

COACHING PROGRAMME & JUNIOR SECTION REPORT AGM 2024

As outgoing JS, I would like to give an overview of the section.

Junior numbers continue to thrive, making up around half of the membership.

Junior players are often a gateway to adults, via the Tennis Express coaching programme or indeed joining themselves to play with their children on court.

Junior nights were thriving last season and we can't wait for them to return on 1 March. Both the courts and the bar are packed more often than not.

The Winter and Summer leagues teams have performed really well, with children getting lots of exposure to other clubs, Raising the profile of our club with visitors and enjoy the team spirit of playing together in their HLTC sponsored kits.

Coach Sue and Owen have. Community programme for tennis in local schools, including a disability programme and of course the holiday camps prove to be a huge success every school break. Kids have the opportunity to compete in the Road to Wimbledon, there is an LTA Prime event for girls and several juniors have completed their Young Leaders course.

As we can all attest to tennis is such a fantastic sport and growing up as part of a club is an enriching experience for children.

I would like to thank all the people involved with the juniors, whether that's running a team, helping on court, making cakes, serving baked potatoes, designing our fabulous posters, and taxing the kids to different clubs.

I would also like to thank Coach Sue, coach Owen and Coach Andy, for their ongoing commitment to our juniors, and to the future of the club.

It's been a privilege to be a part of the junior section over the past 2 years.