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## Unbeaten netball team courting success

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# 'Invincibles' aiming to net award

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THERE'S no stopping the Year 9 netball team at Bramcote School.

The 13 and 14-year-olds have been undefeated in the past 12 months, bagging a clutch of titles along the way.

And their latest reason to be proud is a whopping 41 nominations in the Best of Broxtowe Borough Awards, a scheme run by the Post in conjunction with Broxtowe Borough Council to honour the area's achievements.

The girls – Chloe Peebles, Holly Roome, Hollie Weedon, Beth Rontree, Jodie Pease, Jenna White, Hannah Paice and Caitlyn McDonald – are the toast of their school and are nominated in the Young Achiever and Sports Personality of the Year sections.

Their PE teacher, Richard Bateman, said: "The dedication and hard work the team has put in has been exceptional. Not only do they play but they also run practices for the younger year groups and umpire both primary school tournaments and secondary school games. They always play with pride and represent the school and county with

great honour."

Team member Beth said: "As a member of the netball team, I feel we have so much progress over the year from where we first began. I love being part of the team and all of the girls are so supportive and all have become such good friends."

The team has been playing together since Year 7 and were entered into a range of tournaments around the county.

Their success started in



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Fiona McDonald

March last year as they became the Nottingham Central Venue League winners for Year 8, and were undefeated throughout the whole tournament. This included victories over schools such as George Spencer Academy, Carlton Le Willows Academy, The West Bridgford School and Nottingham Girls High School.

The team was then entered in the Year 9 tournament this

year where again they defeated all comers including much larger schools like Arnold Hill Academy, All Saints Catholic Academy and Rushcliffe School. They continued this winning streak by winning the Nottinghamshire County Tournament – the first time ever that a Bramcote School team has done so.

Again they were undefeated, and were competing as one of the smallest schools in the county, which has only 34 girls in the whole year.

For winning the county tournament they were then one of the two county representatives in the East Midlands Tournament. They were also one of very few state schools at the competition, triumphing over private schools such as Derbyshire's Repton School, Queen Elizabeth School Gainsborough and Ecclesbourne School, in Duffield, Derbyshire, to finish third overall and the best state school in the East Midlands at U14 level.

As well as representing the school they are also regional U14 champions for Bramcote Netball Club.

They returned to school to play in the age group above's Nottingham Central Venue League to again be undefeated.



Team captain Chloe Peebles, 14, pictured right with the rest of her unbeaten team, from Year 9 at Bramcote School.

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There are high hopes for a national schools competition next year.

Emma Deakin's nomination was based on the girls' "commitment and dedication to training and their sports. Phenomenal results throughout the year."

Fiona McDonald added: "They have really put netball

on the map in Bramcote and are inspiring younger players too by helping out at primary schools."

Time is running out to nominate your unsung heroes in the awards scheme, which has had more than 700 nominations in categories including Local Hero, Young Achiever and various business categor-

ies – the deadline of April 8 looms.

Three finalists will be short-listed into each category by an independent judging panel, then invited to an awards ceremony, on Thursday, May 12 at The Walled Garden, Beeston Fields.

To nominate, complete the form at nottinghampost.com.



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