

## Sherborne Girls' 34 International College Girls 2

The first basketball match of the season for the IC girls proved to be a big scoring one, but unfortunately not in the direction we would have wanted. Captained by Sophie, the IC girls looked the part in their team kit and entered the court looking strong and unfazed by the height advantage of the SG team. An early break by Edison raised hopes that the first points would go to IC, but halting her in her tracks SG stole the ball and returned it to their end to put two points on the board. The first quarter continued in a frenzy of end to end play and IC were unlucky not to score, with Yuki and Sophie trying particularly hard. Two more baskets by SG's star player brought the score to 6:0.

After a short break SG once again looked like scoring early, but some strong defensive work by Cloe, who used her height advantage to great effect, gave Edison the ball. However it was not to be and two quick baskets were snatched by SG. This pattern was repeated, and despite Cloe and Momoko working admirably as a team and some strong dribbling by Sophie the score at the end of the second quarter was 18:0.

SG won the tip off at the start of the third quarter, but a missed basket allowed Sophie to steal the ball and make a break. Unfortunately SG's star player once again interrupted her progress and returned the ball for two points. Some fancy dribble work by SG was halted by Cloe, but resulted in a tumble, and the ensuing sideline throw led to two further points for SG. Cloe did not give up, however, and managed to free the ball to Edison, who passed it between Liza and Sylvia to bring play back to IC's end just in time for the buzzer, but not in time to score.

Following a very engaging team talk from Miss Norton, the IC team returned to the court in a buoyant mood to begin the final quarter, which saw Edison score the IC's only two points. A final rush of scoring from SG resulted in a final score of 34:2. The score line certainly did not reflect the amount of effort made by the girls from the IC, who, despite playing against a far more experienced team, were a credit to the school and maintained their spirits to the final buzzer.