



Sedbergh  
SCHOOL

SPORTS REPORT

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# SPORTS RESULTS

## Colours

**Sailing:** Captain Jamie L M led by example over the weekend and captained the team to their best result in the event in the past 3 years. He has been a committed and valuable member of the team, competing in events all over the country in the past several years. Furthermore, during training he will always take time to teach and coach younger pupils making use of his dinghy instructor endorsement and putting the team's needs before his own. In addition to this, he has been a shining example away from school competing in International Tall Ships races and is currently working towards the prestigious Yachtmaster qualification

Jamie has exhibited the HARK values excellently during his time with the sailing team, and his legacy will be felt in years to come. I am delighted to award him his sailing colours.

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## Rugby

### Boys U18A v Kirkham Grammar School (A) Lost 18-7

Sedbergh fell to a strong Kirkham side at Heywood Road, with the opposition producing an outstanding defensive display to claim an 18–7 victory.

Kirkham's commitment to their game plan was clear from the outset, with every player buying in fully. Their defensive shape and organisation were particularly impressive, constantly icing the breakdown and ensuring they had numbers on their feet across the whole pitch. This collective effort denied Sedbergh the space and tempo they usually thrive on, nullifying the attacking threats that so often break games open.

While Sedbergh battled hard and created moments of promise, they struggled to find continuity against such a disciplined defensive wall. Kirkham's ability to slow the ball and shut down attacking channels ultimately swung momentum in their favour, allowing them to control large parts of the contest.

Sedbergh will take valuable lessons from the encounter, but the day belonged to a Kirkham team whose defensive resilience and tactical execution proved decisive.

### Boys U18B v Kirkham Grammar School (A) Won 33-19

The 2nd XV secured a hard-fought 33–19 victory over Kirkham in what proved to be a physical and tactical contest.

From the outset, the 2s were met with a well-drilled Kirkham defence that made it difficult to find any rhythm in attack. Despite early pressure, patience was key, and eventually the deadlock was broken with a well-worked try finished in the corner.

Kirkham responded strongly, capitalising on a lapse in discipline to cross the line themselves. This pattern set the tone for much of the game: the 2s working hard through multiple phases to break down resistance, while Kirkham struck back whenever given an opening. The second half followed a similar script, with the 2s' ability to retain possession and build pressure proving decisive. Strong defensive sets kept Kirkham at bay after a brief resurgence, and clinical finishing ensured the scoreboard continued to tick over.

Ultimately, the difference came down to composure. The 2s showed resilience in defence and patience in attack, turning prolonged possession into points while preventing Kirkham from building sustained momentum.

It was a performance built on discipline, ball retention, and defensive organisation—qualities that saw the 2s deservedly claim a 33–19 victory.

### **Boys U18A v St Peter's York (H) Won 33-5**

Sedbergh recorded a 33–5 win over St Peter's York in difficult conditions, in a match that was competitive and hard-fought throughout.

The game began with Sedbergh showing good attacking shape, moving the ball well and looking to play with width despite the weather. Their ability to maintain handling accuracy in the wet conditions allowed them to build pressure and convert opportunities into points. St Peter's, however, were strong at the breakdown and competed aggressively throughout, which made the game scrappy and disrupted Sedbergh's rhythm. The visitors commitment and physicality kept Sedbergh under pressure for large periods, particularly around the contact area.

While Sedbergh managed to take their chances when they came, much of the contest was evenly matched in intensity. The 33–5 scoreline reflected Sedbergh's ability to finish their opportunities, but St Peter's ensured that every passage of play was contested and made it far from a comfortable afternoon.

### **Boys U18C v St Peter's York (H) Won 14-7**

On a blustery damp day on Busk the 3rds struggled against a big physical St Peter's side who defended well into the wind. An injury to Cockcroft early on affected 3rds decision making and St Peter led deservedly 7-0 at halftime. In the second half the 3rds bench made a big impact and more direct play led to tries from Nieto-Hearn and the outstanding Martin. A good win but the 3rds will have to be better next week.

### **Boys U18E v St Peter's York (H) Lost 7-17**

The 5XV played a close game against St Peter's York 3rd team. Both teams were well-drilled and played some good rugby. St Peter's were first to score in the first half, and Sedbergh equalised early in the second half. An unlucky missed pass led to a second St Peter's try, and they kept possession to score again late in the half. Sedbergh had some great moments but were unfortunately unable to break through the defence. It was a great game in which 14 boys played their first match for the Little side, and 2 played their first ever game of rugby. End result 7-17.

### **Boys U16A v St Peter's York (A) Won 21-7**

Sedbergh travelled to St Peter's York looking to build on the strong momentum they've developed this season. It was a slow start for the Brown, who spent much of the early exchanges on the back foot, but defending well.

As the game progressed, Sedbergh began to find their rhythm. A well-executed try from Ben H opened the scoring, followed by another well-worked move finished off by George H. This gave Sedbergh a lead at half-time, though there were still areas to improve.

In the second half, Sedbergh played some good rugby, but a lack of clinical edge in promising areas and a series of penalties allowed the hosts to stay in the contest. St Peter's capitalised with a try of their own, narrowing the gap to 14-7 with ten minutes to play.

However, Sedbergh responded well. A turnover from the restart led to a period of patient attacking play, leading to a second try for George H, again following a well-constructed move. That score sealed a 21-7 victory for Sedbergh.

While plenty of work remains to be done, the team maintained their winning run heading into a huge week, with a clash against Blackrock on the horizon.

Man of the match went to Zach E – for his outstanding effort and work rate in both attack and defence.



1st XV

v

St Peter's York





### **Boys U16Bv St Peter's York (A) Won 34-0**

A2 played a highly competitive match against a well-organised and spirited St Peter's side. The scoreline does not fully reflect the battle that took place on the pitch. Sedbergh's defence was immense, with tackles and turnovers from the dynamic duo of Kieran A and Jack M underpinning the best defensive display of the season so far.

Jamie LS orchestrated the victory with composure; his kicking was superb and his distribution highly effective. Casper H carried the ball with real purpose, while the pace of Alec M proved a major asset in attack.

Overall, this was a very pleasing performance from A2 — though there are still areas to refine moving forward.

### **Boys U15A v St Peter's York (A) Lost 25-19**

Sedbergh showed good spirit and fight to close the gap on St Peter's in the final minutes of this competitive fixture, after lapses of concentration and poor decision making at key moments had contributed to St Peter's building a significant lead over Colts B.

St Peter's U15s are a good side and were more clinical than Sedbergh, punishing errors and also making good decisions to move the ball to width when Brown became congested in defence. Sedbergh's wider defenders contributed to the success of the home side by biting in too readily and will need to rectify this in future weeks.

Some strong ball carrying, in particular from Jelani I and Harry P, helped Sedbergh build their attack but too many opportunities in opposition territory ended up being wasted.

The final ten minutes showed that Sedbergh can play at the necessary intensity, which they will need to as they head into an extremely demanding few weeks of the season.

### **Boys U15B v St Peter's York (A) Won 26-12**

This was a really good performance from B2. All 19 players made a full contribution to the victory. Though the score may look comfortable the boys had to really dig in and defend especially in the first half.

Structure was good and playing with more depth allowed us to be more threatening. Alongside this some smart decision making kept us in control against good opponents.

### **Boys U14A v St Peter's York (H) Won 50-0**

The U14A boys enjoyed an afternoon fixture on Powell Pitch against a spirit St Peter's, York. While the scoreline suggests a comprehensive victory the team did not have it all their own way. The St Peter's team started brightly and only some strong defence and a knock on in slippery conditions stopped them from scoring first. string performances from Oscar L, Jody D and Raf C in the first half saw the team take a 21-0 lead into half time.

Half time 21-0

The second half followed a similar pattern to that of the first with St Peter's pushing hard for an elusive try. Again, strong defence from Sedbergh meant that their line remained intact for the whole of the game. Further tries from Senna CDVL, Haruto K & Adam H combined with a strong kicking performance from Henry C saw the final score reach 50 at the final whistle. The final try of the game was the best in terms of team play and movement of the ball.

This week sees the team in Cup action against Newcastle RGS on Wednesday as well as the challenge of Blackrock College on Saturday. The team will be focused firstly on putting their best foot forward in the Cup.

### **Boys U14B v St Peter's York (H) Won 47-5**

A scrappy game played in difficult conditions saw the C2 beat St Peters at home on Saturday. Some strong runs from Mason M, James M and Erasmus N were too much for the opposition defence to handle, and we scored several tries before the half time break. Austin GB kicked well in the blustery conditions, and it was great to see Thomas M take part in his first ever rugby match. Sam S, Bertie L and Hugo BM ran well with the ball in hand, and Hugo was rewarded with a second half for C1. Well done to the players who started on the bench and came on to play a variety of new positions. We needed to develop a bit more continuity with our passing and handling, and targets for next week's match against Blackrock will be to utilise the space out wide and give the pass before it becomes the only remaining option.

### **Hockey**

#### **Girls U18A v Bradford Grammar School (H) Won 7-0**

Win 7-0 A very convincing performance from start to finish. Gresswell scored a superb hatrick, Evans bagged two with Neesham and Foxtan also on the scoresheet. The girls moved the ball well at speed. Especially effect in space the second half saw a more measured approach, demonstrating patience and calm.

POM - Gresswell

#### **Girls U18A v The King's School Chester (A) Drew 2-2**

A pretty frustrating afternoon in Chester. Sedbergh started slowly and seemed unsure of themselves defensively. Kings capitalised with two almost identical goals. with their right back cutting field, evading numerous flailing sticks before striking on the backhand past Cooke. Cooke however, had a great game in goal making numerous saves as Sedbergh still couldn't organise themselves in front of her. Just before half time Sedbergh got a lifeline of a goal from a well taken penalty corner strike.

The second half was a significant improvement with Carnochan equalising from a great counterattack. The defence looked tighter meaning Cooke had a quieter time. In truth the girls should have scored again but two good saves and a goal line clearance meant the game ended in a draw.

POM - Cooke

#### **Girls U18B v The King's School Chester (A) Won 8-2**

We had a fixture Vs. Kings Chester this afternoon and we have come away with a massive victory.

We started the game strong, with high pressing, good tackles making turn overs, ball speed and using the space to get the ball around.

We had many D entries in the first half and took 90% of opportunities and chances to score goals. We finished well with a team theme of if we enter the D area we must do 3 things: take a shot, get a short corner or score a goal and by the end of the first half we were 7-0 up.

Second half wasn't at our best as we lifted the gas off the pedal and let 2 quick goals in making it 7-2. We scored from a short corner late in the second half making it 8-2. That how we ended our game and so many positive points and learning came from it. The girls played as a team and got the job done.

### **Girls U18B v St Peter's York (H) Drew 1-1**

Sedbergh started strong in an entertaining game between two evenly matched sides. A fast paced first half saw both goalkeepers make good saves, but the home side had most of the chances. The ball finally finding the back of the St Peter's goal after great attacking move was finished by Martha Nesbit.

With the score at half time 1-0, more of the same was needed after the break. St Peter's started to come into the game more, but Sedbergh must some opportunities to put the game to bed. With 2 minutes to go St Peter's broke away and scored the equaliser against the run of play. Sedbergh forced a short corner with the last play of the game and looked to have scored the winner, unfortunately it was just wide.

### **Girls U18C v St Peter's York (A) Won 1-0**

We started our game on the backfoot with no keeper being available for our 3rd XI hockey fixture Vs. St Peters York.

We had one goal and that was to work as a team no matter what situations we were put in during our fixture. We kept to a simple styled hockey method, and it worked with our basics being on point with strong tackles, passing and taking many shots on goal once we got into our oppositions D area.

We scored first within the first 15 minutes of the first half with the momentum on our side. We started the second half well, but couldn't convert our chances during the second half. There were a few moments where St Peters came close to equalising, but our defence held their nerve by keeping the ball out. Our game ended 1-0 to Sedbergh which was a fantastic effort with no keeper.

### **Girls U15A v St Peter's York (H) Won 7-0**

The U15A team faced St Peter's on Saturday in tough conditions. The girls went into the match determined to improve their hockey by working together as a team, with the emphasis on teamwork rather than just the result.

They rose to the challenge and played their best hockey of the season so far, showing real progress in their fundamental skills. Bella C and Polly W both found the net with strong, powerful strikes that continue to grow each week. At the back, Annabel H was outstanding in leading the defence, making it difficult for St Peter's to break through. The team will continue to build on their cohesion and core skills as the season progresses. Player of the Match was awarded to Lottie B.

### **Girls U15B v St Peter's York (H) Won 5-0**

The U15B girls delivered an excellent 5-0 victory over St Peter's York, showing great effort and determination throughout, as well as support for one another for the entirety of the match.

Teamwork was a real highlight of the performance, with all players contributing as much as possible within their position. Communication across the pitch was outstanding, allowing the team to move the ball confidently and create numerous scoring opportunities, with L Cook and U Morris scoring outstanding goals, set up by M Frearson and G Goligher.

### **Girls U14A v St Peter's York (H) Lost 1-0**

The U14A's started strong against St Peter's, dominating territory and possession early on. St Peter's managed to settle into the game and start creating chances of their own. Eloise, Cait, Hattie and Indi C held strong in defence to get us to half time at 0-0. The game remained open, but St Peter's managed to score a good breakaway goal. Sedbergh began to put on more pressure and created more chances but no luck. A tough result for the girls, hard work continuing.

### **Girls U14B v St Peter's York (H) Won 4-1**

The U14B girls recorded a strong 4-1 victory against St Peter's York following a slightly slow start to the match. The team took some time to settle but soon found their rhythm, gaining control through effective passing and strong teamwork.

The midfield performed exceptionally well, maintaining possession and linking play efficiently between defence and attack.

Stand out performances from S Bolton-Price, I Gladstone and B Birkbeck showed both pace and determination throughout both halves, securing the win for the team.

### **Sedbergh HC v Wigton 2s (A) Won 5-1**

Despite challenging weather conditions and a strong wind throughout the morning, Sedbergh Hockey Club put in an excellent performance against Wigton.

The first half was closely contested, with both teams battling hard and the score level at 1-1 going into the break. After a constructive half-time chat about structure and maintaining composure, Sedbergh came out with renewed focus and energy.

The team dominated the second half, moving the ball confidently and showing great teamwork to finish with a convincing 5-1 win. A fantastic effort from everyone.

## **Netball**

### **Girls U14A South Lakes Tournament (H) Won**

On Wednesday we hosted the U14 South Lakes Tournament and our U14 A team were raring to get back on the court. A nervy few minutes to start their first match as they got into a rhythm but the nerves soon disappeared as the girls began to move the ball through court. The first game was a win and this gave the girls some confidence going into game 2. Some new combinations on court and high on confidence the girls went on to score a run of goals in the first half, after some great shooting by Evie and Minerva (who were on form all afternoon). Game 3 saw the girls play with some freedom and with some great pressure in defence, they girls moved the ball through court and found the shooters with ease.

The semi final we came up against QES and the girls knew they needed to win this match to secure a place in the final and the next round. The first half both teams were playing a lot of pressure, making each other work hard for every goal. With just a couple of goals in it a big second half was needed, which the girls delivered superbly. Some crucial turnovers saw us pull ahead and maintain the lead until the end.

In the final the girls went out and enjoyed the match but maintained their standards throughout wanting to ensure an unbeaten afternoon. A win in the final secured them winners of the tournament and puts them through to the county round. Well done girls.

### **Girls U15A v The Grange School Northwich (A) Lost 38-10**

Sedbergh's U15A netball squad faced The Grange on Friday- both teams showed outstanding determination throughout. Sedbergh started off strong, winning turnover after turnover, but The Grange's relentless defence made it difficult for us to get the ball to goal, meaning the final score was 10-38.

Our team have shown so much improvement over the past couple of weeks which was reflected in a lower goal difference this time. Ursula received Opposition's Player of the Match for her great attacking performance. Coach's Player went to Penny for getting some brilliant interceptions and remaining composed during a tense match.



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## **Golf**

### **Boys U18A v Stonyhurst College (H) Lost 1-3**

Sedbergh played host to an engaging match against Stonyhurst College, where both teams showcased impressive skill. The Stonyhurst squad, comprised of eight talented players, proved to be formidable opponents, while Sedbergh fielded a strong lineup, with many players making their debut.

The weather conditions were favorable, and the course was in excellent shape. Each match was closely contested remarkably, every match reached the last hole!

Ultimately, Stonyhurst emerged as deserving winners.

Looking ahead, Sedbergh will have the opportunity to compete against Stonyhurst again later this year in an away fixture.

## **Basketball**

### **Boys U18A v Stonyhurst College (H) Won 30-21**

Our first match of the new season and our first win. It wasn't a 'pretty' win with a lot of aimless running around for no benefit being exhibited by both teams, a lot of missed shots, and at times a lot of very questionable 'defending' that looked more akin to a game of British bulldogs than basketball. Nevertheless, the new look team led our captain by W Middleton produced more rare moments of quality compared to the opposition and we pulled off a good result.

We play Stonyhurst again in 2 weeks. Let's hope we can gel a bit better before then. Man of the match goes to Robin P who was decisive in attack and excellent in defence.

## **Badminton**

### **Mixed U18A v Stonyhurst College (H)**

This was the first fixture of the year, and new Captain William D led the team by example. He and his partner, Nick L (who has joined the School new for Year 12 this year), were unstoppable, playing some devastating badminton to win every game. They were supported by Jack Z (gaining his first Sedbergh representative honours) and his partner Robin Peng (who was fresh off the basketball court, from that team's win), Toby C and Nikolaus F (who stepped in, at the very last minute, also fresh from the basketball court, to replace an ill Mickey M), Jorin V and William B (both stepping up to replace other team members who had commitments elsewhere). While each of the pairs had some close games, it was Stonyhurst who ran out the victors overall, by 11 games to five.

## **Football**

### **Boys U18A v Ashville Harrogate (H)**

The 1XI suffered the heartbreak of losing 10-9 in a sudden death penalty shoot out to Ashville School in the 1st Round of the National Cup.

Battling horrendous weather conditions, as well as strong opposition, we fell to a long range effort midway through the first half. This saw us respond positively and some tricky wing play by Leon, our Yr11 French winger, saw captain Rocco, divert the ball home.

Two goals from Ashville just before half time, saw us trail 3-1. However, we came out with greater intensity and strikes from Jamie T, and Rocco adding to his tally saw us force the game into penalties, after finishing 3-3.

Despite our best efforts, it wasn't to be, losing 10-9 in a sudden death shootout. However, we are all proud of the effort displayed and it bodes well, as we start our extensive fixture list in January.

## Sailing

### Mixed U18A NSSA Single Handed Team Racing Championship (A)

Over the weekend, a 3 man team of Jamie L M, Kit B-C, and Matthias G headed to the National Toppers Team Racing Championship at Upton Warren. Sailing through the fierce winds brought by Storm Amy, the team were in their element on day 1 before gusts topping 50mph postponed racing until the afternoon. Following the second session, the team had taken wins over NEYSA Swale, Derbyshire, and Watermead; unfortunately they fell short against LYS and NEYSA Riblle.

The second day saw much improved conditions and the team made a quick start with a strong win over Royal Hospital School before becoming undone at the finish mark against Derbyshire. The team, led by Captain Jamie L M recovered well, dispatching of rivals LYS in a close fought rematch. The final race saw Sedbergh against the unbeaten NEYSA Hats, a competitive start saw the teams trading back and forth before NEYSA pulled away at the 2nd mark solidifying their position at the top of the table.

Sedbergh finished 10th overall out of a field of 22 teams. Although there is still room for improvement, the team should be proud of the progress made in the past two years.

## Shooting

### Jersey Tour (A)

The rifle team had a fantastic week shooting the Jersey Open. Thursday saw Gwen Griffiths and Lizzy Barnes shooting their first 3p competition, coming an incredible 4th and 5th place respectively in the prone, kneeling, and standing positions. This also marks the first 3 position competition Sedbergh has competed in.

Friday-Sunday were an intense 3 days, with each team member improving with every shoot. The competition was fully outdoors during Storm Amy with 50mph winds. Despite very little experience dealing with wind, the team held their own against a competitive international field.

Tobias Harrison

1st 50m C class weekend aggregate  
3rd comp 4 C class 50m  
2nd comp 6 C class 50m  
3rd weekend grand aggregate C class

Otis Ridley

3rd comp 1 C class 50m  
3rd comp 2 C class 100 yds  
2nd weekend grand aggregate C class  
1st comp 5 C class 100 yds & 50m

Harry Mulligan

- 2nd 50m aggregate C class  
- 2nd 100 yds aggregate C class  
- 2nd comp 1 C class 50m

Dan Akman

1st comp 6 C class

Chiyo Sekine

1st Junior weekend aggregate  
1st comp 3 B class 100 yds

Outside of shooting, the team were able to enjoy Jersey, with trips to the town, the war tunnels, and surfing (pre-storm).

Shooting the Jersey Open is an exciting step in the Rifle club, as the experience gained will put the team in good stead for future national competitions.



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v  
**Stonyhurst**



## Running

### English Schools Fell Running Championships

After the rampage of Storm Amy, Sedbergh woke to near-perfect conditions for fell running. The air was cool and crisp, visibility was excellent, and the sky above Winder was a flawless blue. By mid-morning, Lupton Field was alive with excitement as more than 350 runners from schools across England gathered for the 17th English Schools Fell Running Championships, hosted by Sedbergh School.

Few venues can rival Sedbergh for atmosphere, and this year was no exception. Hundreds of spectators lined Lupton Field and dotted the hillside, binoculars trained on the long, colourful trails of runners winding their way up the fell. The school community was out in force, with staff giving up their Sunday to marshal on the course and senior pupils guiding and encouraging competitors at key points. One visiting spectator summed it up perfectly: "I've been attending this for 20 years and this is the best organised event I've seen."

The event brought together the Prep and Senior Schools as one unified Sedbergh team – a hallmark of the school's running culture. Thirty-one Sedberghians toed the line across the four races, all setting off from Lupton Field to tackle demanding courses that climbed high onto the slopes of Winder before sweeping back down to the valley.

#### Year 7 Race (75 runners)

The Prep girls led from the front, with Maia D and Sophia C narrowly missing out on medals in 4th and 5th respectively – a superb start to the day and a sign of great promise for the years ahead.

#### Year 8/9 Race (131 runners)

In the largest field of the day, Harri T (9H) and Monty F (9W) ran strongly together to finish 32nd and 33rd, while Maggie R (Yr8) impressed as the first Sedbergh girl home in 9th, an excellent performance from a younger athlete in this combined age group.

#### Year 10/11 Race (101 runners)

All eyes were on Sedbergh's two international representatives, Lucia C (10R) and George M (11H), both running in their first home race since earning national selection. Lucia continued her fine form, finishing 2nd behind the reigning British Champion, while George delivered a powerful run to take 5th in the boys' race.

#### Year 12/13 Race (51 runners)

With Hugo B (12Sh) sidelined through injury, Henry P (12Sh) led the senior boys home in 26th, while newcomer Juliet P-L (12L) impressed with 9th in the girls' race.

Across all age groups, Sedbergh's 13 debutants displayed exceptional courage in tackling the mighty Winder for their first fell race – a baptism of fire against some of the best young fell runners in the country.

### Team Results

In the overall team standings, Sedbergh narrowly missed out on victory, finishing second behind Giggleswick with scores of 11 and 16 respectively. Lucia (2nd), Maia (4th), Sophia (5th), and George (5th) provided the key results for the team total. Eaton Bank Academy of Congleton completed the podium in third place.

The day concluded with medal presentations to the top three in each race and the overall trophy going to Giggleswick, who were warmly congratulated by the Sedbergh hosts.

Hosting the Championships was a proud moment for the school in its 500th anniversary year, showcasing not only Sedbergh's historic connection with running but also its commitment to developing young athletes of all abilities. The event's seamless organisation, spirited atmosphere, and superb performances from across the team underlined why Sedbergh continues to be a beacon for school running.

With the narrowest of margins separating Sedbergh from the title, the ambition for next year is clear — to claim the crown when the Championships return to Winder in 2026.



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