

Basketball Team Win Convincingly



In the local Y11 derby match between Boteler and Newman, the team enjoyed an easy 64-33 victory under the captaincy of Josh "TJ" Woodward.

Newman were a younger team but well organised and experienced. They initially matched our score during the first half but the pressure of our man to man marking and superior

fitness led to a margin of over 30 points by the end.

Everyone played well but Michael Lyon's close marking and interceptions were particularly noteworthy. Newman had no answer to the powerful layups of Tom Bate and Declan Clarke, whilst in defence Ash Latham took almost every rebound. Ash Haughton was untouchable as play maker and once again Jake Tarburton showed his ability to make short range jump shots under pressure.

As predicted in the last bulletin, Connor Wright scored his first competitive basket for the school. Flying the flag for the Lower School and leading the next generation of Boteler basketball players was David Rucinski (Y9) who has quickly established himself as a regular team member competing against players two years older. In the absence of Ryan Armitage, Cameron Burrows (Y7) was invited to play and became the youngest ever player to represent the school at basketball. With ample support from the others he scored in the final minutes and when TJ put the icing on the cake with a late three-pointer it was all over. **Mr H Chambers**

Year 7 Interform Basketball Competition

With a group of school team players in support we ran a competition to find new talent in Year 7. 7EG were the best organised and most skilful team and won the competition. There are a number of potentially good players in year 7, some of whom are already playing regularly playing in the Ball Hall leagues.

Each Tuesday after school there is a training session for Year 7 rugby former Boteler basketball stars Sam Wernham and James Griffiths, now both playing for Priestley College. Anyone who wants to join their sessions needs only to turn up at the Ball Hall on Tuesday after school. What have you to lose?