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On Tuesday 20th November we had the game we had all been waiting for – a visit to Millfield. We arrived to find a team of very tall Sixth-Formers and although initially daunted we soon realised that we had to believe we could win to stand any chance. As at the last game “team Luxembourg” put in a strong start racking up 12 points in the first quarter to lead 12:5; Joan, scoring half of these points.

In the second quarter we made some changes and only Audrey remained from the starting five. The second quarter proved more difficult as Millfield upped their game. We struggled a little against opponents who were stronger and bigger and as we went to the break we were hanging on to a 1 point lead after Joan had scored the only basket for the International College. Millfield had almost caught up – 14:13. We went to the break and regrouped, reorganised and made sure everyone knew that if we wanted to win we would have to be stronger and more aggressive – Millfield weren’t going to give up.

For the third quarter we reverted to the original starting 5 – Audrey, Joan, Amy, Jenny and Frances – all showing great stamina and fitness. Audrey led from the front, fighting for every ball and putting in a number of good blocks, as did Jenny and Amy. By the end of the third quarter everyone was starting to tire but with Audrey and Joan notching up 10 more points between them and Jenny adding another basket we went into the final quarter leading 26:19 knowing we had to hold on to our lead.

Millfield fought valiantly to get back into the game scoring 12 points in as many minutes, but the International College proved just too strong, Joan and Audrey added another 6 points each with great assists from Amy and Frances. The buzzer went for the end of the game and it was a great feeling to look up at the scoreboards and see it lit up – 38:31 – a really fantastic win!

The International College team was - Audrey (C), Joan, Amy, Jenny, Frances, Cherie, Janice, Aya and Kik.