

## **Stop Press: News from the Year 7 Front Line!**

Team work has been our term focus and students have enjoyed the inter tutor group tug of war tournament. 7W won the style award (an interesting array of underpants were worn in a naïve attempt to dazzle the opposition) whilst they sadly fell like dominoes. In epic semi final heats (to add to Mr James' misery of being Welsh), 7V and 7C were defeated (sorry about the rope burn, guys!) 7E and 7H were worthy finalists and in an epic duel, 7H destroyed the opposition with a 2-0 victory and 7E were left speechless and muddy on the field! (Apologies to parents!) A special mention goes to Will Jelfs for the 'personal determination' prize; the determination on Will's face was of Olympic proportion!



***7A sadly fell in the first round!***

***Mighty 7H were worthy winners!***

In our Enrichment time this term, students were asked to reflect on the school survey which analysed attitudes towards every aspect of school life. Although a Starbucks coffee shop on the school site might prove too unlikely, their ideas and aspirations for the school were excellent, demonstrating a real maturity and commitment to making their school an inspirational environment to be in; we look forward to you acting on your ideas in the next five years!

On the sporting front, Year 7's commitment, talent and participation has been excellent. At the end of the summer holiday Finlay McDonald (7H) narrowly lost to Freddie Saunders (8C) in the final of the Bishop Sutton under 12 tennis competition. It took an exhausting 3 ½ hours to complete the match with Freddie emerging triumphant in a championship tiebreak to take the title 5-7, 7-6, 13-11. Both boys played well and were a credit to the tennis club.

The Year 7 netball squad have had mixed success, losing against St Gregs in both A and B team matches, a win of 10-8 against Norton Hill in the A team with the B team losing 12-3. Faring slightly better against Ralph Allen, the A team won 7-1 and the B team lost 6-4. Special mentions go to Amy McGowan, Jas Phillips, Issie Twiggs, Hannah Angell and Sophie Collins who have all received 'Player of the Match' award.

Year 7 girls play football with the Year 8 team and the team have made an impressive start to the season. In their first game against, their dominance was evident with the final score of 11-0. Teams were more evenly matched against Broadlands but Chew proved too much of a match and the final score was 5-1. If Rooney doesn't make it to the Euros 2012, we may just have to send our Year 7 star footballers Amy McGowan and Lizzie Howie. Well done to all!

The Year 7 rugby squad played their first fixture against Broadlands this week and fielded two teams. Mr Edwards has been really impressed by the talent and effort in the squad. Clearly taking lessons from the All Blacks, Chew won 30-20 showing great skill and commitment. Anthony Haywood put in a particularly notable performance earning him Man of the Match! We look forward to their next fixture against Churchill.



***Year 7 prepare to scrum down!***

Congratulations to Hannah Angell who recently competed in the Somerset Swimming County Meet at Millfield School. Hannah, who trains at Norton Radstock Swimming Club, scooped a silver medal in the 50m freestyle event.

Well done Year 7!!