

ISLAND SCHOOL SPORTS

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A number of records fell and there were some near misses, too, at this year's island school sports. The Grammar School and Ladies' College were the most successful, as **MATT LIHOU** reports

TEN records were broken on a high-quality day of action at the annual island inter-schools sports day at Footes Lane.

Although numbers were severely depleted in Year 10 due to a clash with exams, some of the performances on a hot day were exemplary.

On top of the large number that made event history, there were another couple who came within a whisker of doing the same.

Alastair Chalmers was one of that unlucky group with his truly outstanding successful clear of 1.59m in the Year 9 boys high jump.

Had he been able to clear another centimetre, he would have equalled an event record that will now survive a quarter-of-a-century, standing since 1990.

However, Chalmers was still able to break a record, as the Elizabeth College student won the hurdles in a rapid 11.7sec., comfortably clear of the rest.

He also won the 100m for an impressive hat-trick of wins, all of which helped his school to win the trophy for that age group.

Another stand-out performer was Toby Meller, from the Grammar School, who won the 300m in an impressive 39.00, another record to fall.

His school also won the relay, one of the seven they were successful in, the only one they didn't win being the Year 7 girls.

In the Year 9 girls category, Grammar set a new record of 54.4.

Of that age group, Kira Avery (Grammar) and Vicky Mann (Ladies' College) were the stars, both girls breaking a record in winning two events apiece.

Mann's shot put throw of 8.70m decimated the rest of the field to make history, while Avery's 26.51m in the javelin did likewise in that particular event.

The javelin and shot put were particularly impressive events throughout the day, as Ladies' College's J. Queripel moved the mark forward in the

Year 8 girls' category.

Her effort of 16.40m. was one of two individual records she set, the only person to achieve that feat, and she also threw a highly-impressive 7.99m. in the shot put.

Both records also fell in those events in the Year 10 girls, with Laura Cashin (Grammar, javelin) and Hannah English (Ladies' College, shot put) the stars there.

Another impressive performer in that age group was Victoria Thorburn of Grammar, who secured victory in the 100m, 300m and long jump events.

The only record to fall in that age group in the boys' events was to Ed Mason, but what a performance it was from the middle-distance runner.

His 2-09.7 in the 800m was an outstanding display, as he didn't let up from the start to the finish line.

No records fell across the Year 7 events, although Louie Le Cheminant shone in winning a tough trio of events – the 800m, 1,500m and high jump.

Jay Piset and Charlie Driscoll won two events apiece.

One of the most open sections of the day was the Year 7 girls, although there were pairs of wins for Maya Le Tissier, Abigail Tardival and Amelia Lees.

In the Year 8 boys, Sam Culverwell shone in winning the 300m and 800m races, the latter in particularly impressive nature.

Peter Curtis, from the Grammar School, also excelled to win the 200m and long jump, with his school one of two that dominated the overall standings.

They won three of the four boys' categories, the exception being Elizabeth College's success in Year 8, although the Year 10 age group saw just three schools compete.

In the girls' events, Grammar also won two of those, although Ladies' College also did brilliantly to win the other two out of three that they competed in.



Elizabeth College's Ollie Hudson, 15, in the shot put.