

South –West Inter-Regional Tournament

On Monday morning, as most youngsters were having a 'lie in' at the start of half term, 23 players from Bournemouth's High Potential and Development Squads were out of bed at 5:30am to make their way across to Filton Academy, Bristol to compete in the first South West Inter – Regional Table Tennis Tournament organised by Paul Whiting, the South –West Regional Coach.

Out of the sixteen teams competing, Bournemouth entered a creditable five, three in the High Potential Competition and two in the Development competition. After a challenging morning of matches both our High Potential 1 and Development 1 won their groups making it to their respective finals. High Potential Teams 2 and 3 both finished third in their groups, with the second team surprising many of the organisers by finishing above Filton Academy first team! In the development competition our second team also finished a very commendable third.

In the Finals, our High Potential team consisting of Michael Robertson,(player coach) George Downing, Patrick Hurley and Matt King were drawn against Okehampton 1. After the closest of matches, the final score in terms of matches was 2-2 so a count back of games was needed to see who was crowned South West ,High Potential Team Winner. Sadly for Bournemouth, this came out as 9 -6 to Okehampton leaving Bournemouth having to settle for second place. In the Development final, Bournemouth's team Finn Morgan-Bayliss, Jamie Trevillion, Shay Pollard, Matthew Daish and Alex Peel were drawn against Plymouth. In this final again, Bournemouth were pipped at the post losing 3-1 in matches, three of which went to 5 sets.

A fantastic day of table tennis was enjoyed by all .

Many thanks as always to the enthusiastic coaches and parents who gave up their time to support our players.