

Casterton College Rutland

# Sports News

## The Pride of Casterton: Superstar Footballers

The **Year 10 football team** have been competing in the English Schools Small Schools Trophy since the start of term, which is a National competition. They started the competition by beating Robert Smythe Academy 5-1 at home, with goals from Shaun Archer and Rory Hudson. In the next round we faced a trip to the depths of South Norfolk to play the Icen Academy based in Thetford. We won a close fought match 3-2 with goals from Rory Hudson and

Aaron Altham. At last a home game in the next round, we entertained the Colonel Frank Seeley school from South Nottinghamshire and beat them 3-1 with goals from Ethan Ellison, Harvey Oxford and Rory Hudson. So we found ourselves in the last 16 of the competition which entailed a trip to Louth to play King Edward VI Grammar School and we won 1-0 thanks to a goal from Shaun Archer. To reach the

quarter finals of a national competition represents a massive achievement for the boys who have put their hearts and souls into each performance we wish them the best of luck.



## Boys' Varsity

The Year 11 once again proved the strongest team in the area by winning the Rutland and Melton Varsity Competition. They won all their games and qualified for the quarter finals of the Leicestershire Schools County Cup eventually losing to a very strong Brockington Academy side 3-0.

The team also entered the English Schools Premier League Cup which started in September. They won their opening game 4-1 on penalties against the Priory Ruskin Academy from Grantham but were beaten by a very good Toothill Academy side from Bingham 5-0 in the next round.

The boys deserve a great deal of praise for producing consistently high performance over the last 5 years at the school.

Mai Moncaster has represented Leicestershire Schools at regional level and now plays football for the mighty Leicester City against top class opposition. Her commitment to the school sport in general has been excellent and she is a huge star and a wonderful role model to girls across the school.

## Basketball and Netball Stars

The last two terms have seen our girls' compete against other schools in the Rutland and Leicester area in Netball and Basketball. While for some the new season and the chance to get back on the courts could not have come quick enough, for Year 7's it was their first opportunity to be part of a sports team representing a new school.

Come rain or shine the girls attended a weekly practice and in the first term the netball teams across key stage 3 and 4 played a series of home and away fixtures. In the weeks that followed they stepped out to represent the school with confidence and pride and all match players should be really pleased with the performance they gave. They did the school proud.

At the end of October, as the nights started to draw in and the basketball fixtures got underway. Our first away game to John Ferneley with a mixed key stage 4 team was a great victory boosted by a 3 pointer from Molly Bartram. This was the first of many wins with outstanding performances from the year 8 team captained brilliantly by Leah Travis-Bland and the year 9 team with great play by all involved, particularly Jasmine Martin and Georgie Carnell.

All players from the netball and basketball team should be congratulated on their determination, dedication and success since September.

## Jessica and Rimini Aucello Rutland Young Sportswoman and Junior Sportswoman 2016



Team GB may have the Brownlow brothers but Casterton has the Aucello sisters and what a talented family they are! This year Jess was named Rutland Young Sportswoman of the Year and hot on her heels was Rimini with the Junior Sportswoman of the Year award at a prestigious ceremony at Greatham Valley Golf Club.

We are incredibly proud of these wonderful role models for women in sport!