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DM's Dialogue with Matthew Stephens

It has been a busy few weeks in the Sports Department. It has been a memorable time for our Boldmere St. Michaels FC Football programme who have made history in the FA Youth Cup whilst it has been encouraging to see so many students participating across many sports in the West Midlands Regional Championships. Once again, we also see many students engaging in different Work Real activities which provides opportunities for skill development. **Let's Go BMET, Let's Go!!**

Cheyanne Plummer-Haaier, 17 years old, Level 3 Sports Science student has been selected as part of the England Colleges Squad 2023/24.

This is a fantastic achievement for Cheyanne who has worked hard and dedicated herself to netball over the years. Cheyanne has been part of Severn Stars BMet Nova Performance Centre since she was 13 and has been training with BMet College and Nova Coaches Anthea Dunnett and Layton Plummer for the past 5 years. She is captain of both the BMet College 1st team and Severn Stars BMet Nova squad, she is a great leader, motivator, and role model to the rest of her teammates. She also plays for Club Brand Nu in the Regional League.

Cheyanne says about being selected "I am really excited for the new challenge, I am ready to work hard and showcase everything I have learnt over the past few years with Severn Stars, BMet college and my club Brand Nu. I have been dedicated to Netball for as long as I can remember and I am delighted to have been recognised at the trials, it is an opportunity I am going to embrace, who knows what it may lead to in the future".

Not only does Cheyanne play netball at a high level, she is also putting her knowledge and passion back into the sport by coaching our newly formed U14 BMet Futures Programme, and regularly umpiring, she is currently working towards her Grade C umpiring qualification.



For full squad announcement and to follow England Colleges update
[Netball Rep Team | Association of Colleges \(aoc.co.uk\)](https://www.aoc.co.uk)

In Focus ...

Leadership, Volunteering and Activation in Sport & Physical Activity

It has been a busy few weeks of Work Real opportunities in the Sports Department: Officiating in netball tournaments, refereeing at 5-a-side football events and delivering Panathlon activities.



The Wilson Stewart Schools Partnership provide us with several 'Inclusive Sport Events' throughout the year. These two pictures show two groups visiting Birmingham University and Nechells Sports Centre to facilitate Primary netball events through officiating. These events promote skills such as officiating and decision making, organisation and communication skills. These experiences support the work being done in curriculum across levels 1, 2 and 3 with evidence being gathered for 'Roles and responsibilities' in sport and 'Practical sport and event management'. The girls confidence has developed through participation in these events as well their knowledge of organising a large sports event.

These 8 students facilitated the refereeing for a Primary 5-a-side football tournament at Goals Star City on Wednesday 11th October. These students come from across the Sport and UPS department, levels 1, 2 and 3. For Max and Grateful (far left of picture) this was their first Work Real experience having enrolled on the level 1 Sport programme. They were really anxious at the start of the event, so we paired them up with more experienced students. Throughout the event they developed in confidence, ability to make decisions and their ability to communicate effectively with the young people. They have since really settled into their core programme and began to engage in more enrichment such as taking part in the football academy and playing regular matches. For other members of the group, this event provided the opportunity to further develop their officiating skills and decision making skills with constant challenges being provided by the football matches being played. Charlie (second from the right) is a qualified referee and was superb throughout, mentoring less experienced members of the group and acting as a role model demonstrating professionalism throughout.

The Panathlon Events are an annual occurrence on the Sport events calendar.

They provide the learners from across the department with some super opportunities to facilitate inclusive sports activities for young people with both learning and physical disabilities. We took 60 students from across the department to three separate days in early November. Learners were given the responsibility of leading on a 'station' whilst Primary school children rotated around the halls. This opportunity contributes significantly to the Work Real hours as well as the skills development of the students. Skills being developed during these events are communication (verbal and non-verbal), demonstrating a positive attitude, being motivated and enthusiastic, safeguarding the young people and creating an inclusive learning environment free from risk and most definitely promoting equality and diversity through active participation. Furthermore, the Panathlon events are evidenced into student portfolio's and summative assessments which our External Verifiers have praised in the EQA reports.





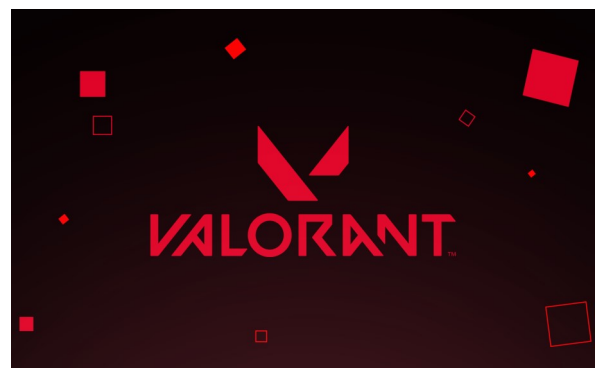
BMET Students Excel in British Esports Association Winter League opening fixtures.

The BEA Winter League is a competitive esports league for teams of all skill levels. The league features a variety of games, including Valorant, Rocket League, League of Legends and Overwatch.

The Valorant team defeated their opponents 13-1, while the Rocket League team won their match. Both teams played exceptionally well, and their victories are a testament to their hard work and dedication.

If you are interested in trailing out for the Esports Academy- Valorant, Rocket League or Overwatch training is Monday and Tuesday from 14:00-17:00 in room AO1.

The Valorant team continued their winning streak this week, defeating their opponents with a decisive 13-7 victory. Their strategic gameplay and unwavering teamwork allowed them to dominate the match, showcasing their exceptional skills and adaptability. The team's unwavering dedication to practice and their ability to analyse and learn from their mistakes have been instrumental in their success.



In a thrilling Rocket League match, the academy's team emerged victorious in a nail-biting 3-2 win. The match was a roller-coaster of emotions, with both teams showcasing their impressive aerial maneuvers and strategic car control. The final goal came in the dying seconds of the match, sending the crowd into a frenzy and securing the victory for the BMET.

Their determination and resilience were evident throughout the match, and their ability to capitalise on their opponents' mistakes proved to be the deciding factor.

SPORT IN PICTURES



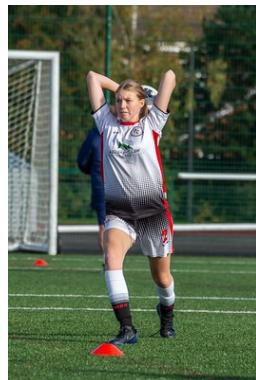
Corey Davis in action in the thrilling 77-75 win versus Charnwood Academy



Luan Ferreira controlling the play in a recent 2nd Team AoC Midlands 1 match versus Dudley College.



Recently, BMet were drawn against another BMet Team in the Men's Football National Cup. A great opportunity for Managers to try out all players with the College 2nd team going through to the next round where they will play Cirencester College.



Badminton, Netball and Women's Football were just 3 of the Sports which featured BMET Academy Students at the AoC Regional Championships at Wolverhampton University

Sports Staff out preparing and coaching our students at the West Midlands AoC Regional Championships

AoC/BMET LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2023-24

The following learners will be undertaking induction activities to the AoC Leadership Academy, completing online training and taking part in team building activities:

- Mollie Cowen – This Girl Can Ambassador (A Levels/ Rugby)
- Claudia Ansell – This Girl Can Ambassador (L3 Sport/ Axe Throwing)
- Bailey Buchanan – ECFA Activator (L2 Sport/ Football)
- TReLL Robert Morris – ECFA Activator (L3 Sport/ Football)
- Caitlin Couchman – ECFA Activator (L3 Sport/ Football)
- Martin Gniado – Inclusion Ambassador (Boccia/ Foundation learning student at Matthew Boulton)
- Corey Chidler – Inclusion Ambassador (L2 Activity Leadership/ Ability Counts football)
- Ebony Harris – Well Being Ambassador (L2 Activity Leadership/ Active Academy)
- Dan Cluley – Well Being Ambassador (L2 Activity Leadership/ Football)
- Gabbi Deliu – Green Sport Ambassador (L3 Sport/ netball)
- Hayden Hardy – Green Sport Ambassador (L3 Sport/ football)

This group of students will be given responsibility for developing opportunities for participation in sport for the rest of the academic year. If you have any ideas for activities you would like to see at BMet please email katie.singleton@bmet.ac.uk.



Student Leadership Programme

The Student Leadership Programme is an AoC Sport project to support colleges to enhance and develop volunteering programmes for their students. BMet currently has 11 students signed up on this programme. They will be completing on-line training in line with UK Coaching and Volunteering their time to set up events, attend Open Events and Promote physical activity across the College.

Talented Athlete Scheme 2023-24

Welcome to the new intake of TASS students who have enrolled on the program this year, we look forward supporting the following talented athletes on their journey to both academic and sporting success.

Aaron Ruby (Gridiron/Flag Football)

Dom Evans (Table Tennis)

Zion Aserie (Gymnastics)

Corey Davis (Basketball)

Josh White (Basketball)

Mattie Morgan (Thai Boxing)

Gene Smith (Thai Boxing)



And the following students who are continuing on the programme;

Monty Orton (Archery)

Mollie Cowan (Rugby)

Georgia Mullett (Ladies Football)

Congratulations are in order for the following sporting successes, **Georgia Mullett** has made her 1st team full debut for Aston Villa ladies in a 7-0 victory over Blackburn Rovers.

Monty Orton continues to set the archery world alight and is on track to compete for Team GB at the 2024 Paris Olympics. And Gene Smith clinched the ISKA British belt this week with a stunning victory, and now looks forward to the 2024 world championships in Thailand.

On the 8th December the TASS athletes are off to Worcester University to meet other TASS athletes and take part in two workshops on lifestyle skills and nutrition.

Let's Go BMet; Let's Go...

Sports Results in the Spotlight

BMet Cricket are *going back* to the AoC Sport National Championships

Our Indoor Cricket Team succeeded in winning the West Midlands Regional Tournament and will now represent the Region at Nottingham University in April 2024. 4 wins, including a fantastic win against the Sandwell College/Warwickshire CCC Academy sealed the points needed to win the group. BMET previously qualified in for the 2020 National Championships only to be denied competing due to the Covid Pandemic.



Endurance Runners get a shift on at the Walsall Arboretum to win places at the National Championships.

Grateful Blawah; Charlie Head and Charlie Burton all qualified for the Men's Endurance Run whilst Brooke Burton and Lauren Mackenzie-Usher preformed stoically to win a place in the Women's National Final



There were some other notable performances in the West Midlands Regional Championships: Men's Basketball finished Runners Up to Dudley College whilst the Women's Basketball finished 3rd. There was also a 3rd place finish UPS Student Dominic Evens in the Men's Table Tennis. There was also last ball drama in the Boccia with BMET finishes 2nd and missing out on a place in the final by a goal difference of 1!!!



The FA Youth Cup dream is over for another year but what a cup run it has been ...

The BMET/Boldmere St. Michaels FC Youth Academy reached the 2nd Round Proper of the FA Youth (furthest a college team has ever reached in the FA Youth Cup). Unfortunately, a 3-0 defeat to Crewe Alexandra FC (Full Time Category 2 Academy) ended this campaign. *Very proud staff and parents of all the players involved.*

For all BMET Sports Fixtures and Results please click on [Sports Newsletter Oct-Nov \(office.com\)](#) and you will find our Sports Academy Sway has everything you need including results, fixtures and team photos



Early Morning Fitness Classes:

Join us for Pilates and HIIT training that will set up for the day ahead.

Starting week commencing 9th October 2023

Pilates - Monday 7:30am (Dance Studio). Please bring a mat*.

HIIT- Wednesday 7:30am (New Sport Hall)

Register your interest with

Tracey Need - tracey.need@bmet.ac.uk

Book Your Place using this link

[HIIT Class Booking - Power BI App](#)

[Pilates Class Booking - Power BI App](#)

****If you are a beginner and don't have a mat, don't worry – the Department have a few available to use***