

Badminton

Jason Ferguson, Jack McFarland, Sam Johnston and Jordan Nummy Year 9

The Banbridge Academy Badminton Club meets every Tuesday, after school in the Leisure Centre. It is a very popular club (particularly with the Year 8 pupils) and each week we have on average 50-60 students attending. Badminton is an easy to learn, fun and social activity which provides numerous physical benefits. It is an active sport in which the player's entire body gets a workout. Each week at club, we have the opportunity to improve our badminton skills, to make new friends and to compete in many tournament and cup competitions.

This year, players were entered into the Ulster School Badminton League and Cup competitions. The Year 8 boys were undoubtedly the most successful squad. The team comprising of Jason Ferguson, Jack McFarland, Sam Johnston and Jordan Nummy were successful on gaining a place in the final of the Year 8 Boys' Cup. This was held at the National Badminton



Centre on Friday 4th March and resulted in a victorious win over Ballyclare Secondary School by 5 games to 1. The Year 8 team were thrilled with the win and look forward to further success in future competitions.

Individual success was also seen through Jason Ferguson and Megan Ferguson who were chosen to represent Ulster and Ireland in the U13 and U15 teams respectively. This is a fantastic

achievement for both Jason and Megan and we wish them well in the next season with their squads.

On behalf of the Badminton Club, we would like to thank Miss Hamilton-Porter, Mrs Hassard and Mrs Stewart for giving up their time each week to run the club and for taking us to the many matches. We would also like to really encourage any new Year 8 pupils to come along and have a go!

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