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Dear Parent/Carer,

This special edition of the newsletter focusses on the incredible achievements of our very own young lionesses.

I had the privilege of meeting them for breakfast after they had represented Doncaster at the Regional Championships. It was clear from the start that they are a close knit bunch despite being made up of some (all) very strong individuals. Ms Staves described how it was clear that they had come closer together as a team by winning and losing. The way they encouraged and supported each other is an inspiration. Ariana put this into words.

"The tournament was an amazing experience that I really enjoyed. It was really nice to see and play against so many girls of such quality. It shows how much the game has grown and what kind of positive direction the girls game is going in.

For me personally this will be a day I won't forget being getting scouted for England. The moment I found out I was speechless, excited and so many more different emotions. I couldn't have done it without the support of everyone around me."

India continued. "Being a part of the McAuley Girls Football team is very rewarding. From my point of view, football isn't just a sport, it is an opportunity to figure yourself out and be yourself on the pitch.

In our matches, we have played extremely well, however, even if we are in positions we aren't good in, we still try our hardest.

Ms Staves and Mr Pasternak have been amazing sports coaches throughout my year 7 football career. When I first joined, I didn't know anyone, and I was too scared to touch the ball. But now I have built up my confidence and have never played better.

Our team is a very good team and even if we lose, we may have our moments, but we keep our heads up and we try again.

Being in the tournament was a very appreciative moment because even though sometimes things don't go to plan, we snap back like an elastic band. Our teamwork has gradually got better over time even if we don't play our best.

In training if someone doesn't understand, we stop and help them and then we are all playing on the same page and none of us are left behind.

"I have come to the realisation that it's not about if you win the game or not, it's how you play the game and work as a team throughout it."

I think that says it all!



**John Rooney
Headteacher**