

Ursuline Prep pupils make home court advantage count to book spot at nationals



■ Brentwood Ursuline Prep School's netball squad are all smiles after making the most of home court advantage at the ISA East Region tournament to qualify for the national finals later this year

Special report

Brentwood Ursuline Prep's netball squad made home court advantage count as they booked a place in the National finals.

The school played host to the ISA East Anglia under-11 tournament for the first time last week and secured the runners-up spot on the day to qualify.

Eight schools were due to compete in the event, but one had to withdraw at the last moment.

Ursuline fielded a B team made up of pupils from Year-Four and Five to enable the competition to proceed as planned.

And the two home teams were joined by others from Alleyn Court, Cambridge International, Heathcote Prep,

Littlegarth, Sacred Heart and St Margaret's Prep, with some exciting games being played in the two groups.

Spokesperson Jan West said: "Towards the end of the tournament the weather, which had been reasonably dry all afternoon, changed for the worst.

"Conditions became very difficult, with teams playing in torrential rain."

Ursuline met Littlegarth in the final and, although they ended up defeated, they went through along with the winners and third-placed Alleyn Court.

Ursuline Prep A: Zara Hameed, Louisa Carolan, Heather Young, Maddy Stapleton, Florence Burrows, Alice Lindsay, Gracie O'Malley, Amelia Moule.



■ Action from the ISA East Region netball finals at Brentwood Ursuline