



U19A 1st Team – National Schools Lacrosse Tournament

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The National Schools Lacrosse Tournament saw Bedford Girls' School compete against some of the strongest lacrosse schools in the country in the U19A competition. Across both days, the 1st team showed resilience, teamwork and quality, finishing in the Top 24 nationally and reaching the Division 1 Quarter Finals, where they were knocked out by the eventual winners, Birkenhead School.

Saturday – Group Stage Matches

BGS competed in a challenging group on Saturday and produced a number of excellent performances across the day. Their results were:

vs St Catherine's (Overall ¼ finalists)– Lost 2–6

vs St Albans High School for Girls (Overall semi-finalists) – Lost 4–5

vs St Mary's Calne – Won 4–0

vs Fettes College – Won 3–2

vs Cheltenham Ladies' College – Won 5–2

vs Tudor Hall – Won 8–0

After a tough but encouraging start, the team responded brilliantly to win four of their six matches and secure their place in Division 1 for Sunday's competition.

Sunday – Division 1 Pool B

BGS carried strong momentum into Sunday and were excellent in their Division 1 pool, winning all three matches:

vs St Mary's Calne – Won 3–2

vs Haberdashers' Elstree Girls' School – Won 3–2

vs Fettes College – Won 3–1

These results saw BGS top their group and progress confidently into the Division 1 knockout stages.

In the first knockout match, Bedford faced Sherborne Girls' School and delivered another composed performance to secure a 4–2 win, booking their place in the Division 1 Quarter Finals.

In the quarter final, BGS came up against a very strong Birkenhead School side and were beaten 0–6. Birkenhead went on to become the eventual winners of the competition, underlining the quality of the opposition BGS faced.

To finish in the Top 24 schools nationally and reach the Division 1 Quarter Finals is a superb achievement and a reflection of the team's hard work, determination and ability to compete at the highest level of school lacrosse.

A particularly special part of this year's tournament was that it marked the final National Schools competition for eight Year 13 players. These students have been outstanding role models throughout their time at Bedford Girls' School, giving so much to the lacrosse programme through their commitment, leadership and example to younger players. They have represented the school with pride and distinction, and their influence on the 1st team and across the wider lacrosse community at BGS has been significant. They leave behind a strong legacy and have been incredible ambassadors for the school.