

2014 Humber Games Orienteering Final

Some 350 students from 20 Primary Schools and 12 Secondary Schools from all over the Humber Region came together on Friday July 11th for the Orienteering Final of the Humber Games. Each individual and school had qualified from one of the four area finals (Hull, NE Lincs, East Riding and N Lincs) that had taken place in the preceding weeks. In total over 1000 students had taken part in the qualifying rounds. To qualify for the Humber Games Final, school teams had to finish in the top 3 of their year group in the area finals. Individuals who finished in the top 3 but were not part of a qualifying school team were also given the opportunity to take part in the Final.

The wet weather overnight did create some muddy conditions for the early runners, but the glorious sunshine soon dried out the courses, providing perfect conditions for some very fast times. The courses provided a navigational challenge for the students in the grounds of Hymers College. A few failed to navigate correctly to all the control sites on their course, but the vast majority of students handled the challenges well with some very fast times seen.

In the Year 5 competition, 38 pairs from 13 different schools, took part on the 1.5 km course. The fastest pair were from Leconfield (Archie and Ethan) in a time of 10:10, only 4 seconds ahead Bottesford's leading pair (Ben and Alanah). Another Bottesford pair, Casey-Marie and Alex were third in 12:11 ensuring that the Bottesford team took the Year 5 title.

School results Year 5

1. Bottesford, N Lincs, 285 points
2. Victoria Dock, Hull, 263 points
3. Leconfield, East Riding, 262 points

In the Year 6 contest, 39 pairs took part from 15 different schools, competed on a 1.5km course. Thorngumbald's Josh and Daniel continued their fine form with victory in 9:24, 30 seconds ahead of East Riding rivals Jack and Jay from Driffield. Third place were Richard and Sam from Carr Lane Willerby in 11:03.

School results Year 6

1. Willows, NE Lincs, 280 points
2. Carr Lane, East Riding, 276 points
3. Driffield Juniors, 270 points

In the Year 7 competition, 28 pairs took part from 10 secondary schools on the 1.7km course. Fastest pair were Charlotte and Sophie from Longcroft School, in 13:02 over 3 minutes ahead of their team mates, Molly and Caitlin. Third place were Oliver Gillespie and Aleksander Peacock from St Mary's College.

School results Year 7

1. Longcroft, East Riding, 281 points
2. St. Mary's College, Hull, 274 points
3. Sir John Nelthorpe, N Lincs, 265 points

In the Year 8 contest, 30 pairs from 11 schools competed on the 2.0 km course. The fastest pair were Godwin Okolocha and Callum Vernon from St Mary's College over two minutes ahead of Howden's Max and Hannah. Havelock's Jordan and Wade were 3rd in 15:24.

School results Year 8

1. Havelock, NE Lincs, 289 points
2. Howden, East Riding, 276 points
3. Archbishop Sentamu, Hull, 263 points

In the Year 9 contest 30 individuals from 10 schools took part on the 2.3 km course. This contest was the most one-sided of the day, with Sir John Nelthorpe's three runners all finishing in the top four, Ben in 14:15. Nathanael and Archie were only separated by 1 second in 3rd and 4th place. Splitting the Nelthorpe runners was Caiden Tate from Axholme in 14:49.

School results Year 9

1. Sir John Nelthorpe, N Lincs, 295 points
2. Axholme N Lincs, 286 points
3. St Mary's College, Hull, 276 points

After seeing all the talent on show, Neil Harvatt, the organiser of the event, invited anyone who was interested in doing more orienteering to come along to the Beverley Club Night which takes place from 6.30 to 8 pm every Monday during term time at Longcroft School, Beverley starting in September. Suitable for all ages and abilities - no experience is necessary - qualified coaches are on hand. Club Nights are also held in

Grimsby and Scunthorpe on Wednesday evenings during the Autumn and Spring terms. Further information can be found at www.halo-orienteering.org.uk or from Neil Harvatt, telephone no. 01302 772911, email neil@halo-orienteering.org.uk