

# South West Schools Combined Events Championships 2016

## REPORT

Avon schools fielded only 2 full teams at this year's event after a substantial number of withdrawals suffered after the entry date.

The Junior Boys team finished a great 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 7 counties, with Matthew Fisher (Sidcot) just outpointing teammate Tim Leong (Backwell) by a fantastic 800m run recording the 2<sup>nd</sup> overall best time of 2min 14.2 secs. Matthew had 5 personal bests, whilst Tim's 5m50 was a highlight for his campaign in the Long Jump. It was a great battle between them for the County title.

Jonathon Evans (St.Gregorys) recorded the longest Shot Putt with 11 metres plus.

All of the Boys recorded pbs in the hurdles. 4<sup>th</sup> member Leighton Tuodolo (Castle) jumped a great 5m34 in the long Jump and then together with all the Boys managed pbs in the 800 metres.

The Junior Girls saw Tia Jackson (Downend) qualify for the National Championships in September with a 5<sup>th</sup> place of the 29 competitors. Her pb in the Hurdles, and Shot was followed by a 1m48 High jump and a 5m30 Long jump. A gutsy 800m saw her hold off a Somerset challenger for the qualifying place.

Hannah Bolt (Fairlands) in her first performed well with pbs in Long Jump, Hurdles and 800m.

Natasha Statham contributed to the team with an excellent Shot and 800 pb whilst Jess Frazer pentathlon did extremely well in the first 3 events only to succumb to an injury which prevented her carrying on. The team finished 6th

Henry Cox (Broadoak) and Fred North (Backwell) fought out a terrific fight in the Inter Boys with numerous pbs before Henry just pipped Fred recording 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> place in a terrific competition.

Each had their moments with Fred's 4m52 1500 and 400m perhaps his best efforts whilst Henry's best was probably his Hurdles with 15.4 and 400m in 56.34.

Ella Adams (Hayesfield) fulfilled her dream of competing in a Heptathlon with many pbs in her Inter Girls event, being our only competitor after 3 late withdrawals.

Laura Statham (Gordano) and Sarah Long (Hayesfield) enjoyed their Senior Girls Heptathlon with Sarah finishing 8<sup>th</sup> and Laura 11<sup>th</sup>. Sarah's best event was a pb in the 200m in 26.4, whilst Laura best event was also the 200m in 28.5.

A very enjoyable 2 days of competition with wonderful support from all the team and especially their devoted parents.

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