

Sports News

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Another year of sporting success, student involvement and new opportunities.

Promoting a **Love** for Rowing



In June, Soham Village College were invited by Ely College and Ely Rowing Club to take eight students across Years 8 and 9 to experience the sport of rowing.

The event, running from was designed to inspire students to try rowing, nurture a passion for the sport, and potentially uncover a new hobby.





Participants were divided based on their rowing experience and engaged in a variety of activities such as Boat Race student athlete talks, a land-based rowing machine competition, a water safety talk, a technical skills session, and a coxed quadruple scull (four rowers with two oars and a cox) racing event.

The day was enriched by the presence of student athletes from Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Clubs. One of these shared their reflections on the day: "It was great to see so many young people try out rowing for the first time. Everyone was getting stuck in and having fun. I spent some time out on the launch and was very impressed by how focused everyone was. Hopefully, some people will have found a new hobby that they'll stick with."



Cross Country



Congratulations to Ewan (Year 11) who has sprinted his way to the Finals of the prestigious English Schools Track and Field Championships.

Ewan has been among England's most able young athletes competing in the Championships at Alexander Stadium in Birmingham on Friday 30 June.

Ewan was representing Cambridgeshire in the Intermediate Boys' 1,500m race, and we are delighted to confirm that he finished with a PB time of 4.00.32. As a result, he qualified for the Finals, which were held on Saturday 1 July, and he came fifth.

Athletes are selected to represent their county teams in three age group categories; Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

The Championships are now in their 92nd year and are a great opportunity to race with the best young athletes in England.

Ewan is hoping to race the National Championships in August and currently has PB 800m of 1.55 minutes, 1500m of 4.00mins and 3000m of 8.50mins. These times mean he could have participated in all of the three endurance races at Birmingham. However, he chose (and selected by the County) to race the 1500m.



District Athletics – Jubilee Cup

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Jubilee Cup Athletics on Wednesday 21 June at Wilberforce Road. We had quite a few winners and finished 5th overall out of eleven schools.

Congratulations to the following students who broke school records:

- Ella – Year 7 girls – Hurdles – 14.35
- Maddie – Year 8 girls – 200m – 28.88
- Olufemi – Year 8 boys – Triple Jump – 10.04m
- Scarlett – Year 9 girls – 100m – 13.40
- Isabelle – Year 9 girls – 200m – 27.66
- Harrison – Year 9 boys – 300m – 40.41
- Isla – Year 9 girls – 300m – 47.46
- Martha – Year 9 girls – Triple Jump – 8.79m
- Archie / Harrison / Bobby / Luke – Year 9 boys – 4x100m – 50.28
- Scarlett / Isabelle / Isla / Martha – Year 9 girls – 4x100m – 54.59
- Aisling – Year 10 girls – Hurdles – 13.41
- Luke – Year 10 boys – 200m – 23.65
- Imogen – Year 10 girls – High Jump – 1.35m
- Elouise / Ellie / Violet / Aisling – Year 10 girls – 58.22



District Rounders Champions

Congratulations to our Year 7 girls who won the district rounders competition last week.

During their six matches, no team scored a full rounder against them, with oppositions only able to accumulate half rounders. In over 150 balls bowled, Phoebe only bowled a handful of no balls, thus preventing penalty half rounders awarded against us. Their fielding was amazing, with some excellent catching and tactical run outs against the opposition. Their batting saw the ball fly multiple times with some very impressive rounders.

Mr Dreuit said, "The girls were a credit to the school and a pleasure to take to the tournament."



New Student: Jayden-Dax



Congratulations to Jayden-Dax (Y7) who completed his 25km cycle ride on Sunday 11 June to raise money for a new wheelchair.

If you would like to support him, please go to his page on JustGiving by searching 'Ackermann'.

PRIDE WORLD CUP

In June, Soham Village College held their first ever Pride World Cup. This was a football competition for everyone to get involved in. Students could choose their own teams and competed against others from their year group. A fantastic 370 students got involved in the tournament and all the students had an amazing day.

- Most original team kit: Japan (Year 8 girls)
- Best Dressed Year 7: New Zealand
- Best Dressed Year 8: Australia (girls)
- Best Dressed Year 9: tie between China (boys) and Jamaica (boys)
- Best Dressed Year 10: Portugal (girls)
- Most professional looking team: Nigeria (Year 10)
- Best Supporters: Portugal (Year 10 girls)

Most convincing manager: tie between Julian (Y10) and Santino (Year 8)





Football Success

Soham U14 girls breezed through their quarter final against Cambourne recently, although it wasn't the start they were looking for as they went one goal down in the first ten minutes. However, this seemed to snap the U14 girls into action as they dominated the rest of the first half with Cambourne hardly entering into Soham's half and with Soham's captain Scarlett (Year 9) completely controlling the play from her centre back position.

This was also the first game for Millie (Year 8) to show her skills at left back and she didn't disappoint, making some strong tackles and helping pass the ball out from the back with ease. Soham's midfield and forwards also showed their class with Soham ending the half 4-1 up with some neat passing and finishing.

The second half saw Soham make some changes and give some players a rest. Soham started the second half as they finished the first, dominating play with their midfield and their forwards causing Cambourne all sorts of problems. Against a heavy wind, Soham had to play the ball on



the floor, which they did with some neat passing and some great dribbling. Soham soon increased their lead and by the final whistle Soham had wrapped up the game eight one.

On the 13 June Soham Village College U14 girls played their semi-final against Stephen Perse at Bottisham, which turned out to be a hard-fought contest in 27 degrees heat. Soham started brightly and went 1-0 up with a goal from Evie (Year 9), but Stephen Perse hit back almost immediately to make it 1-1 with 15 minutes played. Soham had to make four substitutions around the 25-minute mark due to various injuries. This meant they had to change their formation to allow for the loss of some key players and so moved back to a 4-4-1-1. However, Soham took the lead again just before half time with another strike from Evie Stackhouse.

Stephen Perse started the second half brightly and a low hard shot found the Soham goal to make it 2-2. Soham responded instantly and again went 3-2 up with a goal from Isabelle (Year 9). However, once again Stephen Perse found a way past the Soham defence and another long-range shot found the goal and drew Stephen Perse level at 3-3 with around 10 minutes left. Evie (Year 9) was a constant threat and drove a low shot, which was stopped by the Stephen Perse GK, but she could only push it on to the post and Amelie (Year 9) was in the right position to tap it home to make it 4-3. The last few minutes were very nervy, but with just over a minute left the Soham captain Scarlett played a pass to Isabelle (Year 9) in her own half and, beating two players for pace, she kept her composure and slotted the ball in the top righthand corner from 12 yards



out (giving the keeper no chance). Soham then managed to keep hold of the ball to see out the remaining minute and win their first ever U14 girls football semi-final.

The Soham girls then went on to make history in June when they not only made it through to the Girls' U14 District Final, but also won convincingly 6-0 against Sawston. Although this was the final, the U14 girls never looked troubled by Sawston and dominated play from start to finish.

Soham's captain, Scarlett, again dominated play at the back and with the help of her back four gave Sawston little opportunity to bother the Soham goal. In addition, with the pace of the wingers Isabelle and Isla (Year 9) and the midfield dominance of Izzy (Year 9), who arguably saved her best performance for the final, Soham always looked likely to score. Not only did Izzy dominate the midfield, but she also scored a hat trick. Her first goal was a long-range free kick that gave the keeper no chance. Evie and Isabelle also added to the goals and with the strong substitutions of Maddy and Tilly (Year 8), who also scored, the cup was never in doubt. Soham now looks forward to the National Cup next year in their age-related groups.

Soham Village College also attended the Girls' County Cup in January. Eight schools attended (all of whom had won their district finals) with Soham representing Cambridge United. The other schools represented: Colchester United; Ipswich Town; MK Dons; Northampton Town; Norwich City; Peterborough United and Stevenage. Soham's team was made up of Year 8 girls Millie, Amelie, Lexi, Molly, Tilly, Maddie, Niamh and Lily-Maria. The team played seven games, winning four, drawing two and losing one. Unfortunately, Soham missed out on the final by just one point, but their attitude and resilience was outstanding throughout the tournament. This sentiment was echoed by Cambridge United's development coach who emailed to say that they were impressed with the 'ability and attitude on show' and that 'on that day Soham Village College was represented excellently. The girls also displayed all the values of Cambridge United and should be very happy with themselves.'

Our Year 7 girls also started well this season, winning 1-0 against Stephen Perse Foundation. It was a tough game with lots of defending needed against a strong team. Fortunately, Ellie scored our crucial winning goal. The girls then lost in the second round against Chesterton, but enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to the next season.



The U13 boys were away at Bottisham in the quarter final of the District Cup, which was always going to be a tough venue to visit, especially with their captain Noah (Year 8) missing the game with an injury) which meant he could only watch from the side line). Soham started really slowly and Bottisham were 1-0 up in less than three minutes. Things got worse for Soham, and it was soon 3-0 with Bottisham dominating play. Logan (Year 8) pulled one back to give Soham a glimmer of hope as they went in 3-1 down at half time. Soham made some changes, and the second half was a different story with Soham starting to string some neat passing together and

delivering some great crosses, especially from corners. It was from these crosses that Soham pulled it back to 3-2 with less than two minutes to go. Then, in injury time, Soham's centre back managed to get his head to a well delivered cross, firing the ball into the back of Bottisham's net to make it 3-3 and take it to penalties.

This set up a nervy ending and unfortunately for Soham they missed two of their penalty efforts, which meant the end to their cup run and Bottisham going through to the semi-final. However, Soham will be back stronger next year as U14s and hopefully will progress further to the semi-final (or hopefully the final).

Sports Day 2023

Sports Day was back after a 4-year absence, which meant all of our students took part in their first ever Soham Village College Sports Day. This day saw a range of traditional athletic events on offer for students to earn coveted house points. The weather was kind and we had hundreds of students taking part. The day culminated with the entire school coming out to the school field to watch and cheer on their teams in the relay races.

Mr Clark, Director of PE said, "It was such a great day of sport for our students and so nice to get it back on the school calendar. There were some outstanding performances too with three new school records being made but the best part was seeing all of those smiling faces getting involved and representing their houses. We're already looking forward to next year!"

The final results can be seen below with Radcliffe clear winners overall, but with only 5 points separating second and third places.





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Overall Results		CHURCHILL	KING	MANDELLA	RADCLIFFE	TURNER
TOTAL		521	488	505	681	526
POSITION		3	5	4	1	2
Year 7	7 Boys	95	98	79	125	126
		4	3	5	2	1
	7 Girls	48	60	61	84	126
		5	4	3	2	1
	7 TOTAL	143	158	140	209	252
		4	3	5	2	1
Year 8	8 Boys	64	77	114	58	26
		3	2	1	4	5
	8 Girls	75	30	72	66	116
		2	5	3	4	1
	8 TOTAL	139	107	186	124	142
		3	5	1	4	2
Year 9	9 Boys	66	106	43	68	70
		4	1	5	3	2
	9 Girls	76	69	44	124	6
		2	3	4	1	5
	9 TOTAL	142	175	87	192	76
		3	2	4	1	5
Year 10	10 Boys	61	48	27	104	48
		2	3	5	1	3
	10 Girls	36	0	65	52	8
		3	5	1	2	4
	10 TOTAL	97	48	92	156	56
		2	5	3	1	4

Sports Leaders



It has been another very successful and extra busy year for the Soham Village College Sports Leaders. The 42 students taking part have accumulated a combined total of over 1,200 volunteering hours between them.

There have been lots of local activities to support, run and lead. In addition, they have completed their final assessment, where they planned and delivered their own activity to a group of St Andrew's Year

6 students. The Sports Leaders have supported ten activities throughout the year for the local primary schools, ranging from The Friendship Games for KS1 students to the Bee Netball Tournament for Year 6 students. They have also supported the sports days of St Andrew's, The Shade and Weatheralls.

In completing the award, the Sports Leaders have grown in confidence, improved their communication skills and many other life skills that will help them in the future.

The upcoming Year 9 Sports Leaders have already started supporting activities and we are looking forward to them starting the full award in September 2023.



The Scarlet Tie

We always welcome students who wish to share their successes, even if they do not always result in the reward of a scarlet tie. Soham Village College takes great pride in celebrating our students' achievements. A tie award is the mark of an ambassador for the school. It is a whole school reward, which is linked to a high level of achievement in your chosen field, whether that is music, drama, art or sport. It also takes into account their contribution to the College, the students' behaviour and uniform. A scarlet tie can be awarded in Years 10 and 11, however in Years 7, 8 and 9 we also offer a scarlet badge in recognition of a high level of sporting achievement.

For more information, please see the school website or speak to Mr Clark in the PE Office.



Building on success...

The PE department continue to improve and once again celebrated their students' success in both BTEC Sport and GCSE PE. With record breaking numbers of students choosing to study PE next year, it looks to be a busy 2023-24 season.

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54% of GCSE PE students achieved a 7-9 grade (the national average is only 34%).

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100% of BTEC Sport students achieved at least a PASS grade

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P.E.

100% of GCSE PE students achieved a 4-9 grade (the national average is 82%)

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Want to share your story?

We would welcome any news, stories and pictures that can be used to celebrate the sporting success of our students.

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