



Sports' Report



2017-2018



The highlights of this year have to be playing in 2 English Schools Finals tournaments in both Handball and Basketball. This is an achievement of which any school across the country would be proud.

The U12 basketball team reached the final of the English Schools trophy at Manchester arena, where they won all their games on the day and have remained undefeated all season. The U15 handball team also reached the final of the English Schools tournament where they finished 3rd in the country after winning 5 and losing two games on the day.

Added to this, the Year 10 and the year 8 football teams are now Islington and Camden champions.

Academically, the department now offers a full range of courses with AS, A2 PE and Level 3 BTEC in the 6th form as well as GCSE PE and Vcert PE in Key Stage 4. There are healthy numbers on the all the courses and we hope that the results in the classroom will mirror the results on the field this year.

We continue to have the Premier League 4 Sport project in Table Tennis, Badminton and Handball. Both these projects have been very successful with coaches, Valentina (Handball), Tariq (badminton) and Steve (Table Tennis) having big turnouts of students on Monday, Wednesday and Friday respectively.

Basketball club has been very popular to the school sporting curriculum, with a large number of students attending training. The group have already competed in competitions and will look to develop this in the future with more teams competing next year.

Mr Emsley was very lucky to take a cricket group to Lords for the day to watch Middlesex Cricket Club, they were chosen after performing very well in lesson time.

We have had a new member of the PE Department this year, Mr Rewkowski, who he has been working hard this year developing the extracurricular club's especially athletics where his knowledge was very useful. He has proved to be a valuable member of the department and has developed his own teaching skills this year in a variety of sports, however he is leaving us and we wish him the best for next year in his new role. We are welcoming a new member of staff from September, Mr Simpson, who is a NQT and is very keen to hit the ground running with the year New Year 7 football team next year.

Finally the PE department are moving with the times and has its own Twitter page. This will keep you up to date with the latest fixtures, results and information regarding what's happening in the PE department! There have been some fabulous tweets this year showing how much has occurred in the department this year.

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Athletics

English schools track and field cup

The junior boys performed really well at Mile End coming second by 15 points in the London round of the competition despite some very strong competition. Due to our good score we qualified to the South East regional finals held at Lea Valley athletics stadium. The senior boys also finished second and were confident of doing well in the South East finals.

The South East Finals is a collection of the top 12 schools in the south East region with the top two going on to qualify for the Nationals. We had done so well to qualify as in London, there is a wealth of talent athletics wise. The Finals were held at Lee Valley Athletics stadium and although some boys did well individually, it is a team event and both teams didn't do enough to qualify. This is a target for us next year to work towards.



London Championships

Boys from St Aloysius again dominated the Yr 9 & 10 Islington team at the London Championships this year; with Individuals such as Neo-Chay Rodney & Levi Liston doing well in their spring and field events.

Islington Championships

We took 3 year groups to the event at Finsbury park stadium and dominated on track and field. We ended up winning all three separate years' groups and the overall trophy of islington champions.

Indoor Athletics

For the 6th year in a row St Aloysius College were the Islington indoor athletics champions in both the year 7 and 8 competition. This great achievement meant that both year groups were selected to compete at the North London Finals in Harrow.



It was an exciting day for all the boys at the North London finals and the high standards set from all the schools competing increased the pressure on our students to perform. Despite this pressure, every boy that competed represented the school superbly and St Aloysius were very unlucky not to progress into the London finals, particularly with our year 8 team.



The Year 7 team finished the event in a commendable 6th place with Joevan Nsele, Sarthak Kumar and Joshua George all finishing in top 3 medal positions for their individual events. Our year 8 team managed to achieve 4th place overall which was a fantastic effort considering the level of talent on the day. Eloim Mukendi, Joshua Akinyemi, Noedy Luvandu and Andreas Gonzales Giron finished in the top 3 places in each of their races.

Running League

Running continues to be a real strength of the school, with a high number of students not only competing for the school but also placing very high within the races. Amongst all the usual faces, a new running talent has been found in Y7's Sartak Kumar who has completed and won in a host of races held at the school, Arsenal Stadium and Finsbury Park.



Table Tennis

Table Tennis has once again seen some huge numbers coming down to training after school, with around 60 boys from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 consistently training on a Friday. Within the numbers there has been two stand out performers this year. The first starlet is Scott Chung who seems to win every fixture he attends which is a great achievement. The second performer from Y8 is Calvin Lee. Calvin has come on leaps and bounds this year, focusing massively on his serve variation. Again, Calvin has won a huge number of matches and has become a notorious player on the Islington circuit.



Basketball

Year 7

The year 7 team have had a fantastic unbeaten run in their debut season. League wins against Bishop Challoner, Greig City Academy and Haberdasher Knights School raised the confidence levels in each of the talented members of the squad. This confidence saw the year 7's qualify for the National Basketball Championships at the notorious Basketball Performance Centre in Manchester.



Aloysius started in a convincing fashion, beating St Aidan's school 70-18 in their first game at the National finals. They followed this up with an amazing performance against one of the favourite teams, Northampton School for Boys, running away with a 68-18 victory. The final game ended in yet another victory, overcoming Sir Graham Balfour School 82-16. Although the Aloysius team were not officially crowned national champions due to the non-competitive structure of the tournament, it was clear for all to see that this gifted group of year 7's were the outstanding team at the competition.

It must be mentioned that the hard work and discipline that Mr Akuffo has instilled in this team has allowed these young players to not only develop their technical skills to a high level but also understand the tactical prowess that is required at top level Basketball. They have a very bright future ahead of them and everybody at St Aloysius and I'm sure the rest of Islington will keep a close eye on their progress.



Year 8 & 9

The year 8 & 9 Basketball team have had a mixed year in terms of results, yet we have seen improvements in their understanding of the game and their ability to apply tactics from training into games efficiently. Losses to Bishop Challenor and St Bonaventures School were rectified with impressive wins against Platanos School and Raines Foundation.



Year 10 – 13

Both the under 16 and under 18 age groups had disappointing seasons by their high standards. The year 12 & 13 team however did produce a fine display to beat arch rivals Greig City 69 -64. It must be mentioned that the under 16 team, made up year 10 students predominantly, were up against year 11's when playing their matches this year. This will be viewed as a valuable learning experience for these students to take on board and hopefully it will enable them to dominate next season when they are in year 11.



Badminton

The badminton club continues to be popular with all students. The coaching from Tarik has made such great impact on the senior players. The squad represented Islington at the London Youth Games. The squad is made up of Riley Timms, Jordan Anaadozie, Tyler Howard and David Okunade. The team lost 2 matches and won 2, missing out on the final by fine margins. The doubles play in the games was, at times, excellent and the team got stronger as the tournament progressed.



Tennis club

This year took a slightly different format where the boys were split into 2 groups and rotated on a 2-week timetable. This meant that coach Gavin could spend more time with the pupils' and develop their skills at a faster rate. On July 10th, 7 boys attended The Championships at Wimbledon. The boys that were selected were regulars at Thursday's tennis club and deserved an opportunity to see the best players in the world battle it out at Wimbledon. We were lucky enough to get court 1 tickets, as well as visiting the play tennis tent and the players' zone where the boys' were able to get some autographs off some of the professionals.



Cricket

Cricket training has been very popular amongst year 7 & 8's and so we decided to enter the cricket league. The boys have done excellent winning their first three games and really improving on the wicket at St. Aloysius's Playing fields. We lost to Highbury grove due to bowling too many wides and this is something the team have worked hard on to improve. We narrowly lost to Central foundation by 4 runs and as yet as still to play Holloway. Cricket wise it looks encouraging that we can continue the success we have had already and build on this for next year.

Cricket taster day – Lords Cricket Ground

On the 24th April, 8 year 7 boys were taken to the home of cricket to experience a school cricket taster day. The day started with a women's county 20-20 match, which was followed by various activities which were situated around the grounds, such as a selfie competition, indoor quick cricket, a Surrey cricket club autograph session and a tour around the club shop. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the day and were a credit to the school and the PE department.



Handball

Since September we have had Handball club after schools for years 9 & 10, running from 3pm till 5pm. We also have run a lunch time club for the year 7 & 8's to train. New pupils are always welcome to turn up and try the sport. We have had a good turn out each week in terms of pupils, and a whole range of different ages. We are lucky to have Valentina, who is a level 2 handball coach, who takes the sessions and has them training hard each week and learning the new rules and tactics which benefits them in many other sports.

It is great to see new pupils turn up to training after they have been taught handball in their core PE lessons. It shows the hard work we put into the lessons is having a positive effect on those pupils who wish to pursue it further.

Our first competition of the year was the London round qualifiers held in the sports hall. Both our u13 teams and U15 did excellently winning both their games allowing us to qualify for the London finals at the Olympic venue, The Copper Box. On the day of the London Finals both teams were pitted against strong opposition in their group games.

The u13 teams won 4 out of 5 group game only losing to the eventual winners St. Bonaventure's 3-1. They finished in 3rd placed and I hope the experience is something the can build on for next year's tournament.



The U15 team went in high on confidence having trained hard over the last few months preparing themselves for this tournament. They didn't disappoint they won all 5 of their group games some as high as 6-2 and 9-1. Setting them up for a semifinal against Bowers Park, it was a very tense game although we scored two very late goals to win 4-2 and set up a final vs Carshalton School. Carshalton School is known for its handball as they host the English handball and a lot of their pupils go on to play for the U16 national team. We dominated the game and the boys were so strong and determined in defence, it was such a good team effort from all and we thoroughly deserved to win 4-1 and that made us London champions.

Winning the London Champions, allowed us to qualify for the national finals. The national finals was held at Worcester University and after an early start on a Saturday we headed up to Worcester. We won our first two games and were playing really well. Then we played a team from Manchester who tore us apart we lost 6-2 and had our confidence broken a bit. We were unlucky to lose the next game 6-5 in the last 8 seconds, however we picked ourselves up and won the last. The two teams we had lost to made the final and we had to settle for 3rd place which the boys were upset with but considering that's out of the whole of the Country, they understood they did well.

Our U15 Team also represented Islington at the London Youth Games held at the Olympic venue the Copper Box; the boys gave a good account of themselves and enjoyed the experience of playing at the venue in Stratford. They eventually finished 3rd on the day picking up the bronze medal losing to the eventual winners Ealing 5-4.



Year 7 football

The football team had a mixed start to season. The team played in three cup competitions but were unable to reach the finals. In the London Cup they reach the quarter final round beating Oasis Southbank School 6-0 and Bishop Challoner School 9-0. They played in superb match away to Woolwich Polytechnic School winning the game 4-3 on penalties (2-2 aet), with midfielder, Josh George scoring the winning penalty. The team then lost to Fulham Boys School 3-0. The first half was very tight, with goalkeeper Taylor-Lee Stimpson performing multiple saves and striker Stephane Mgbada coming close to taking the lead. In the second the team struggle to keep up with a resurgent Fulham Boys School.

The Inner London Cup started well with a 7-2 win over Chelsea Academy with midfielder Jayden Miller the man of the match. However, the team had a shock defeat to Stoke Newington School, losing 4-3. The opposition were very physical in the tackle and played good football, getting the winning goal 2 minutes from the final whistle. The hardest defeat however came in the Camden and Islington Cup. The team were drawn against a very strong Central Foundation School. It was a great game, with Jayden and Stephane scoring early. Centre back, Tyreece Piper- Burt and Right back, Sey Kodboduko were very strong in defence. A few individual errors made the difference with the team losing 4-3.

The team were selected to represent Islington in the five a side London competition. It was a great day with very skilful players in all the teams. The team won 2, lost 2 games, getting better as the tournament went on. The new season promises opportunities for new players as the team moves from 9 to 11 a side games. Hopefully it will be a season with silverware.

Year 8 football

The year 8 football team have had a season to remember, winning their first piece of Silverware back in April in the form of the Islington and Camden cup and recording numerous victories throughout the season. Wins against William Ellis school, AMSI school and St Mary Magdalene school led to an exciting Islington and Camden final where St Aloysius beat Highbury Grove 5-2 with goals from Ethan Tuitel (2), Arber Daja (2) and Andres Gonzales Giron.



After an impressive 12-0 win over Dunraven school in the 1st round of the London Schools cup and a bye in the 2nd round, St Aloysius were drawn a tough away fixture to Forest Hill school in Peckham for round 3. After a well fought game in challenging conditions, Forest Hill just pipped it with the final result ending 2-1.

The year 8's were mightily close to a double cup winning season, losing out in the final of the Inner London Cup 4-1 to St Thomas the Apostle College. In that game however they did dominate possession, playing mature, free flowing football that impressed scouts of professional teams. Wins against Elm Green, Holloway, George Green and a tense encounter with London Nautical School saw the team deservedly through to the final. A season of silverware that will hopefully be replicated next year, with the team also looking to go far in the national cup.

Year 9 Football

It has been a difficult season for the Year 9 Football Team this year, suffering from a potent mixture of tough draws and difficult playing combinations. However, in spite of this, Nana's boys have pulled out some strong wins. Most noticeably against Regents High, where the team won 7 – 0 in the Islington & Camden Cup. There were repeats of this success in games like Haggerston Away, however St Aloysius' College suffered too many close defeats, meaning the furthest they went in all competitions was the Semi Finals. Although, with boys continuing to perform for their Clubs and students repeatedly turning up to Wednesday morning Training, all are feeling confident for a more successful Y10 Season.



Year 10 Football

This year, the year 10 team had grown in confidence and looked to develop their success from last year. In the London schools competition, the team won a total of 4 games to reach the final of the competition. On their travels they beat Cardinal Pole, Cumberland, Eastbrook and Evelyn Grace. In the final they play Carshalton Boys School and the game was played at Carshalton Athletic Football Club. After a close first half the teams went in level at 1 goal apiece. In the second half, STA got off to a good start and scored an early goal. A penalty was then given away by STA and Carshalton scored another shortly after to go 3-2 up. The boys' pushed but couldn't break through the defence and ended up coming second. Next year the boys will be back quicker and stronger and look to improve on the successes this year.

In the Inner London Cup, the team got off to a strong start to their campaign, by beating Mossbourne and Petchey Academy 5-2 and 3-0 respectively. Unfortunately in the next round the team came up against a strong Askes Knight's school and lost 5-2 which ended their cup run.

In the Camden and Islington Cup with the defence of the cup from last year as the main priority, the team got off to a good start by beating Hampstead 8-3, Maria Fidelis 5-2 and William Ellis 7-1. This led to the final against Haverstock, which was the repeat of last year's final. The boys' played really well and secured a 3-1 victory to win the cup for the 2nd year in a row.



Year 11 Football

After a great start to the season with an assured victory away to Hampstead winning 8-0 in the Islington and Camden cup. We didn't fare so well in the London schools cup losing our first round game away to Forest Hill drawing 2-2 after normal time we lost on penalties. Our next match was in the Inner London Cup where again the game went to extra time after drawing 1-1 with Deptford Green, however lady luck smiled on us and we managed to sneak a winning goal courtesy of Raul Mills, 3 minutes before the end. We face Graveney in the 2nd round of this cup again away and after a long journey got to the ground minutes before kickoff, due to a lack of warm up we didn't start well and conceded early at half time we were losing 1-0. The boys must have had their Weetabix at half time because we came out the second half and managed to score three and cruised comfortably into round three. We then went to Bishop Thomas Grant School in round 3rd where we had the chances to win the game but unfortunately lost Denzelle Olopade during the game with a knee injury. We were solid defensively but couldn't find a way to score and they eventually scored the winner 5 minutes from time to win 2-1.

When the New Year came, we played Mary Margaret's in the Islington and Camden cup and won 3-1 get us through to final we were looking to achieve the feat of having won the trophy in all five years of school. What an achievement that would be – or so we thought!

We then came up against a determined Holloway side that proved to be our downfall and who stopped us from achieving 5 cup wins in 5 years. They proved to be much stronger and determined on the day and once we were 2-0 behind it was always going to be difficult to restore parity. We ended up losing 5-2 with the opposition goalkeeper making some unbelievable saves and us hitting the post 3 times. It was a disappointing finish to the school football careers of this side but they can be happy with what they have achieved over the last 5 years. They have been a credit to the school and themselves.

6th Form Football

The now traditional season opener was against the Old Aloysians at the school fields. The game was very much a pre season game with the scores remaining level with very few scoring opportunities and the score at half time was 1-1. The second half started with numerous chances for both teams and after some fantastic play from Mr. Emsley, Mr Reader and Mr Crowley who scored a hat trick, the staff team were victorious winning 10-1, this is a score the 6th form students won't forget easily. Thanks once again to the Old Boys for accommodating us with your hospitality.

Outstanding achievement

The sporting achievements across all year groups this year demonstrates the pool of talent that St Aloysius College possesses. We would finally like to give a special mention to those individual students who have gone above and beyond in their sporting careers.

Mannie Joses

- Selected for the London representative Basketball U13 team
- National Basketball champion
- Islington Young Sportsman of the year



Levi Liston

- Broke 200m School record, clocking a new best time of 22.55 seconds.
- Chosen to represent London at the English Schools national finals in Birmingham.
- Winner of Islington Sportsman of the year award



Jonny Payne

- Chosen to represent London at the English Schools national finals in Birmingham for Javelin.