

Report from Dicon Gray on Angley Sports college students participation at the Kent Schools Championships

Nine Angley Sports college students played in the Kent Schools individual table tennis championships held at the Howard school table tennis centre, Gillingham on Thursday 28th February. For most of the players (aged between 10 and 16) it was their first competitive experience and they acquitted themselves very well with most winning a few matches.

For brother and sister Lewis and Daniella Gray however it was serious business as both held high hopes of winning their events thus qualifying for the national schools championships to be held at the Doncaster Dome in April.

In the U13 girls 12 year old Daniella took the under 13 title brushing a side her opponents in the early rounds and putting in a determined and skilful performance in the crunch match to narrowly defeat the highly rated, number 1 seed Lauren Beaumont from Rainham Girls School. Delighted with her win Daniella commented "it was just one of those days where everything clicked and I couldn't do anything wrong".

In the U16 boys, fresh from his recently acquired P&O Ferries sponsorship deal, top rated Lewis showed his class by reaching the final with a string of easy wins. In the final he came up against Rainham Grammar school boy Harry Lumb. A pulsating match ensued with Gray outlasting and out powering the gallant Lumb for a hard fought 3-0 victory and with it the title.