Hi all

Beech Grove Academy near Dover, were the hosts for the latest fixture in the Kent Cross Country league and despite the awful weather conditions over 40 of our boys and girls braved the elements.

The U13 boys had the best showing with 10 boys toeing the start line. Their large numbers paid off, finishing with 4 Blackheath and Bromley boys in the top 6. Michael Eagling was back to his winning ways coming in a few seconds in front of Peter Guy, having his highest finish to date. Henry James Cowie and George Pope had a great battle finishing 5th and 6th respectively but recording the same time. Lewis Stickings came home in 10th, his best finish of the season followed by Coleman Corry equally his best finish in 11th. The team was strengthen with great back up from Ben Gardiner, Callum Myatt, Cameron Swatton and Harrison Parker. With one fixture remaining we have 5 boys in the top 10 individual league table. The U13 boys have been so consistent this year with 9 of the boys having run in all three fixtures. This has surely helped them rise to the top of the team table where they currently lead by 5 match points.

The U15 boys also had large numbers on the start line with 8 boys in attendance. Again these large numbers are helping to inspire all the boys into some great running. The first 3 BBHAC boys home were all lined up together in 4th, 5th and 6th position.

Marco Arcuri led them in with his highest placing, followed closely by Aleksander Wiltshire, with his highest finish and followed even closer by Charlie Davis equally his best finish. Backing the boys up were Josh Davidson finishing strongly in 10th position, Arthur Carey with his best finish in 21st followed by Frankie Scrivener, Charlie Scrivener and Scott Bulmer. The U15 are up against a very strong Tonbridge side so our 2nd position in the league is a great achievement.

Individually Marco currently stands in 3rd place with Aleksander in 5th, Charlie in 6th and Josh in 7th and this make for an interesting final fixture at Sparrows Den on 30th November.

In the U17 boys race Will Fuller lost his 100% record but is proving to be one of the best in Kent with a spirited run coming home in 2nd. Richard Webb continued his great season coming across the line in 5th. Thomas Desborough had a strong run in 17th followed by Bailey Stickings 23rd. Like the U15 boys, the U17 boys are up against a tough Tonbridge side so their 2nd team placing is again a great achievement.

Team spirit, despite the rain, was again high, possible helped by the free burgers on offer. It was also good to see six of the youngsters cheering on their mums and sisters in the senior women race.

The U15 girls are currently leading their league with the U13 and U17 in second place.

U13 Millie Smith leads the individual league, while Niamh Bridson Hubbard leads the U17 age group.

The girls U15 league is dominated by Blackheath and Bromley with Naomi Kingston, Kelsey Fuss, Yasmin Austridge and Georgina Taylor currently in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th position respectively.

All these results make for a very exciting final Kent league fixture, which happens to our home fixture at Sparrows Den on Saturday 30th November, same timetable applies.

Incorporated into this event will be our own Cross County Club Championship with gold, sliver and bronze medals for the first three in each age group.

Hope to see you all there.

Regards

Paul Austridge