

# **Cathedral School Sports Report 2017-2018**

2017-2018 was the first year in which the Cathedral School could claim the coveted Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award for our commitment to extra-curricular and inter-school sport.

In the winter, our Year 3 girls, Year 3 boys and Year 4 girls cross-country teams won their League competitions, with the Year 4 girls going on to represent the District in the county finals at Hadleigh Park in Benfleet, while we had eight athletes who qualified for the individual finals. The Year 3/4 girls team won the annual cross-country relays with the Year 6 boys team finishing runners-up.

Our Quicksticks Hockey squad were successful in a spring tournament at Chelmsford Cricket Club and finished fourth in the county competition in June, with our B Team finishing in 14<sup>th</sup> place. Meanwhile, our footballers relinquished their league title but finished the season with three wins and only missed out on the play-offs on goal difference.

Our Year 5 basketball team were runners-up at the District championship in June but a rules infringements meant they have qualified for Essex School Winter Games in January 2019 at Essex University. At this year's event in Harlow, we progressed through the group stage for the first time at the third attempt, before bowing out at the quarter-final stage.

At the District Athletics championships, the team still finished in a creditable fifth place but managed seven victories out of 26 events – the highlight being a win for our Girls 4x100m relay team. Francine claimed the gold medal for our Year 2s at the summer's Mini-Games, while the whole of Year 4 competed in the Superstars event.

We are grateful to Mr Gilmour for the contribution he has made in ensuring we have teams in football, tennis and basketball that are always competitive, but also play with the values and morals that the school holds dear. Mrs Cuthill has also taken responsibility for coaching and training our swimming gala squad. Mrs Barrett has had a fantastic second year in the role of netball coach and took our team to fourth in the District finals, while Mrs Burden has been a fabulous volunteer, leading girls football across the Key Stages and masterminding our first-ever league victories.

We continue to ensure that there are clubs on every night of the week offering gymnastics, hockey, rugby, netball, tennis, football, athletics and multi-skills during the course of the year for KS1 and KS2. New ventures this year have included a dodgeball club on Thursday mornings, with a team entering the District Tournament in July.

Mrs Dougall took of troupe of 22 dancers from Year 5 to perform in the second Got To Dance Festival at Chelmsford Civic Theatre to cap a very successful year.

MR RICHARDSON JULY 2018