

Welcome to this special Schools supplement of the Kent Netball newsletter

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SCHOOL COMPETITION

County Schools Tournament

The Kent Schools tournaments took place during October to March. Final results for the season are:

	Winner	Runner Up	Third Place
U19	Highworth Gram.	Bromley High	----
U16	Sevenoaks	Highworth Gram.	TWGGS
U14	TWGGS	Tonbridge Gram.	Benenden
U13	Colfes	Tonbridge Gram.	TWGGS
U12	Sevenoaks	TWGGS	Hillview

Thanks to all the schools for taking part and playing with such enthusiasm. And special thanks to our volunteers, young leaders from Highsted Grammar, Bullers Wood, Ashford School & Langley Park, for helping the days run smoothly – your help is much appreciated.



Carol Baker
(Kent College) &
Di Samson
(Highworth)
enjoying the
sunshine at the
U12 Tournament



Action from the U12 Tournament

Regional / National Schools

The L&SE Regional Schools Tournament was held on 23rd January for the County champions, from each of the Region's counties, of the U14, 16 and U19 age groups. Up for grabs were places in the National School Finals. The National Schools is regarded by EN as one of the most prestigious events in the netballing calendar and so competition was tough. After a great day's play Sevenoaks (U16), TWGGS and Benenden (U14) all qualified for the Finals. The Finals were held on 19th March in Southampton with 54 teams from across the country playing in the three age groups. In the U16 section Sevenoaks finished 5th in their group. In the U14s Benenden finished 7th in their group whilst TWGGS had a great day with a 3rd place group finish, resulting in a 5th place overall.



TWGGS Squad: Sophia Wilson, Lydia Slaughter, Emma Johnson, Hattie Montgomery, Rose Hairs, Lily Wadsworth, Hattie Gomersall, Antonia Murray, Georgie Bailey

To reach the National Finals is a fantastic achievement, well done to all the girls and their coaches!!

Full scoresheets and final placings can be found at www.Englandnetball.co.uk/Competition/National_Schools

High 5 Netball Schools Finals

High 5 is the only version of netball recognised by England Netball for children of primary age. This season every County Sports Partnership (CSP) is hosting a schools final to support primary school netball. The London CSP finals were organised by school competition managers in partnership with England Netball, with winners from all the London borough finals taking part. In the South London Final, Kent was represented by Bickley Primary and St Marys Catholic Primary schools from Bromley, who finished in 3rd & 4th respectively. Well done to both!

The East London Final, where Kent will be represented by schools from Bexley, Greenwich and Lewisham, will take place on 17th May at Barking Abbey.

The Kent CSP is organising a new pilot event this summer, the Kent Festival of Sport. High 5 Netball will be part of this event. The finals will be open to representative schools from all of the school sport partnerships. The Finals will take place on 24th June at the Rainham Netball Centre.

Emerging Schools Festival

Kent Netball's newest school event, the Emerging Schools Festival, will take place this summer. In July 2010 Kent Netball held the inaugural Emerging Schools Festival which aimed to bring new young players into the game. All the schools taking part were "emerging" netball teams, in the early stages of their netball development, so the festival really was a grass roots event.



Girls at the 2010 ESF receiving coaching from Natalie Seaton

The 2011 Festival will take place at Rainham Girls School on 5th July 2011. If your school interested in this event contact natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk

TRAINING & EDUCATION

Excel Workshops

England Netball has introduced six new practical coaching workshops. The workshops are aimed at providing coaches and teachers with a better understanding of specific areas of the game and fresh ideas for building coaching practices and sessions. These workshops have been carefully designed to complement the qualifications pathway (UKCC) and Excel framework. The six workshops are:

- On the Ball: Essential Ball Skills for Netball
- On the Move: Essential Movement Skills for Netball
- Sharp Shooting: Essential Shooting Skills for Netball
- Getting Physical: Strength & Conditioning for Netball
- Activate: Essential Attacking Skills for Netball
- Winning the Ball: Essential Defending Skills for Netball

A number of courses have already taken place in Kent. The new programme of courses will be launched in the summer. Keep an eye on www.kentnetball.co.uk for details.

High 5 Training

A High 5 Teacher training workshop is available for teachers & coaches to support the delivery of High 5 netball. This workshop provides ideas for those working with players aged 7–11 years, and introduces the rules and application of the rules to High 5 netball. The course is 4 to 6 hours and aims to help attendees:



- identify and teach/coach basic netball skills used in High 5 Netball
- umpire the game of High 5 Netball

If you are interested in arranging a High 5 Workshop within your school / SSP please contact natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk

Talent Identification & Selection Workshops

England Netball's Talent Identification Workshop is an accredited workshop designed to help teachers and club coaches identify talented and potentially talented netballers. The workshop is a CPD opportunity for teachers and club coaches; it will give an understanding of the characteristics of talented athletes, programmes and structures to support player development, and selection methods and considerations. It is highly recommended that teachers or coaches wishing to nominate athletes to the Kent Netball Academies should attend a Talent ID workshop. Details of the next workshop are:

Talent ID **Wednesday 4th May**
4.00pm to 6.00pm
Rainham School for Girls, Rainham

To apply for this course download a booking form from the Courses page of www.kentnetball.co.uk

UKCC Courses

England Netball's latest programme of UKCC courses is currently being delivered. A number of courses are being held across the London & South East Region between now and the end of the year. Many courses are fully booked but places are still available on the following:

Level 1 3rd & 4th September, 2nd October
 Medway Park, Gillingham

Level 2 11th & 12th June, 9th & 10th July, 6th August
 Townley Grammar School, Bexleyheath

 20th & 21st August, 17th & 18th Sept, 16th Oct
 Brunel University, Uxbridge

To download course details and booking forms visit www.englandnetball.co.uk/the-game/coaching. You can also find details of courses across the country.

Umpiring Courses

Umpiring Courses are organised by Kent Netball, and the programme for the upcoming season has been launched. Current courses on offer:

Beginner Award Sunday 25th September
Blackhurst Lane Sports Centre,
Tunbridge Wells

C Award Course Sunday 3rd July
Aylesford School – Sports College

Full details and booking forms can be found on the Umpiring page of www.kentnetball.co.uk.

Young Umpire Award



England Netball has developed the **Young Umpire Award**, a new leadership award aimed at 13 – 18 year olds which will introduce them to the generic skills of umpiring. This is a 6 hour course with a practical assessment and successful candidates will gain an officially recognised qualification. The course is delivered by teachers

within the school curriculum. To be able to deliver this award, teachers need to attend a **Teacher Orientation Workshop** – a three hour workshop delivered by an England Netball accredited tutor.

If you are interested in arranging an Orientation Workshop within your school / SSP please contact natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk

Young Netball Organiser

The Young Netball Organiser course aims to give young people aged 14–18 years the opportunity to take the first step onto the coaching, officiating or administration ladder. It prepares them to organise quality, enjoyable purposeful sessions for 7–11 years.

The course lasts 6 hours and can be delivered in 2 x 3 hour sessions or during curriculum time. It can be delivered by a Teacher or accredited Tutor.

This course can act as a bolt on course to the JSLA and CSLA awards. For further information contact natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk

TALENT DEVELOPMENT

The Satellite & County Academies are the first stage of the England Netball Excel pathway. The Academies provide a programme of training sessions, talent camps and festivals from September to March. The aim of the academy

programme is to provide the quality individual coaching support athletes need to help achieve their full potential. The sessions will provide education on how to train with regards to fitness, skills work and goal setting, as well as many other aspects necessary to become an elite athlete.

Academy Trials for the 2011–12 Academy Programme will be held at Rainham Netball Centre on the following dates:

- Saturday 4th June – U14s
- Sunday 5th June – U17s

Athletes will need to be nominated by a club coach or teacher to attend trials. Full details of the Excel pathway and all the information you need to nominate an athlete can be found on the Talent page of www.kentnetball.co.uk. The deadline for nominations is 13th May 2011.

VOLUNTEERING

Pass the Passion

How many of you are involved in volunteering? How many of you love netball? EN's "Pass on your Passion" programme recognises young volunteers in netball and aims to provide opportunities, ideas and rewards to help you on your leadership and volunteering journey. It is for every young person aged 12 – 25 that is actively volunteering in netball whether that's as a coach, official, committee member, event helper, school team helper...the list is endless!

What are the benefits? As a participant on the programme you'll get rewards for the voluntary hours you complete in netball as well as access to FREE Regional Training Days; E-newsletters; and invitations to volunteer at National and International netball events.

To register for Pass the Passion visit www.englandnetball.co.uk/volunteers

England Netball Youth Advisor

Want to have an input into the way England Netball encourages young people? Want your voice to be heard? Whatever your netball involvement England Netball want YOU to be a **YOUTH ADVISOR**. Youth Advisors are a new voluntary concept aimed at developing netball for young people by gathering as many opinions as possible from YOUNG PEOPLE! To be a Youth Advisor you must be



aged between 9–25 years old and be able to spare a few hours a month.

England Netball is recruiting Youth Advisors now! For full details on the role, and how to apply, visit www.Englandnetball.co.uk/youth/Youth_Advisors

Young Leaders Camp

For the fourth year running England Netball will be holding their Young Leaders Camp



The purpose of the Young Leaders' Camp is to deliver an inspirational leadership opportunity for young people aged 16–19 years and to train those young leaders in a number of areas of the game. This year the camp returns to Bradfield College in Berkshire, and will run from **Sunday 14th August – Wednesday 17th August 2011**. The camp programme will cover a whole breadth of netball from learning about coaching and umpiring, to sports psychology, high five, running a club and much more!

There are **50 places** available on the camp to young netball volunteers. Places at the camp are **FREE** of charge. The deadline for applications is **Friday 4th May 2011**.

Information and application forms can be found on www.Englandnetball.co.uk/youth/Young_Leaders_Camp

Chigo Orunta, from Telstars NC, attended the camp in 2009 and in 2010 was invited back as a Team Leader. She describes her experience, "The camp is for all sorts of people, with all different volunteering backgrounds. The week consisted of a mix of both generic and sport specific activities. For netball there were sessions on coaching, umpiring, adapting warm ups and cool downs and an invaluable session with England Netball coach, Sue Hawkins. The camp was an enjoyable, enthusiastic, and memorable experience. It was great to see the young leaders develop during the week, and also to see how much the camp has helped them to become more effective volunteers, and its a priceless feeling to know you were part of that!"



SUPERLEAGUE

Surrey Storm are the Netball Superleague franchise for the London and South East Region, based at Surrey Sports Park in Guildford. Ex-England coach Mary Beardwood is in

charge of the squad, captained by England attacker Tamsin Greenway.



Fran Desmond

New to the squad this season is Tonbridge Grammar student Fran Desmond who at 17 is the youngest player in the squad. Fran, also part of the England U19 squad, is impressing in her debut season in the Superleague and gaining valuable experience against the country's best players.

Storm's final home game of the season is against Celtic Dragons on Saturday 7th May at Surrey Sports Park, 7pm. Storm will hope to still be in the hunt for a place in the Superleague playoffs, so don't miss this exciting climax before the possibility of the grand finals. Special discounts are available for schools. For Ticket details: www.surreystormnetball.co.uk/page/tickets



The National Talent League is linked to the Superleague, and offers the highest level of competition for 14–19 year olds. A number of Kent students compete within the NTL, they are.....

- Eloise Andrews, Amanda Davis, Katie Harris, Melissa Steingass, Lydia Regis, Rebecca Welch (*all Surrey Storm*)
- Shauna Williams-Young (*Mavericks*)
- Lucy Burden (*Team South*)



Lydia Regis in action for Storm against Leeds Carnegie

The Surrey Storm NTL squad are currently sitting in 3rd place. With only 4 points between themselves and the leaders Mavericks, the squad will be looking forward to closing that gap at a weekend of matches in Walsall on 16th April. Follow their progress at www.londonandsoutheastnetball.co.uk or www.Englandnetball.co.uk/competitions/ntl