it can be for the audience. Food Glorious Food set the bar, and showed the audience that this cast meant business.

The characters in this Dickens' classic are so well known that their fame brings a certain pressure for the performers. The audience's preconceptions about the characters mean individual performances are left open to comparison and judgement from the moment they enter the stage. Our actors needn't have worried. The performances given by Frankie, Summer, Mackenzie, Ben and Rosie as Oliver, Nancy, The Artful Dodger, Fagin and Bumble were absolutely superb. A real credit to the Performing Arts department and Dunottar School.

It was clear that the audience had been moved by the spirit and dedication shown by the cast by the standing ovation that the cast received. From a personal perspective, this was one of my proudest moments. The cast had shared with the audience their love of performing and their passion for theatre, and in return, the audience took to their feet to share their appreciation and congratulations. It was a wonderful moment.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank every single student in the cast and band for creating such a brilliant show. It is a real privilege to teach you all.

Watch this space for the lower school production of 'Ernie's Incredible Illucinations', as well as auditions for our second year as part of the Shakespeare School Festival.

Mrs Tarani Jago, Head of Performing Arts



Be Outstanding...

Well done to all our pupils who have shown curiosity, creativity and commitment across the curriculum this term. We are delighted to be able to recognise some of the most inspiring examples here and pupils have been presented with their awards at the end of term assembly.

Pupil	Yr	Award	Subject
Codey H	7	Academic Distinction	MFL
Barney H	7	Academic Distinction	English
Dhara M	7	Academic Distinction	Physics
Dhara M	7	Academic Distinction	MFL
Dhara M	7	Academic Distinction	Maths
Henry M-S	7	Academic Distinction	French
Max N	7	Academic Distinction	Physics
Grace P	7	Academic Distinction	Biology
Sebastian W	7	Academic Distinction	English
Lauren B	8	Academic Distinction	RS
Lauren B	8	Academic Distinction	French
Rebecca C	8	Academic Distinction	RS
Isabella G	8	Academic Distinction	RS
Max K	8	Academic Distinction	RS
Rosie K	8	Academic Distinction	RS
Estelle R	8	Academic Distinction	RS
Ava T	8	Academic Distinction	RS
Brooke W-S	8	Academic Distinction	RS
Hope B	9	Academic Distinction	RS
Katherine B	9	Academic Distinction	RS
Issy C	9	Academic Distinction	RS
Anna G	9	Academic Distinction	History
Jazmine G	9	Academic Distinction	RS
Katie L	9	Academic Distinction	Maths
Amie S	9	Academic Distinction	RS
Honor S	9	Academic Distinction	History
Emily T	9	Academic Distinction	French
Lilly W	9	Academic Distinction	History
Lilly W	9	Academic Distinction	RS
Lilly W	9	Academic Distinction	Physics
Scarlet W-W	9	Academic Distinction	RS
Samuel T	10	Academic Distinction	History
Thomas W	10	Academic Distinction	Computer Science
Heidi D	11	Academic Distinction	Art
Joshua L	11	Academic Distinction	Art
Sharika P	11	Academic Distinction	English
Millie J	12	Academic Distinction	English
Oliver G	12	Academic Distinction	Photography
Loula-Mae W	12	Academic Distinction	English

"Learning the staging in drama and practising how to do a split scene." Charlie and Ayaan, Yr 7

Pupil	Yr	Award
Ciara H	7	Warrior Learner
Codey H	7	Warrior Learner
Cameron McC	7	Warrior Learner
Rebecca C	8	Warrior Learner
Joseph D	8	Warrior Learner
Alex J	8	Warrior Learner
Nathan A	9	Warrior Learner
Jemma F	9	Warrior Learner
Summer G	9	Warrior Learner
Ella O'D	9	Warrior Learner
Alfie P	9	Warrior Learner
Joshua R	9	Warrior Learner
Mia S	9	Warrior Learner
Lilly W	9	Warrior Learner
Jenny B	12	Warrior Learner
Millie J	12	Warrior Learner
Olivia N	12	Warrior Learner

Pupil	Yr	Warrior Credits
Alex J	8	10
Bertie J	8	10
Lauren B	8	12
Ed H	7	15
Erin L	7	17
Dhara M	7	25

Pupil	Yr	Award Subject
Sebastian W	7	Headmaster's Commendation
Loula-Mae W	12	Headmaster's Commendation

We asked...what made your brain tingle this term...?

"The challenge of cooking breakfast in Food Tech."
Henry, Yr 7

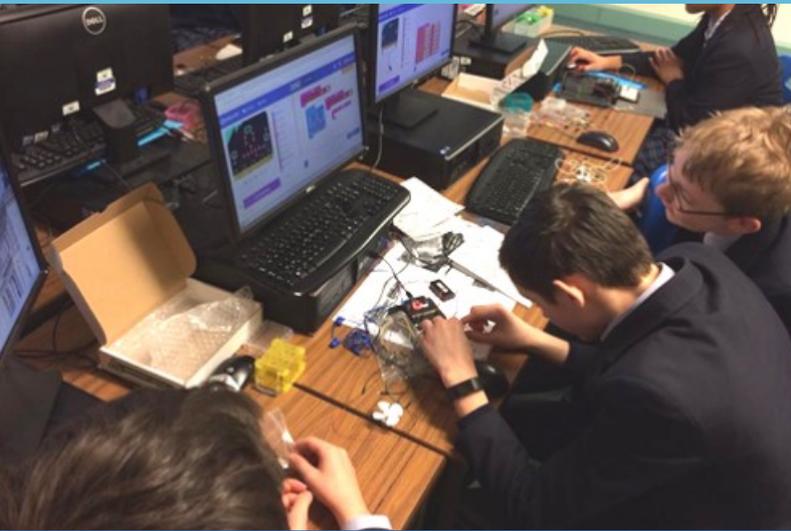
"Learning conduction and radiation keywords in Physics." Harvey, Yr 7

"In a recent maths lesson we were investigating tessellations, specifically the works of Escher. I found it fascinating how he combined maths and art to produce amazing tessellations and infinite shapes. I love his use of symmetry with his repeating patterns in his tessellations."

Sophia, Yr 8



Subject Snapshots



Year 7 computer scientists are engrossed in experimenting with programming lights and buzzers.



Year 7 geographers are playing a 'race to the centre of the earth' game. The winner will be the one who can answer the most questions on plate tectonic theory!



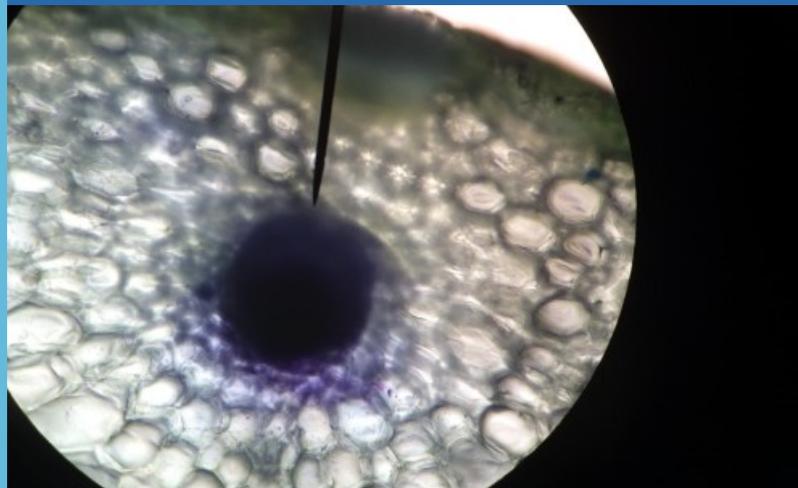
Year 10 GCSE PE pupils have been recapping key facts by making their own revision cards and playing question/answer with them.



Interesting lessons based on daffodils as Spring approached. In English, pupils have been analysing the imagery in Wordsworth's poem—in biology, they have been dissecting daffodils in a different way!



For French homework, Year 7 created theme parks and recorded their directions, using a book creator app and Lego.



In Year 12 Biology students have been checking out xylem and phloem in celery! Dyed and prepared by a student.



House Music Festival

The first week back to school after half term marked Music and Drama Week at Dunottar and, on Wednesday 21st February, students and staff celebrated the House Music Festival.

The day comprised two main events: a competition for three categories of performances in the morning for Singers, Instrumentalists and Groups, and the House Shout in the afternoon, involving all pupils. Each house rehearsed and performed a song to tie in with this year's theme 'songs from musicals'. It is possible to see from the photos how exciting and enjoyable the experience was for pupils and staff!

On this occasion, St Patrick's came first with their performance of 'Can you Feel the Love Tonight' (from 'The Lion King'), followed by St David's performance of 'Greased Lightning' (Grease). In third place was St George's with 'Do You Hear The People Sing' (Les Miserables), followed by St Andrew's with 'You Can't Stop The Beat' (Hairspray). Our winners of the morning competition were: Lauren H (Instrumental Class); Ella O'D (Singers); Natasha J and Alice W-E (Groups).

The day's events were judged by our outside adjudicator, James Davey. Mr Davey is Musical Director of Chantage, BBC Radio 3 Choir of the Year 2006, choir trainer at the Royal College of Music Junior Department and a Guest Conductor for the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain. He also conducts a number of office choirs, including Channel 4's own staff choir the 4Tunes.

House Music was an excellent opportunity to build a sense of belonging and community within the house system and also a chance for all pupils in the school to perform on stage to an audience. We are already looking forward to next year's House Music Festival. Well done everyone!

Informal Concert

On Thursday 8th February we were treated to a wonderful programme of performances from students across the school. It is always a pleasure to observe the progress our musicians make between each concert.

A lot of hard work and courage goes into performing in front of an audience and every student did themselves proud. Well done to all involved.



Oliver! might be over but, never fear, auditions for the Lower School Production have taken place and there will be more drama at Dunottar to look forward to soon!



Cross-Curricular Learning

The History Department recently organised a cross-curricular World War one day for Year 9 students.

The idea behind it was to enable students to learn about different aspects of the war from the perspective of subjects other than History. Some of the activities undertaken included making a poppy arch from recycled aluminium using the inspiration of trench art where soldiers made trinkets for their sweethearts from scrap munitions (shells, cartridges, etc.) in their 'downtime' in the trenches, learning about rationing and making trench biscuits, using photography skills and learning about some of the weapons used in warfare such as gas and its effects. Students also learnt some military drill and held a 'drill off' to see which House displayed the best drill.

The day was a real success and the students had the opportunity to learn in more depth about certain aspects of the war alongside developing some new skills.



World Book Week!

Although the snow closed school on World Book Day, at Dunottar we were holding a whole week of book-related activities so we didn't miss out! Books, stories and literature made their way into school life in lots of interesting and inspiring ways. Year 7 pupils created a storycube short story with one class writing the beginning, one the middle and the next the end. The book fairies hid books around the school for pupils to hunt out, students created poetry leaves for our 'poetree' and we had a display of images which challenged pupils to guess which staff member was hiding behind the 'bookface'.



Future Career Inspiration

Just before half term, we held the Dunottar Careers Forum which was a great success.

We welcomed 23 speakers from a variety of careers covering Medicine, STEM subjects, Journalism, Healthcare, Law, Aviation and Transport and entrepreneurs from a number of fields. The evening included FaceTime interviews with a Barrister who specialised in fraud, serious crime, consumer law and human rights, which was a great way to expand the array of expertise on offer.

The pupils were buzzing about the interesting advice and experiences they had and we hope to host another careers event in the future.

Thank you to all those volunteers who took the time to inspire the next generation. If you think that you would be interested in offering your expertise, please get in touch.

Our Lower Sixth students attended a UCAS Higher Education Fair at the University of Surrey in March. It was a really useful opportunity to consider the different courses and institutions which students might want to apply for when they submit their UCAS forms next academic year. Sixth formers at Dunottar receive lots of advice and guidance about making these important decisions and staff are always on hand to answer questions or discuss different options. Exciting times!



Launching our Partnership with Surrey Cricket

We are delighted to announce the start of our exciting partnership with Surrey Cricket to create a Surrey Cricket Development and Performance Centre at Dunottar

The partnership will create a number of opportunities for the school community and this has begun with the installation of a brand new 4-lane indoor cricket net system in the sports hall. These top-class, county standard cricket facilities on site will allow pupils to take advantage of specialist training programmes and Surrey Cricket Foundation will also use the facilities to run county coaching and development courses for adults and children during the school holidays. When the facilities are not in use, Dunottar plans to make them accessible to local cricket clubs.



Mark Tottman, Headmaster, commented: "A considerable amount of work has gone on behind the scenes by our Sports and Estates departments and parents to help bring this superb initiative to fruition. It has been a pleasure working with Surrey Cricket, and we are delighted that they chose to partner with Dunottar School."

Paul Taylor, Director of Participation at Surrey Cricket foundation, added: "The Surrey Cricket Foundation is always looking to expand its reach out into the county. The new partnership with Dunottar School has seen the creation of an outstanding new indoor cricket facility, available for use not only by Surrey Cricket, but also the local community of Reigate. We are excited to be working with the school and further developing our junior coaching course and coach education programmes in the area. Many thanks to all involved for bringing this initiative to fruition."



Snow, sunshine and skiing at half term!

During the February half term break the sports department took 59 Dunottar students to ski the beautiful Andorran slopes. The resort was fantastic and well worth a repeat trip in the near future. Ellie, Ashleigh and Millie have written the following report of their experience of the trip.

On 11th February 2018, Dunottar students and staff woke up bright and early to meet at Gatwick Airport. As we arrived we noticed that Mr Manning had packed his whole house! Also, after reminding his travel group to not bring any liquids through, Mr Manning decided to try and bring a bottle of coke through (twice!). It did not work and he was stopped and searched by airport security (busted!). We arrived at our hotel and settled into our rooms to unpack and get an early night, ready for our first day of skiing.

When we arrived on the slopes the next day we were split in to our 5 ski groups and met our instructors. The lessons were really good fun and we all got a lot better. During one of our lessons, Miss Grant was with our group and we turned around to see her fall over and slide down the slope on her bottom! We also had a snowball fight with the teachers after lunch and the students won, of course!

We spent one evening in the spa which was very relaxing and on the last evening we had a disco, with the teachers showing off their best dance moves. We had a lovely time in Andorra. Thanks to all the teachers that came with us and made this trip so memorable.

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In the snowy second half of the term, the U13 team managed to squeeze in two football fixtures. The first, a hard fought 2-1 win over St Dunstan's College, showed the progress that has been made since last year when the same fixture was lost 3-1. Two goals from James ensured a third win of the term for the U13s. The second fixture saw the boys face a strong Claremont Fan Court side, with early lapses in concentration seeing the side go 4-0 down before half time. A strong second half performance which showed more character and fighting spirit resulted in the game ending 5-1. Training for football starts in September and it would be great to see as many boys there as possible to encourage healthy competition for places.

The U14s have also seen the second half of their football season hampered by snow. Nonetheless, they have developed their ability well and the squad is becoming truly that, a squad whereby no-one's place is guaranteed, and many vying for the same positions. They

recently played Claremont and came away 3-1 winners. In the second half, Mr Manning tinkered with formation, which allowed Claremont briefly back into the game. Restored to the 4-5-1 formation, the back four immediately felt protected and the midfield felt more freedom to press forward. It was an impressive team performance. Either side of the Claremont fixture, the U14s have enjoyed some development training matches, alongside the U15s, which have brought out positives and areas for development for both sides.

The U15s have worked really hard this season and are finally producing the type of football that reflects their dedication and enthusiasm for the sport. On 10th March the U15s took on the U14As at Old Reigatian's RFC and had to come from behind to take the game to penalties. The U15s eventually won the game on penalties, with Jamie saving three penalties. The next game saw the U15s play Claremont. Dunottar took the lead after 15 minutes when Marcus out paced the Claremont defence to give the team a crucial lead. The U15s defence

came under immense pressure but held strong until the dying minutes. Claremont walked away with the win but the U15s produced the performance of the season.

Rugby

On Friday 9th March a squad of 13 boys turned up to the Surrey Schools' U13 Rugby 7s Tournament at Trinity School. They played 8 games in total, winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 5. The team scored 13 tries in total, with Tom scoring the majority of tries, chipping in with 6 tries, whilst playing very well. Harry scored 3 tries, James and Olly scored 2 tries each. Overall, it was a good day considering it was the first time that they had played as a 7s squad and over the course of the day all of the boys improved hugely. A good performance from all the players and we are looking forward to playing more rugby 7s tournaments next year.

Over £4000 raised for Sport Relief

Our Lower School students set themselves an amazing challenge for Sports Relief this year.

They braved the rain on the last day of term to climb the height of K2 (trekking from the bottom pitch), used rowing machines to row the length of the Thames, danced through a 2.5hour Zumbathon and walked/ran the distance from London to Brighton. They smashed their fundraising target of £3000 and the total already stands at £4204. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to everyone who so generously donated. www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dunottarlowerschool



Sportswoman of the Month

Name: Lottie B
Year Group: 8

Lottie volunteered to be the U13 lacrosse goal keeper in a match at the start of the season and has stayed in goal since! She has enviable fast reactions and is fearless – ideal characteristics for a goalie. This term, Lottie was voted player of the tournament both at the Abbots Hill Invitational and The Coloma Cup. Her contribution to the team's success has been paramount in the excellent results the team have taken this season and she is certainly one to watch in the future!

Sportsman of the Month

Name: Tom W
Year Group: 8

Tom has made great progress this term in football and basketball, whilst excelling in his main sport of rugby, by scoring 6 tries at the Surrey Schools' 7s U13 tournament. As a goal keeper in football, Tom has made some crucial saves in games, as well as improving his shot stopping skills. In basketball, Tom has been a vital member of the team, helping them on their way to qualifying for the district games. He has also recently found his shooting touch, chipping in with 8 points in one game.



End of Season Sports Round-Up!

Lacrosse

What a great end to the lacrosse season! The U12 team have had a string of wins in recent games. There is such clear progress in this age group and it was a disappointment that their county tournament was cancelled. Coaches' player of the season goes to Romilly who has been a key player all season.

The U13 team have made outstanding progress beating a variety of teams and culminating in a great day at the Coloma Cup, where we lifted the trophy. The final proved a nail biting 12 minutes of end to end action against Guildford B, where the team held their one goal lead for the majority of the match. A special mention must go to Lottie who is the coaches' player of the season for her fearless performance in goal.

The U14 team continue to show a wealth of talent on the pitch and have achieved the best win ratio of all our LAX teams. A special mention must go to Katie B and Sophie N for their consistent performance this season. Our senior team are looking forward to next year where they will enjoy Wednesday afternoon training sessions with Mr McColl through the first term to complement their Saturday matches.

Netball

Our league netball teams have all completed another successful season with the following win ratios:

- U12 77%
- U13 67%
- U14 70%
- U15 67%

With such great results this season we are looking to challenge and develop our teams even further. Next season the netball teams will play their fixtures on Saturdays from January to April with mid-week sessions focusing on training. Our season will end on 21st March with our Dunottar Shield Senior Netball Tournament where 20 teams will come to Dunottar to compete for over three hours of netball. We are very much looking forward to the occasion.

A special mention must also go to Rosie K who was selected to attend the county academy training program this season.



Football

The U12s have vastly improved during this football season. They have gelled as a team and the competition for A team places is very healthy. We have at least two players competing for every position, including goalkeeper, and this competition for places has only made the team stronger. A big improvement has also been seen in the B team, with some players being promoted to the A team as a result.

The U12As have gone from strength to strength, beating Ewell Castle and St Dunstan's College most recently. This game was full of entertainment and drama, with Dunottar going 5-2 up, before St Dunstan's came back strongly to finish 5-4. Will scored two very well-taken goals, making him the top goal scorer for the season. One of these goals was from within his own half, with the ball being passed directly back to him from centre - the shot flew down the pitch, bouncing over the goalkeeper's head and into the back of the net!

The U12s have proved that they are capable of scoring goals, lots of them in fact. An area to develop next season will be their defensive capabilities. Several of the boys in the team have impressed Mr Everett with their leadership skills and qualities, and he will have a tough choice picking a permanent captain for their football season next year. House football on 24th March was a great way to finish off what has been a tough but rewarding season!

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