

Warwickshire Schools Team Table Tennis Championships 2022-23

The Warwickshire Schools Team Table Tennis Championships took place on Sunday 20th November 2022 at Meon Vale Leisure Centre in Stratford for the first time in three years.

Pearl Hyde Primary School were the under 11 boys' champions.



Tudor Grange Academy, Solihull succeed in the under 13 boys' event, with Warwick School 'A' finishing in second place. The match between the two teams finished as a draw 4-4. Two wins apiece for Aarif Li and Rex Ho for Tudor Grange; with Atticus Westwood (Warwick School) also winning his two matches, and singles wins for Eshan Dheshi-Dabb and Jamie Davies. However, Tudor Grange Academy won one additional set which made the difference between the two teams.



Warwick School 'A' runners-up; Tudor Grange Academy champions – under 13 boys.

Warwick School were the champions in the under 16 boys' event, beating Tudor Grange Academy, Solihull 7-1. Starry Sheung won two matches, as did Rex Wong (despite losing the first set to Angus Li). Well done to Toby John and Lewis Baxter who played up from the under 13 team, and played superbly all day. Toby won both his matches in the final, including a 5-set battle against Darren Ng, winning 11-9, 5-11, 11-5, 9-11, 11-5. Lewis beat Max Eatherington in 4 sets (12-10, 11-8, 7-11, 11-9), but missed out in 4 sets to Archie Riley.



Warwick School, champions; Tudor Grange Academy, Solihull, runners up – under 16 boys.

Special mention to Arden Academy's Ben Hocombe and Josh Lorat (Arden Academy A), Max, Fin and Jonnie (Arden Academy B) who were playing in the Warwickshire Schools Team Championships for the first time, and played multiple matches, due to not having a full squad of players. This enabled the boys to gain valuable experience throughout the day. Additionally, Ben had some notable wins against Archie and Max from Tudor Grange and Lewis from Warwick School, with Josh also beating Max and Lewis.

Tudor Grange Academy, Solihull won the under 19 boys' event, with a 6-2 win against North Leamington School. Daniel Stone (NLS) fought back from 1-2 down to beat Jaymas Ng (10-12, 11-6, 5-11, 11-9, 12-10), and then followed this up by beating Sean Lee 11-6, 11-7, 11-7. However, the strength in depth from the TGA squad including double wins from Jack Mobberley and 12-year-old Haymas Ng, and singles from Sean and Jaymas proved crucial to secure the team win.



North Leamington School runners up; Tudor Grange Academy, Solihull, champions – under 19 boys.

The winning teams will now progress to the Zonal Finals taking place on Saturday 14th January (under 11 & under 13 events); and Sunday 15th January 2023 (under 16 & under 19 events), taking place at Wood Green Academy in Wednesbury.

Rugby High School (under 16 girls) and St Peter's School, Solihull (under 19 girls) will also progress to the Zonal Finals, being the only school to have entered their respective county events.

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- Caroline and Margaret for their support with the admin as well as setting up and clearing away.

- The school teachers who organised their teams and gave up their Sunday to come along and support their students.
- The parents for helping with the equipment and bringing their children to the Team Championships.

Well done to all the players involved, and good luck to those teams who have qualified for the Zonal Finals.

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