

Coffey and Jenny Street came ninth and tenth in the Third Year race, beat most of the lads and recorded the fastest times for all the girls on the afternoon. Colours were awarded to all runners and fourth place was a very satisfactory result.

The other competition during the Michaelmas Term is the debating and, although we had many good debaters and had received praise from the adjudicators in the past, we had not been able to win the competition in recent years. However, Laura Leveson and Matthew Kay, speaking in favour of Corporal Punishment, triumphed this year. The judges praised Laura for her confidence, her use of tone and expression and for her excellent content and Matthew for being well prepared and good rebuttal. Also, they complemented each other well in style and showed excellent team work. Colours were awarded for their excellent efforts and, as often is the case, I was unable to see their winning performance due to Heywood's debate taking place against an exam group's lesson. Maybe I ought to stay away in future years!

On the social side, Heywood took part in two trips during the term. At half term, the Upper Sixth House Prefects were invited to Blackpool for a meal followed by a couple of hours on the Pleasure Beach. Originally, twelve Sixth Formers were invited, along with Miss Smith, Mr Gracey and Mr Simkin, but by the afternoon of the trip, we were down to five - through parties, football matches, a vet's visit and illness. By the time Asif Majid and Nick Davenport got lost in Preston, we ended up with more staff than pupils! However, it was a very sociable evening and the highlight was Mr Gracey's yell of "Stone the crows" as he descended the first drop on the 'Big One'.

As the Middle School forms were now in Houses, it was decided to hold a ten-pin bowling trip for those pupils who avoided Saturday detention. 4H were very keen but only one of 3H volunteered to go, despite the House fund picking up the bill. Nevertheless, a good time was had by all and I propose to hold this sort of trip again.

At the end of term, Mrs Hampson left to have her first child and Miss Raw stepped in to take over 3H. Also, during the period of the mock exams, Matt Whyatt and Tabassum Safdar were appointed to the Lower Sixth duty list and Priti Shah and Glynn Roberts were made acting Heads of House.

LENT TERM

Senior Netball K.O. Captain:	Rachel Aldersley
Senior Lacrosse K.O Captain:	James Higgins
Senior Lacrosse League Captain:	Matthew Whyatt
Junior Netball K.O Captain:	Danny Baker
Junior Lacrosse K.O Captains:	Luke Coffey/Neel Shah
House Play Producer:	Laura Leveson

To allow the Upper Sixth to concentrate on their studies, the following Lower Sixth Formers were appointed House Prefects: Matthew Whyatt, Tabassum Safdar, Priti Shah, Glynn Roberts, James Higgins, Duygu Uflaz, Jaime Stockberger, Alex McArthur, Kurtis Lannon, Waseem Khan, Rachel Aldersley, Matthew Kay and Ayyaz Ahmad.

The first assembly concentrated on dates and captains or organisers for the various events and colours were awarded to the Road Run competitors, including Zahid Ahmed as a new award.

An 11-2 mauling at the hands of Byrom meant we were out of the Junior Lacrosse Knockout in the first round. The pleasing aspect of this match was that, despite being outplayed, the lads kept trying and took great delight from scoring two goals against a very strong side.

The Senior Lacrosse Knockout proved even more of a disaster. On the day, we lost Matt Whyatt, Glynn Roberts, Michael Ghazi and David Wynter and, with only James Higgins in the School squad, were on a hiding to nothing - 16-0 to be precise. The Senior League proved similar to the knockout. Due to appalling weather and the Charity Week, it was not possible for every House to play every other. After one win and three defeats, Heywood were fortunate to be placed fifth. Getting a full side out each week proved difficult, with absences and injuries, and Zurqab Razaq and Akeel Jamil deserve praise for turning out regularly at two minutes' notice.

Not surprisingly, the Hewlett Cup 6-a-sides proved very unrewarding for Heywood. The Third Year team beat Dalton 2-1 to record our only success of the afternoon. However, due to Gaskell's fielding a team of eight players against our senior third side, we won a second match by default! If there were a wooded spoon for this event, winning it five years in a row must count as some kind of record. Hopefully, the fortunes of Heywood, as far as lacrosse is concerned, must change for the better shortly. The pleasing aspect was the five teams all seemed to enjoy their matches and did their best.

The netball competitions proved much more successful. The Juniors comfortably beat Whitworth 4-2 and then lost narrowly 2-1 to Gaskell. In this second match, Gaskell were a very strong side and Heywood did very well to keep the score down against the eventual winners. In the semi-final, we lost 6-3 to Dalton, but played very well. Against Byrom, in the 3rd/4th play-off, having trailed by one goal throughout the match, we equalised to make it 7-7 and with fifteen seconds left, scored the winning goal. Colours were awarded to the whole team and it was very pleasing to see them play together and to each other's strengths.

The early rounds of the Senior competition were rather mixed. We knew we had a very strong side and the ability to reach the final. An excellent team performance saw us make 16-2 against Dalton, only to struggle against Whitworth. After a poor start, both teams were very equal. At 3-3 we looked to have problems before finally taking control to win 8-3. The semi-final against Gaskell proved rather one-sided and a 5-1 win never put us in the right frame of mind for the final against Fraser. Too many dropped passes, penalties for footwork and missed chances culminated in a 4-2 defeat. The girls were very disappointed, not because they had lost but because they had played so inconsistently. Colours were awarded to the whole team but were no consolation.

For the House Play, Laura Leveson chose, 'See How You Go' by Paul Francis with a cast of ten. The play centred around the daughter of a family and her first experiences as an office secretary. Miss Green, as adjudicator, felt that despite various changes made to the script and characters, the ending fell rather flat and the play did not really do justice to such a

talented cast. Carla Narnor was considered for best actress for her role as Mrs Prentis, Matthew Kay was praised for his gender-bending role as Alistair and it was very pleasing to hear such splendid comments on Graeme Laycock and Emma Cruickshank's performances as members of the family as they are both Fourth Years. The cast, after so much hard work, was happy to settle for third place, particularly after so many lost rehearsals and there is definite talent for the future. Glynn Roberts, Matthew Whyatt, Rachel Aldersley, Graeme Laycock, Sharon Becker and Edward Barker all did very well in their first House Play and gained a considerable amount from Laura's direction and the presence of Carla, Emma, Sophie Hope and Levinia Clemetson - old hands as far as School and House productions go.



Matthew Kay looks in whilst Glynn Roberts adds the final touches to his slovenly father role for Heywood's House Play.
(Photo: L. Sharp)

SUMMER TERM

Senior Cricket Captains:	Asif Majid & Tayyab Akhlaq
Senior Rounders Captain:	Tabassum Safdar
Junior Cricket Captain:	Asmar Chaudhry
Junior Rounders Captain:	Vanessa Cohen
Athletics Captains:	Senior Girls - Rachel Westbrook
	Senior Boys - Glynn Roberts
	Fourth Year Girls - Emma Cruickshank
	Fourth Year Boys - Adam Harris
	Third Year Girls - Beth Coffey
	Third Year Boys - Matt Dewsnap

As usual, The Upper Sixth House Prefects were excused duties and replaced permanently by the Lower Sixth. Priti Shah and Glynn Roberts were put in charge of organising dinner rotas.

The activities were badly disrupted by the weather and despite our trying to fit two rounds of Senior Knockouts and Senior Sports Day into four available afternoons, the weather came out on top. The first round of the Senior cricket drew Heywood against Gaskell. Asif Majid, with 57 and David Wynter with 37, made a very brisk start in few overs. Tayyab Akhlaq then added a further 23 to really push our score along. After a slight collapse, James Leinhardt, with 29 not out and Nick Davenport with 19 not out, saw us reach 197 in 20 overs. Excellent bowling from Asif and David saw Gaskell restricted to 53 all out. In the second round, against Byrom, the original date, before Whit, was washed out and when the rearranged date was announced, Heywood immediately had problems. Asif, James, Nick and José Camarasa all had 'A' Level exams the next day and David was working. We somehow managed to put together a full team but were restricted to 92-7 in 25 overs with Edward Barker scoring 28 and Tayyab 14. Without our main bowlers, Byrom scored 93-1 in 12 overs to win comfortably. However, the lads had played well as a team and I was delighted by the attitude of those making up numbers.

The Junior cricket and rounders knockouts both saw the first rounds postponed, again due to torrential rain. When Heywood played Whitworth in the cricket, we were restricted to 74-8 in 20 overs, with Imran Khan top scorer with 32. In reply, they reached 75-2 in 13.3 overs, although we did drop several very easy chances and only had nine players after 3.45 pm. Andrew Machin and Sam McClements took the two wickets.

The Senior girls put together a very strong side and comfortably beat Whitworth 8½-4½ and Gaskell 8-4 with excellent team performances in batting and fielding. Most of the rounders conceded were from obstructions or no balls, whereas Rachel Westbrook, Sophie Hope and Duygu Uflaz all scored two or more rounders each. Dalton, in the semi-final

on the Monday of the last week, should have proved no problem and the team was looking forward to a final against Fraser. However, having assembled a team of nine, despite holidays, an Oxford trip, work experience and injury, the heavens opened at 1.30 pm making the pitch unplayable. The irony of the situation was that for the remainder of the afternoon, there was glorious sunshine. The competition abruptly came to an end with no further days left to play it.



Rachel Westbrook strols home for another rounder against Whitworth.
(Photo: L. Sharp)

The Junior rounders was also disrupted by the weather but, with all the girls still in school, rearranging the date was easily done. In the first round, Heywood beat Whitworth 6-3 but lost 3-5 to Byrom. In the semi-final, against Gaskell, we played really well and scored 3 rounders. In reply, Gaskell only managed to win after scoring a rounder off the penultimate ball. In the 3rd/4th play-off, Emma Cruickshank and Danny Baker scored two rounders each. The match ended in a 4-4 draw when Byrom's last batter scored a rounder through a horrible mix up with an overthrow. However, joint third place had been well earned and the girls had played very well together. Colours were awarded and I was very pleased to see Sadia Akhtar and Vicky Horn receive them for the first time. I am also very grateful for Miss Smith's help in coaching and supporting the girls.

The Senior Athletics had no disruptions due to rain and went ahead as scheduled prior to the Upper Sixth Forms' and Fifth Forms' study leave. At the end of the afternoon, Fraser were in front with 157 points but Heywood were close behind with 130 points. Successes on the day were, amongst others, Glynn Roberts first in triple jump and second in long jump; Dan Bishopp second in shot and discus; Rachel Aldersley second in shot and third in discus; Adam Cooke second in high jump; Jaime Stockberger third in javelin and fourth in high jump; David Wynter fourth in 400 metres and long jump; Vicky Seel fourth in high jump; Tabassum Safdar fourth in 100 metres; Lauren Stranding fifth in 200 metres; James Higgins fifth in 1500 metres; Matthew Kay sixth in shot. Rachel Westbrook failed to hold on to her best senior girl athlete award from last year, despite winning the 200 metres and 800 metres, with second in long jump, because of the tremendous form of Carla Narnor. Carla won the 100 metres, high jump and long jump, all with School records. These two girls scored 46 points between them and are exceptionally talented athletes. Carla and Rachel also formed part of the winning 4 x 100 metres team with Vicky and Tabassum.

When the team sheets for the Middle School athletics were confirmed, we knew we had a strong team and a chance of catching Fraser. On the day, the following competitors scored points for Heywood. In Year 4:- Sefton Miller first in the 800 metres, third in high jump and fourth in 400 metres; Neel Shah third in 400 metres and fourth in 800 metres; Emma Cruickshank third in shot and fourth in 1500 metres and javelin; Neil Whitehead third in discus and fifth in javelin; Asmar Chaudhry fourth in 200 metres and fifth in triple jump; Adam Harris fourth in 100 metres; Andrew Machin fourth in discus; Vanesa Cohen fifth in long jump and sixth in 800 metres; Nick Reece sixth in 100 metres. However, Danny Baker won both the 100 metres and the 200 metres and was fourth in the high jump to finish runner up in the best girl athlete award. In Year 3:- John Sharp-Little first in shot and sixth in discus; Jenny Street first in 1500 metres and second in shot; Aamir Gill second in 100 metres and triple jump; Imran Khan second in shot and third in 400 metres; Matt Dewsnap third in 100 metres and 200 metres and fourth in triple jump; Seb Bowe third in javelin; Leanne Davidson third in long jump and fourth in 100 metres; Benji Mannheim fifth in 200 metres; Daniel Booth sixth in 800 metres. But the star of the afternoon, as far as Heywood was concerned, was Beth Coffey who took the best Third Year girl athlete award by winning the 200 metres, the 800 metres and second in the javelin. The relay teams also did well with a first, a second, a third, a fourth and two fifths to give Heywood first place on the afternoon. When the points were compiled, although we had not quite done enough, we had narrowed the gap on Fraser to 19 points and runners up spot with 331 points. Colours were awarded to all athletes who scored points and

included Wendy Choy and Ryan Horsley Frost as new awards. The other pleasing aspect of the athletics was that practically everybody in the Middle School had taken part and the sense of achievement was there to see with Heywood pupils in other year groups cheering home amber shirts.

Away from the sporting side, I met the new Heywood intake prior to half term with Miss Smith and Mr Gracey. Once again, I have never taught any of them so look forward to getting to know them as soon as possible, and for the right reasons. They will also stay together as form 3H with Mr Wise, who will be a valuable asset to the House. Miss Smith and Miss Raw are continuing with their forms next year and, along with Mr Gracey, were presented with gifts, in the last House assembly, in recognition for all their support of Heywood House and me. My job is made considerably easier by having cooperative, loyal and trustworthy pupils and supportive deputies.

In the final assembly, Tabassum Safdar and Matthew Whyatt, of Heywood, were appointed Heads of School, with Priti Shah and James Higgins joining them as Prefects. All four of these students have served Heywood tremendously well over the years and will do a very good job.

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WHITWORTH HOUSE

Towards the end of the summer term, the House was stunned and shocked to hear of the death of Tim Edwards due to a heart condition. Tim made an immense contribution both to School and House activities and will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathies and condolences go to his parents and his elder brother Paul who was also in Whitworth.

MICHAELMAS TERM

Heads of House:	James Silver* and Caroline Shaw*
Deputy Head of House:	Jonathan Gordon*
House Prefects:	Eleanor Heynes, Ashley Marks, Jonathan O'Keefe* (Joint Head of School), Jorden Partington.
	* denotes School Prefect.

Ashley Marks proved to be an excellent Captain of the Senior League Rugby squad which was a good mix of all the year groups. However, we soon lost Jorden Partington to the School 2nd XV and this greatly weakened the team at half-back. The first match was a very encouraging 14 all draw with Heywood. The team was 14-0 down but then produced some fine rugby to equalise with tries from Jorden Partington and Sam Sallon, both converted by James Beswick. We then played poorly against a strong Fraser team but then went on to beat Byrom and Gaskell. In the last match against Dalton, the team played with great spirit and determination although severely weakened due to injuries. Stephen Flood scored a superb solo try when he beat several defenders and then ran the length of the field. Eventually, we lost by 17 points-31. Overall, we were placed fourth and thanks go to Ashley Marks who was well supported by Jonathan Gordon, Jacob Haboubi, Stephen Flood, Daniel Durrance and James Beswick.

In the first round of the Senior Knockout, we played Dalton and deservedly won a close contest by 14 points-12. I was very pleased for the players because last year most of them had been beaten very convincingly by Dalton. This was a superb team effort and James Silver was an inspiring Captain, with strong support from Jorden Partington and Ashley Marks in particular. The forwards dominated and this helped to neutralise the more dangerous Dalton backs. The first try came after James Silver had driven forward from two tapped penalties, and then Neil Matthews picked up and scored. Then after another period of sustained pressure, Silver picked up from a five-metre scrum and scored under the posts to secure a well-deserved victory.

We then came up against the eventual winners, Byrom, in the next round and lost 14-36. The team started too slowly, let in a couple of simple scores, and from then on were always trying to catch up. Tim Edwards had a strong game and was rewarded with a brace of tries. James Silver was an excellent Captain who led by example and brought out the best in all members of the squad.

In the Senior Hockey, we had a useful squad and the girls played with great spirit and determination. In the first round matches, we beat Gaskell 2-0 and then lost to Heywood 0-3. This meant we played a powerful Fraser team in the semi-finals. The team was magnificent on the day and simply knocked Fraser backwards with some determined defence and strong attacking play. Alison Meakin scored after sustained pressure and this resulted in frantic attacking by Fraser. The defence held out for most of the game until, eventually, Fraser scored the equaliser. To add insult to injury, Fraser actually went through to the final on the basis of short corners! Dipti Trivedi was a superb Captain and organiser who received the full support of the team. It is difficult to pick out individuals but mention must be made of Caroline and Joanna Shaw, Elizabeth Hyde, Alex Preston and Alison Meakin. For the record, we then lost to Byrom to finish fourth overall.

The Junior Hockey team also competed well but with less success. In the first round, they drew with Gaskell who eventually went on to win, and then lost to Fraser. They then lost a close contest to Heywood on short corners to finally finish sixth. However, I was delighted with the effort and determination shown by all the players and would like to thank Miriam Mkumbwa for being Captain.

The House Music is always difficult to organise and thanks must go to Caroline Shaw who managed to put together a very successful programme. Once again, stalwarts Joanna Shaw - Piano, Sam Sallon - Trumpet and Tim Edwards - Alto Saxophone all produced first-class performances. Adam Miller and Jeffrey Wu then demonstrated their talents on the electric guitar and Helen Fisher on Clarinet showed great promise for the future. Gemma Bookbinder completed a varied individual programme with a vocal rendition of "The Rose" by Bette Midler. She has a remarkable voice and we look forward to other performances in the future. This year, we did manage to finish with an Ensemble which did very well considering the lack of actual practice. Overall, we were a very close third and most of the musicians are still available next year.

In recent years, Whitworth has been very successful in the Junior Sevens and this year continued the trend. The Third Year squad was exceptional and completely dominated their section. They had some powerful players who ran hard, straight and fast but also had ball-handling skills as well. Gaskell and Byrom were comfortably beaten in the first round and then Fraser in the final. John Fletcher was an outstanding Captain, but not far behind were Chris Howarth, Puya Niroomand, Daniel Robinson, Rashed Ahmed, Arif Zia and Daniel Mather. The Fourth Year team had to work hard to reach their final, beating Dalton but then just squeezing past Fraser. They then lost to a good Gaskell team in the final. However, the fact that they reached the final ensured that Whitworth were overall winners of the Junior Sevens competition. William Kent captained the Fourth Years and was ably supported by Jeffrey Wu. Congratulations to all team members on some excellent performances.

After last year's success in the swimming, hopes were once again high, particularly as the Third Years proved to have some excellent swimmers. We did well in the heats and consequently were well placed for the finals. The finals began with the relays and we eventually finished second, one point behind Fraser. The Third Year Medly Team were convincing winners and there were second places from the Senior Medly, the Fourth Year Squadron and the Third Year Squadron. The loss of Stephen Flood due to injury, was a crucial factor and the Senior Squadron finished fourth. However, it was an excellent competition as the first three houses were all very close together.

In the Individual Competition, there were some equally fine performances and eventually Whitworth were convincing winners. In the Third Years, Daniel Mather won the breaststroke and individual medley and was awarded the best individual trophy. Daniel Robinson and Chris Howarth were first and second in the backstroke, whilst Matthew Royle was second to Mather in the breaststroke.

Jeffrey Wu was first in the Fourth Year breaststroke and Iain Gage was second in both the butterfly and individual medley. In the Seniors, Elizabeth Hyde was first in the freestyle and second in the butterfly. Andrew Wall was first in both the breaststroke and individual medley and was awarded the trophy for best individual swimmer. Other finalists were John Fletcher, Robert Greenhalgh, Sarah Baker and William Kent who all contributed valuable points to the final score.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Elizabeth Hyde and Andrew Wall for all their efforts in the swimming during the last three years. They are both talented swimmers and have both contributed enormously to recent success. They will be sorely missed next year.

Success in the swimming was then followed by an outstanding performance in the Road Run. This is another competition which covers all age-groups and demands strength at all levels. Boys and girls together produced some excellent and gutsy runs to bring home Whitworth as convincing winners.

William Kent and Robert Greenhalgh were joint winners of the Fourth Year race, Paul Edisbury was first in the Fifth Year and Jo Shaw was first girl, and Jacob Royle won the Senior race. In addition, Rashed Ahmed and John Fletcher were second and third in the Third Year. Jacob Royle was a well organised Captain and I was delighted for him considering all the effort he has put into School running over the years. Whitworth's runners and their placings were:

Third Form:	Rashed Ahmed	2nd	Daniel Mather	14th
	John Fletcher	3rd	Helen Fisher	31st
	Levi Adams	13th	Sui Lim	34th
Fourth Form:	William Kent	1st	Gary Meakin	19th
	Robert Greenhalgh	1st	Miriam Mkumbwa	20th
	Umar Suhail	9th	Jemma Cohen	28th
Fifth Form:	Paul Edisbury	1st	Elizabeth Hyde	19th
	Richard Fisher	5th	Saqib Ahmad	20th
	Joanna Shaw	17th	James Hancock	23rd
Sixth Form:	Jacob Royle	1st	Dipti Trivedi	25th
	Ben Kent	8th	Alex Preston	26th
	Stephen Flood	9th	Tim Edwards	33rd

In the Senior Sevens, we competed strongly but just did not have the luck when it came to crucial games. The First Seven beat Heywood and ran a strong Byrom close, only losing by one try. The Second Seven beat Gaskell and then just lost to Heywood. Overall, we finished a creditable fourth.

A hectic but successful term then closed with the Junior Knockout Final. Earlier, we had comfortably beaten Heywood and now faced a powerful Byrom team. It was a very tight, hard- fought game which could easily have gone either way. A John Fletcher try gave Whitworth the lead, but in the second half Byrom struck twice and took a 15-5 lead. The team surged back and a powerful run by Puya Niroomand saw him score under the posts. This was converted and the score was now 15-12. A final attack was mounted and Jeffrey Wu was almost over the line only to be hauled back.

Congratulations must go to both sides but I was absolutely delighted by our performance. All players gave their best and were well led by William Kent who was everywhere.

Away from the games field, our excellent record in the Debating Competition was maintained by Jonathan O'Keefe and Jemma Cohen. They spoke in favour of the motion, 'This House does not believe animals have rights'. Both were confident, well prepared and gave good delivery. They were highly commended and pushed the winners all the way.

LENT TERM

The Senior League Lacrosse was Captained by James Silver and got off to an excellent start with victories over Heywood and Fraser. The defence was strong and Jorden Partington was always dangerous in mid-field. Daniel Durrance was the star of the attack, scoring several goals. Unfortunately, the weather disrupted the rest of the programme. When we finally played again, Silver and Partington were absent on a Geography Field Trip. The weakened squad lost narrowly to Dalton and drew with Gaskell. This placed us third overall which was a very creditable result.

In the Senior Knockout, we lacked School players and were well beaten by a strong Byrom team. Stephen Flood was Captain and played very well and was well supported by Paul Edisbury and Jorden Partington.

The Junior Lacrosse Knockout was a different story; this time we did have our share of School players. After a bye in the first round, we played a strong Byrom team and dominated the game to win 10-6. William Kent was excellent in mid-field and Daniel Mather and Michael Robson were good attackers. The final was against Dalton and was played in almost continuous rain. Once again, it was an excellent team performance, with Will Kent at the hub, and we were worthy winners 10-6. The spirit of the squad was typified by Alex Hogarth who volunteered to play in goal. He learnt quickly, stood his ground and gave confidence to all the team. Congratulations to William Kent and all the members of the squad.



Junior Lacrosse squad after their success in the final.

The Senior Netball was organised by Dawn Sing who then went on to play very well in attack. In the first round, we comfortably beat Dalton and then lost to a strong Heywood team. In the second round, we made Fraser work extremely hard for their victory and finally finished fourth. Many thanks to Dawn Sing and also to Joanna Shaw, and Elizabeth Hyde who were tireless in mid-field.

The Junior Netball team, once again, suffered from a lack of height and although they competed well, struggled in all their games. One of these days the House will actually have a tall team with a School shooter! Miriam Mkumbwa, Peju Pearce, Jemma Cohen, Sarah Baker and Marsha Freeman all worked very hard and deserved more reward for their efforts.

The Hewlett Cup promised much but, once again, the luck went against us. William Kent was injured and his loss was a serious blow to the Fourth Year team. The highlight was when the First Team beat a highly fancied Byrom squad 2-0. Overall, we finished fifth which was somewhat disappointing. Once again, the organisation was extremely good and thanks must go to all team captains and their squads.

Some welcome news came when Stephen Flood was awarded the Andrew Brown Trophy for the best School Lacrosse Player. Congratulations to Stephen on a thoroughly deserved award.

Last year, the House lost several talented actors and actresses, and the problem was further exacerbated when Caroline and Joanna Shaw were unavailable after their prominent roles in the School production. Alexandra Preston, with assistance from Dawn Sing, took on the difficult task of House Producer. "Here is Your Life", a spoof on "This is Your Life" was chosen because it needed a large cast and so provided plenty of opportunities to develop new, younger talent. Thanks to the efforts of Alexandra and Dawn, plus all of those involved, this aim was successfully achieved. The performance is

reviewed elsewhere and thanks must go to Jonathan Gordon who, in his final production, held everything together with a superb performance. Other first class performances came from Adam Miller, Jeremy Arnold, Jeffrey Wu, William Shaw, Peju Pearce and Jemma Cohen. I look forward to these and others carrying on the high standards of Whitworth Drama in the future. Alex and Dawn learnt much from the experience and I can assure them all their hard work was fully appreciated. Thanks also to James Lancaster who proved to be an excellent Stage Manager and also produced the programme.

MIDSUMMER TERM

This term was seriously affected by rain but in the end only one event was not completed. In the first round of the Senior Rounders, a full team was available and the girls comfortably beat Gaskell before losing to Heywood. The finals were then rained off. Alison Meakin was Captain and she received excellent support from all the Senior girls.

The Junior Rounders was similar to the netball. The girls competed well but this time suffered from a lack of powerful hitters. They eventually finished sixth.

In the Senior Cricket Knockout, we had a bye in the first round and then played Fraser. The team only had two recognised players but the Lower Sixth rallied round and made sure we fielded a full team. Faizan Ahmed, Rooshin Vadgama and Suresh Balachandra all represented the House at cricket for the first time and each made a positive contribution. Jacob Haboubi was literally pulled in at the last minute and then went on to anchor the innings and was top scorer. Although we did not score many runs, Fraser found it difficult to bowl us out and only managed this in the last over. They then easily knocked off the required total to win. I was delighted with the spirit and determination shown by all the players and it greatly eased the task of Manish Prasad as Captain.

Hopes were higher in the Junior Knockout as we had a higher proportion of School cricketers. In the first round, some tight bowling limited Heywood to 74 for 8. Umar Suhail and Nikhil Nagarkar, at first, stretched the innings and then built a solid partnership which saw the team to victory. Gaskell were the next opponents and this time, Whitworth batted first. Suhail was in fine form, scoring 52 runs and leading the team to a total of 135 all out.

Good bowling meant that Gaskell were always behind in the chase and were bowled out for 84. The final against Byrom turned out to be a real nail-biter! Byrom chose to bat and threatened to run up a high total, but then Umar Suhail clean bowled their top batsman and everything changed. The middle order rallied and Byrom eventually reached a total of 103. Jeffrey Wu was in fine form as wicketkeeper with three victims; one caught, one run out and one stumped!

The Whitworth reply was in trouble when Suhail was out after a good start, but then Daniel Mathers and William Kent played very sensibly to bring us back on track. When Mather was out, Jeffrey Wu replaced him with thirty runs required off three overs. This was reduced to nine runs from the last over. Quick running from Kent and Wu tied the scores and one run was needed off the last ball. Fittingly, Jeffrey Wu sealed victory with a four off the last ball. Essentially, this was the result of a real team effort in each of the three games played. At various times, different individuals made significant contributions but overall it was the team who pulled together as a unit. Umar Suhail was an excellent Captain on the field and was ably supported by Michael Robson. Congratulations to the whole team on some fine performances.

Sports Day was, again, split into separate sections and again we lacked real strength and depth in the Seniors. However, there were some excellent individual performances with second places from Paul Edisbury - 1500 metres, Joanna Shaw - 800 metres, Stephen Flood - 400 metres and Daniel Durrance - Triple Jump. Overall, we were placed fourth. On the main Sports Day, the Third and Fourth Years showed total commitment in all events and finished very close third. This meant we were fourth in the final placings. Robert Greenhalgh was first in the Fourth Year 400 metres with Umar Suhail second in both the Long and Triple Jumps. Marsha Freeman was placed first in the Javelin, and the boys 4 x 400 metre relay team won a very close race. In the Third Years, Chris Howarth was first in the 400 metres and then second in the 1500 metres. John Fletcher was first in the High Jump and third in the 400 metres. Levi Adams was second in the 400 metres and third in the High Jump. Gemma Bookbinder was third in both the 100 metres and Javelin. Finally, the boys ramped away with the 4 x 400 metres relay.

At the end of term, Dipti Trivedi, Alison Meakin, Ben Kent and Stephen Flood were appointed School Prefects, which is a great honour for them. Ben Kent and Dipti Trivedi were also appointed Heads of House with Stephen Flood and Alison Meakin as Deputies. All of them contribute greatly to both House and School activities and set an excellent example to others. I would like to express my thanks to James Silver, Caroline Shaw, Jonathan O'Keefe and the rest of the House Prefects for all they have done over the years. I wish them and all other leavers every success in the future. Thanks also to Mr Cotton and Mr G H Jones who have been tutors of 3W and 4W respectively. Their time and efforts have been fully appreciated. Once again, Dr Keable has been a great supporter of the House and a lot of her efforts go unseen. I am very grateful for all the support she gives the House and myself as House Master.

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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

THE TRIALS OF TIME

What do you write when there's nothing to say,
When no-one's around you,
When there's no brighter day.

How do you smile when your eyes fill with tears,
When life is a misery,
When you're living in fear.

CHORUS ...

Cos it's all for nothing in this game of life,
You win some, you lose some,
You smile, yet you cry,
Strangled by the trials of time,
You're sad and you're happy,
But no-one knows why.

Who do you turn to when you're stuck in the hole,
When they've taken everything,
When they return for your soul.

Why do you bother when it's thrown in your face,
When you've offered your heart,
When you give up the chase.

CHORUS ...

Cos it's all for nothing in this game of life,
You win some, you lose some,
You smile, yet you cry,
Strangled by the trials of time,
You're sad and you're happy,
But no-one knows why.

James Leinhardt (UMPJ)

THE DEAL OF THE CENTURY

I sealed it today. The big one. No, not just the big one. The absolutely huge one. The deal of the century. When, in later years, someone turns to me and says, "So, tell us John, how come you're so rich and successful?" I can just turn around and say, "It started with the McMillian/Arnold deal".

You can't say I've not deserved this. I've been working at this for months. I've suffered slings and arrows, as well as being beaten round the head with a crusty baguette by the MD's son. And then there was the rather nasty incident with the escort agency and the Rolls Royce hire company. I am still undergoing therapy for that. Allow me to explain.

It all started about three months ago when the news came into the office that McMillian's, yes that McMillian's, were looking for a new supplier. Daisy rushed into the office saying, "I've just heard. McMillian's contract with Switch-U-Flick is finished and they're after a new supplier. Apparently, Mr Big at U-Flick had a little run-in with McMillian's brat son and so McMillian is after a new supplier for the new TFX-range coming out in July".

I said, "Hang on a minute. You honestly believe we can get the McMillian contract?" She nodded and disappeared to the coffee machine and flicked on the filter. Not just any old coffee machine though. That machine had an Arnold switch inside. True, the switch was hardly reliable and may well have broken down at any time, a bit like myself, but that is how I make my living. Selling switches is how I earn my lolly. And the new Arnold ZC-990 was absolutely perfect for the TFX-range of blenders that McMillian was planning on releasing in July. The ZC-990 has variable flick control, allowing minute adjustments to prevent the purchaser needing to change the plans on the drawing board to incorporate our switch. Revolutionary or what, eh?

So, back to the deal. The deal of the century, don't forget. I 'phoned up Phil at McMillian's office. I spoke with him for five minutes and he confirmed Daisey's little speech. "Yes", he said, "McMillian's are accepting tenders for the switches for the TFX-range of blenders as the company's contract with Switch-U-Flick had been terminated, due to personal reasons." McMillian was holding a business barbecue party at his country cottage (cottage? - a mansion more like) on Saturday. Be there or do not expect people up and down the land to be flicking on and off your little pieces of plastic, kapisch? That is what Phil said. I told him I kapisched and said goodbye. Phil ain't world famous for his manners, unless the Japanese are here of course. Then it's all, "Would sir care for a coffee?" (said in Japanese, of course). Then he walks up to the coffee machine and flicks it on, with a Switch-U-Flick switch being flicked. I see in my dreams the machine breaking down there, right in front of the Japanese, and Harry McMillian himself coming down the office and begging us to fit the switches we'd offered for that particular machine, the ZC-990's, in the future. Anyway, I suppose when you're Phil and you work for McMillian, you don't have to be polite to people like me. Well, at least not now. Later, 'cause up, up, up the ziggurat, that's where I'm going.

Back to business. So I turn up at the barbie, push that little button on the jam jar keyring and the doors lock. I head for the front door when all of a sudden a group of tiny little bandits appears from round corner and started hitting my car with these huge, I wouldn't call them sticks, branches would be a better word. I turn to shout at them to "Get off my car, you little geezers", or words to that effect, when I suddenly remembered what Daisy had told me about Switch-U-Like's boss and the mini McMillian child/devil. I thought, "Stay calm, it's minor compared to the contract. The deal of the century, I told myself, is worth this". So I walked away.

I turned around and looked for the girl. She duly arrived ten minutes late. That is where the problems began. I had told her to arrive ten minutes late to cover my "she's flying in from LA today" story. Well, I couldn't go alone to such a meeting, but I certainly didn't want people finding out she was an escort girl. They might get the wrong idea, y'know. So I'd paid for "a top model to arrive in the back seat of a chauffeured roller". What I got for the best part of £200 was a girl who could best be described as a cross breed between a Hungarian shot-putter and an orang-utan with dubious personal

hygiene, arriving in the front of a 'B'-reg Nissan Sunny minicab. Obviously I had to tell her to go away sharpish. I would go it alone.

I walked into the back garden and immediately felt a THUD! on the back of the head. I turned round and there behind me was the little car vandal, armed with a brown granary extra crusty baguette. He laughed and then ran up to his father and caught him squarely in the crotch with a well-timed swing. His father laughed and said something about "Bloody kids, eh". I walked up and introduced myself to Mr McMillian and commented on how radiant his wife was looking today. He replied, "So where's this woman of yours then, Arnold?" I thought on my feet. I said, "She died, in a plane crash coming back from LA". McMillian said, "Oh dear, you must be devastated. We are all truly sorry. Accept our deepest sympathies". I said, "Yes, it's destroyed me. Now, about these switches"

I think the no nonsense, down-to-business manner I adopted to handle that situation is what helped us to start clinching the deal. Next morning, the impolite little squid called Phil was on the blower and he said, "The old fella upstairs wants you to come in to discuss terms. He's going with you lot, if the money is right".

I naturally was overjoyed at this. Finally, a big deal. We were going up in the world. I began to see how this could launch Arnold Switches in the big time. But, of course, I still had to get my tender and pitch right. Should I start high and come down or stick reasonably close to a slightly lower price? Ain't easy, is it?

Little did I know that these matters were already out of my hands. I climbed out of my car in the guest car park at McMillian's and I went into the reception. I looked at the security guard with nonchalance and I noticed that I could see that my name was top of the entry list for the day. I thought, "This is good John, this means he thought of the day ahead, and he thought about me and Arnold Switches first".

I attempted to stay calm as the lift climbed up to the top of the building to the 15th floor, but inside I was a nervous wreck. Just think, me, John Arnold, going to meet Harry McMillian Esq. to discuss a deal which could make both men a little bit richer than they were before. He pays the money to us, we supply the switches, everyone's happy and we can all afford that holiday in the Caribbean this year (not that McMillian couldn't afford it anyway).

I looked up at the sign on the door. It said "H. McMILLIAN, PRESIDENT". I twisted the door handle and walked into the secretary's office outside. An old woman receptionist gave me a steely gaze over her pointed Edna Everage glasses and said, "Name?"

"John Arnold. Arnold Switches Inc. England." says me.

"Take a seat. I'll inform Mr McMillian of your presence." she said.

"Ta." I said. I turned round and sat down on an antique leather sofa that probably cost more than the average house and thought, "One day, my office is going to have a big leather sofa outside and pictures on the wall. One day".

The little black box on the receptionist's desk beeped and a deep, booming voice came over the intercom. McMillian said, "Send him in, Doris". Doris pointed at the door and grunted. Now I still wasn't sure about McMillian. I'd heard he has an ability for practical jokes. "Was this one of them?" I kept asking myself.

However, I needn't have worried. Harry McMillian opened the door to his office and said, "How much you looking for? We're making millions of these machines. You're going to need a bit of cash to upgrade your premises, correct?" He didn't wait for an answer. He just said, "300 thou now, for upgrading, then for actual manufacturing, shall we say 100K plus 0.5% of the profit. You know that's a good deal John. No haggling. No arguing. Take it or leave it".

"Let me think about it", says I.

"Okay." said McMillian.

"Sod it! Go on then."

Harry then opens his desk drawer. His signature's already on the contract.

"Bloody hell!" I thought. "He really wants this deal!"

So, of course, I signed the contract. Then rang up Daisy and told her to get down the Lamb and Flag "for an orange juice or two" to celebrate the deal.

So that's how I did it. The deal of the century.

Edward Barker (5J)

LIVING IN A DREAM

The lights flashed in my head as I dance with a million people. The music was faintly playing, but it was in my head so loudly that I couldn't hear anything else! Strong psychedelic beams scattered around the room as I floated above the dance floor like an unleashed bird, free to do as it pleased. I wanted the feeling never to end. I never wanted to come down, but I knew I had to.

I opened my eyes. The soft drilling from the council estate's workers was magnified into a deafening drum beat in my head. I stood up, fighting off nausea as I made my way along the corridor to the bathroom. The bathroom was a heroin dive in itself; needles and blood-stained rags drenched the room and coke packets strewn in the bath and toilet brought back a black memory of the other night. I need a pick-me-up. I directed myself on to the toilet seat and picked up the half-full syringe I had left there last night just before I had passed out. I jabbed it into my arm and clenched my teeth. "The first is always the worst" That's what Tony had taught me when he gave me my first wrap. I had come a long way since then. I glanced in the mirror. A hardly recognisable skeleton of a girl I used to know stood before me. I looked brilliant! I quickly slapped a bit of powder and lippy on and stumbled back to the bedroom. Tony was asleep on the floor, in a pile of his own vomit. I left him there and went for breakfast.

I decided that M & S looked like a decent place to start so I entered the huge double doors and went to the food counters ... I suppose shop-lifting is easy when you know how. Tony taught me ... I pick up a lasagne and place it in my bag ... I've got a lot to thank Tony for, really ... Three Christmas puddings will do us for a while ... I mean, he introduced me into

the circle. I don't know what I'd do without him ... I pick up a handful of chocolates and stuff them into my coat ... I love Tony, of course. I have to ... he needs me! I suppose I need him too. He gives me the dreams.

I carelessly walk out of M & S and start the walk back to the house. Well I say the house. We actually live in the attic. There's a few of us. Eight in total. It used to be this old lady's house, but she died. When the council found out, they tried to sell it, but I convinced them that I had lived there with her and that she had let me keep it. That's when I met Tony. He sold me my first 'E'. We began to go out with each other. Then, when he got evicted, he moved in here. He's a real vegetable now though. I buy the gear now. He's too ill. Although it's the drugs that are doing it, he won't quit. He says he needs the dreams. I suppose I do too!

I cook a Christmas pudding and eat it to myself. Tony sits in a chair and refuses to eat it, even though it is expensive. Then he goes into one of his attacks: his head jerks around and he makes a funny gurgling noise, like he's choking on something. He usually throws up, but he has nothing to throw up as he hasn't eaten for a week. He beckons for his needle. That's the only time I go near him, when he needs me to shoot up for him. It scares me too much. I gave him a whole tenth, it should keep him happy for a while.

We used to have such good times when he was well. We would take a couple of tabs and then go and sit on the railway lines and watch the trains go by. We used to have our dreams too. Many more than anyone can imagine! The drugs are our own private way to access them too. I live for the dreams. Tony doesn't have them any more; he's too ill; his brain won't allow them through. Tony just uses drugs now to kill the pain. I suppose one day I'll be just like him. But it'll be worth it if I can dream till then. It's dinner time and I wake up feeling down. I hate feeling like this because it makes me feel normal, like I'm losing my dreams. I don't want to be normal. I take another tab and grab my coat. Down the tram lines, everything is still, apart from the old derelict buildings on the public parkway which sway to and fro in the breeze. A pale, purple mist washes over me and I feel relaxed. I breathe shallow and slow to prevent myself from hyperventilating. Then the rain starts. Millions of multicoloured dancers floating down to dissolve in the thick muddy lagoon on the floor. I hold my hand out for one. It touches my hand, then pops into oblivion. I look for another, but they've all gone. In the distance, I can see a figure. I get up to follow it, but it runs too fast for me. Exhausted, I decide to go back to the bedsit.

There is no sign of Tony in the bedroom, so I sit in the chair and watch the milky white waves of the sea that crash over me as I sit and wait. Then I hear a gurgle from the bathroom. I stagger to the door and push it open. Tony is lying on the floor in a pool of vomit. He beckons me over to him. I can see he's bad. As he fights for words, I begin to come down. A sobering thought crosses my mind.

"Is he dying?"

I had never seen any one dying before. I never knew my mother and father when they died. I was brought up in an orphanage. That became my home until I was sixteen. The orphanage wasn't bad. The kids were a bit deluded. Those old enough to leave were put into care in the community programmes. Many just lived in squalor. On my sixteenth birthday, I received a telegram from London requesting my person at the funeral of my so-called 'parents'. I was so angry! How could they leave me to fend for myself in an orphanage and then I was expected to go and mourn them! Ludicrous! That's when I decided to leave home. I crept out one night when everyone was asleep. I ran away to a friend's house. She put me up for a few nights, then I found the old lady's house and met Tony

Looking down at his frail torso now makes me wish I had never been left by my parents. Had I not left the orphanage, I would never have got into this mess! The orphanage was my home. I should have stayed! This is no life for me at 19. I have to get out. I have to be with Tony I reach for the needle on the side. The remnants of Tony's last hook-up trickles down the side of the glass as I fill up the interior with the nauseous air which I have breathed all of my useless life.

As the needle plunges into my skin, Tony gasps and scrabbles to get to his throat. I feel no pain for me, only pain for him, Tony, my true love. As I slump down beside Tony, he utters under his breath, "Remember the dreams baby we'll always have the dreams".

On the top floor of an old house on the outskirts of Manchester, two lives slip away as the pale, purple mist passes dreamily over the hills and out of sight.

Joanna Gregory (5J)

"BEOWULF: DRAGON SLAYER" (Based on the book by Rosemary Sutcliffe)

Imagine yourselves in the Saxon Mead Hall, and "Hwaet!"

1.) I stood on the shore, petrified, looking round at my companions - perhaps for the last time ever. I was about to back out, but we'd come so far and I'd be letting everyone down. I started to walk forward towards the sea. My legs were trembling as if they were going to give way. I felt sick. All I could think about was ending up like Aschere - just my head left. I shuddered, then plunged down into the water thinking I would never come up again. If I did, I was sure I wouldn't be alive. I had no chance. Grendel was hard enough, but his mother would have been even angrier. Just one thing on her mind. Revenge.

As I plunged down, it seemed like forever. Sea monsters everywhere trying to tear me apart with their deadly sharp claws but I lunged at them with the sword Hrunting. No sooner had I reached the sea floor, the worst and probably most ugly monster of all had come for her revenge. It was Grendel's Dam. She flung her arms around me and dragged me up and up into a cave. The cave was dark except for bits of light coming in through the top of the cliff. The Sea Hag still had me in her tight grip but I tore myself free and I brought Hrunting down on her head. Nothing happened. She pushed me over. She was on top of me and her weight almost suffocated me. She was stabbing at me with her dagger but my armour defended me. I stood up again, pushing her off with all the strength I had and took another blow at her with the sword, but yet again nothing happened. I threw my sword down. If I was going to fight her now, it would be with my bare hands.

We both went to attack each other and this struggle seemed to go on forever. She was twice as strong as Grendel and it was so hard to overcome her. I decided I couldn't fight with my bare hands any more, so I looked around for a weapon. There were lots of ancient weapons hanging about the place and I came across a huge sword, with a huge blade, and a huge handle possibly for giants in the past because it was so huge. I lunged at her with it and it cut right through her. The Sea Hag fell to the ground with a thud so hard the cave shook. I couldn't believe it. It was the best feeling ever. I had cut her almost in half!

After that, I was really tired and, as I looked around, I saw Grendel, dead. I still had the sword in my hands, so I walked over to him, lifted the sword once more and separated his body from his head. Blood was everywhere. I picked up the head with difficulty - it was so heavy - and swam up to the shore where my companions were waiting for me. As I came up, I was gasping for breath. I still had the hideous head with me. Hrothgar and his thanes had gone. They saw blood in the water and thought I was dead but my Geats stayed in the hope that I was still alive. I wouldn't have blamed them if they had given up hope and gone too. I almost did for a minute.

Grendel's head was so heavy it had to be pierced by four spears to carry it! We then turned and marched victoriously back to the settlement. I am still petrified and the thought of the monsters just gives me nightmares. But no man shall ever be scared of those monsters again. My companions praised me and think of me as a hero.

Danielle Ashley (1K)

2.) I stood next to the blood-filled gorge with pride but with some amount of fear. I knew it could be the last time I spoke to my friends again. Hunferth, the King's Jester, loaned me his sword as a token of apology. I took it, then, without a thought, plunged into the murky waters below me. At last, after what seemed like days, my feet touched the bottom of the sea floor and the disgusting, scaly sea-hag was upon me at once. She embraced me tightly, then we struggled and ended up in a sea cave, her home. The floor was gleaming with white sand but with trails of blood in parts of it. There was little light except that of the sun's rays coming slightly down through the cliffs. The sea-hag was attempting to stab me but my new, ring-mail battle-sark protected me well. I swept her off me and tried to stab her with my sword, although, it was useless so I resorted to my bare hands. We struggled but my strength pushed her off me.

Then I caught sight of a giant ancient sword on the wall, big enough to kill any man or beast. I got to my feet and managed to grab it, slashing it straight down her body. She fell without further struggle. The cave was now painted red with blood. I then caught sight of Grendel, dead, lying on the floor. After our encounter, I felt I needed more of a souvenir, so, in one clean slash of the giant sword, the head rolled off. I took the head of Grendel with me and at once jumped into the blood-stained sea waters and headed for the light where my friends would be waiting for me.

Hrothgar and the Danes had left. The wait had been too long for them although my faithful Geatish warriors, as I thought, greeted me on the shore. Then, they took Grendel's head and placed it over four spear points. We marched off towards Heorot the Hart in a march of victory.

Chris Booker (1K)

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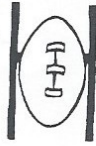
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RUGBY

1ST XV RUGBY

Played 10, Won 1, Lost 9, Points for 101, Against 280.

v Lymm High School	L	8 - 31
v Cheadle Hulme School	L	0 - 32
v St Bede's School	L	30 - 40
v Bury Grammar School	W	10 - 0
v Widnes Sixth Form College	L	10 - 21
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	L	5 - 49
v Manchester Grammar School	L	10 - 48
v Bolton School	L	10 - 28
v Stockport Grammar School	L	6 - 86
v Bramhall High School	L	12 - 37

The season was always going to be difficult. Only four players from last season had any 1st XV experience and only ten players had played senior rugby. This was compounded by our only having four players from last year's under 15 team who were either good enough, or sensible enough, to join the senior squad. The 25 boys who made up the remainder of the squad had therefore to be recruited from the House League, with many of the Sixth Formers not having played competitive school rugby for at least two years.

In terms of results, it has been a very disappointing season. We only won one game out of ten. The highlight must be the solitary win against Bury, but the game that stands out for me was the game against St Bede's. Trailing 29-3 at half-time, the team played the best rugby of the season to come back to within three points with only minutes remaining. The School were awarded a kickable penalty to draw the game but decided to run it, lost possession and St Bede's ran the full length of the field, scored and converted a try to win the game.

Although the side did not experience much success, there was no shortage of commitment or enthusiasm. The props Gale and Daniels epitomised this, giving their all in every game. If they work on their mobility around the field, they can look forward to a successful season next year. Dodd, the hooker and pack leader, has been the outstanding player of the team. He is a fine rugby player, and his fitness and mobility making him unrecognisable from the slow, chubby boy from previous years. Dodd possesses a real love for the game and his enthusiasm has been inspirational to the players around him.

Anwar and Hassett have been the regular second-row pairing. Anwar is big and strong but needs to work on his fitness so he can play for a full seventy minutes. Hassett is one of the most improved players in the team. He is a good jumper in the middle of the line-out and his mobility around the field is excellent. The back-row consisted of Silver, Edwards and Veitch. Veitch's promising start to the season unfortunately ended with injury against King Edward and he missed the remainder of the season.

Hancock and Johnson, the captain, were the half-backs and played in every game. Johnson has played School Rugby for the last eight years whilst Hancock had the distinction of representing Cheshire a year early in the

U18 group. Although both players possess a huge amount of potential, they were never able to dictate a game as you would expect from two players of their rugby experience. Hancock is fast, powerful and possesses an excellent pass. What he must do next year is develop his communication skills, because it is vital for a scrum-half to boss his forward pack and to provide the link between forwards and backs.

The centres Brocklehurst and Whyatt both played to the best of their ability in every game. It is a shame every player did not possess the heart and desire of these two. Hanley, Bell, Craven and Arshad played on the wing. Although all did well with a limited amount of possession, the tackling of Hanley throughout the season and Arshad in the final game deserves a special mention.

Seddon had the unfortunate job of being the last line of defence. As a converted scrum-half, he did a good job in difficult circumstances. Although he was a little slow entering the line, he was safe under the high ball and kicked well out of hand. Other players who represented the School 1st XV included Davenport, Kent, Naylor, Nixon, Robinson and Wynter.

I would like to express my thanks to the players who have remained cheerful throughout this difficult season and feel confident that with most of the squad remaining next year combining with players from the promising U15 side, next season can be approached with confidence. My final thanks go to the parents for their loyal support and colleagues for covering my absence on a Saturday morning..

D.J. Mallinder

2ND XV RUGBY

Played 8, Won 1, Lost 7.

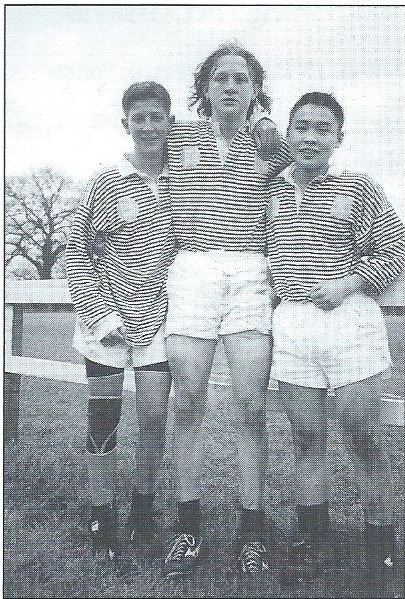
v Lymm High School	L	0 - 55
v Cheadle Hulme School	W	7 - 5
v St Bede's College	L	15 - 20
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	L	5 - 40
v Manchester Grammar School	L	6 - 39
v Bolton School	L	21 - 32
v Stockport Grammar School	L	0 - 76
v Bramhall High School	L	0 - 35

This was obviously not our most successful season but the results do not do justice to the effort and enthusiasm of the players.

During the season, some 24 players gained from the experience of representing the School. Unfortunately the number of fixtures was reduced because three schools, where we usually manage to win, were unable to field sides against us.

The team was led for most of the season by N. Davenport, who did an excellent job in maintaining moral when the results were going against us. It was also pleasing to see the contributions made by the Upper Sixth boys who had not previously played for the School.

Dr. D.G. Barnes



The Cheshire Trio l-r D Naylor, R Hopkinson, T Chung.
(Photo: Mr Naylor)

U15 RUGBY 1997

Played 10, Won 7, Lost 3, Points for 304, against 109.

v Sandbach School	W 62 - 5
v Lymm High School	W 39 - 12
v Cheadle Hulme School	W 58 - 3
v St Bede's College	W 19 - 5
v Ashton-on-Mersey High School	L 20 - 24
v Manchester Grammar School	L 14 - 36
v Lymm High School, D.M. Cup	W 12 - 0
v Bolton School	W 29 - 12
v Wirral Grammar School, D.M. Cup	L 15 - 24
v Bramhall High School	W 36 - 0

I had looked forward to the arrival of this season throughout the Summer as this squad was filled with talent and had an almost unblemished record. However, when it did arrive with it came a host of problems. A number of players were unavailable on a long term basis due to injury, Iain Alison had moved away and after only three games Luke Coffey's injury problem which had kept him out most of last season returned to plague him again, a great shame as it undoubtedly cost him his place in the county team. As if these were not problems enough, there was also an attitude within the squad which hindered and almost totally prevented making any progress in practices. The attitude was an arrogance and laziness which had developed through past success which came rather too easily. In numerous games lessons Mr Mallinder and myself were driven to distraction by the players' lack of attention and concentration and quite simple technical points were just not being retained.

I wondered at times whether perhaps I was expecting too much and trying to set standards that were too high, but after all this was the best team in the School supposedly. Despite all my protestations and repeated warnings about other teams catching up and us being the team to beat, this attitude carried on right through the season. The opinion which we held of ourselves was exaggerated and inflated by easy wins and when we were pushed close or lost we made excuses. Very rarely did we actually pull together, work hard as a team and win through by a collective effort.

This does not mean that the team played no good rugby, quite the reverse. There was some simply wonderful play, with many spectacular runs and great handling moves

with high levels of technical skills on view. There was also some thunderous tackling with the King Crusher being Tom Chung, who together with Phil Robinson was the most improved of the season.

So to the games played. We opened impressively against Sandbach and won comfortably showing some good running and passing, but I felt that we were too loose in the forwards and were slow to move the ball away at the ruck and maul. The score against Lymm suggest another easy win but this was not the case at all. Lymm were a physically bigger side and it took all our effort to hold their strong pack, who were winning most of the possession.

However, we did not help ourselves as, when we did get the ball, we kicked it back to them, the result was that we came off second best in the first half. At the re-start we were awarded a scrum. A move that had been worked on during the week was called and executed with great pace and skill. From this we went all the way to score. It was the perfect "Stack Left" and proved to be the turning point of the game as our runners cut loose and scored five more tries. Late that afternoon Saracens ran the same move at Haywood Road against Sale, with the same end result.

The Cheadle Hulme game was rather one sided, our fast runners were just too quick and could run round the opposition which they did at will. St Bede's College were a different story altogether and they pushed us very close in what turned out to be an ill-tempered game. Here the signs of our failings were showing, individuals in the forwards would go too far, try to do too much and end up losing the ball, when what we should have been doing was slowing down, getting the other forwards together and protecting our possession. This simple lesson was not learnt and was the root cause of most of our defeats. The game that followed this was the most infuriating of the season. Ashton-on-Mersey High School came at us like a whirlwind and we were casual to the point of sloppiness. Our tackling in defence was almost non-existent and we had no ideas or team work in attack. A late rally saw us come back but it was too little, too late.

The next three Saturdays were all lost due to cancellations by both ourselves and other Schools. The result was that the next game was away at Manchester Grammar School. We had not played in four weeks which is hardly good preparation for this big game. Again our lack of concentration and rather casual attitude was our undoing. M.G.S. started from the first whistle and were immediately in control. They scored a good try after only 2 minutes. From the kick off they caught the ball and ran straight back scoring again with only 3 minutes gone. They continued in identical fashion and scored on 5 minutes and again after 11 minutes. We had not really begun to play. M.G.S. had a 22 point lead. To say we were shell-shocked was an understatement. The game eventually started for us in the 12th minute, when we started to win some ball and get organised. Richard Hopkinson, was catching all the lineouts but needed quicker support, to stop the M.G.S forwards from spoiling and our moves started to make head-way. In the second half William Kent came on, his first game back after breaking an ankle in the summer. He made an instant impression and his direct running lead to a try by Joe Holland. As the game continued we exerted greater pressure but the M.G.S defence was strong. Chris White scored for us but we had left ourselves too much to do yet again.

From this we had to pick ourselves up for the Daily Mail Cup the following Tuesday. It was a rematch against Lymm High School who by now knew us very well. In the event, it turned out to be an exciting, tight game with us running out 12-0 victors, a good performance by everybody,

with outstanding contributions from Tom Gent and Jeff Wu. This took us through to the final but first we had our regular fixture against Bolton School. This was a game played in poor spirit with both teams being far too snappy and willing to take cheap shots at each other. We ran out comfortable winners, mainly due to great running from the backs which enabled Richard Hopkinson to score four tries together with one from Daniel Naylor. So to the Cheshire Cup Final of the Daily Mail sponsored national competition for Under 15 sides. Our opponents would be Wirral Grammar School, a team we had neither played before nor knew much about. We started excellently and made a number of very promising breaks which put players through. However the Wirral cover tacklers were up to the task and stopped us each time. We continued to do well without being able to finish off our good approach work, whilst Wirral's punishing attacks also tested our tackling. Each team swapped scores without either ever dominating, however Wirral took control as the game went on. They eventually won by four tries and two conversions to three tries. A great disappointment but we did ourselves justice. After this the season faded away a little, the game against Stockport was snowed off and we were easy winners over Bramhall.

Outside of regular School fixtures most of the team went to the trials for the East Cheshire side. Six players made it through to the squad and all played a number of games. They were Nick Sharwin, Tom Chung, Joe Holland, Daniel Naylor, Chris Harwood and Richard Hopkinson. The East Cheshire Team proved to be a very strong outfit and did not lose any of their regional matches. Injury prevented both Luke Coffey and William Kent from playing but they were undoubtedly of the quality required. From this the next step up was the Cheshire County team; three of our players made the cut and all of them were very impressive members of an excellent team. Richard Hopkinson scored many tries and was a key attacking force but his first line defence needs to be improved at this level. Daniel Naylor was the general and tactical decision maker at fly half; he also captained the team for one game. These two experienced players who are also members of a strong club side did extremely well. However the one worthy of highest praise is Thomas Chung. In these days where the standards are so high, for a player who only plays one term of rugby a year, who only started when he joined William Hulme's Grammar School, and who has no family history of involvement in rugby, his reaching this level is quite remarkable.

To all the players who represented the School, well done and good luck as they move on into the seniors. Remember this game is taken very seriously and demands commitment, but for those who give it, the rewards are manifold. Many thanks to Jim Mallinder who helped a great deal with the coaching of the side and will be a tremendous loss. Best wishes to him in the professional game. My thanks also go to the family and friends that support the team.

The U15 Squad was: A.Pickford, J.Byrom, T.Chung, N.Sharwin, I.Gage, G.Laycock, C.White, A.Wardle, J.Veitch, W.Kent, J.Holland, A.Machin, T.Gent, L.Coffey, D.Naylor, R.Hopkinson, C.Harwood, J.Wuu, D.Rogers, P.Robinson, J.Murphy, T.Hickman, D.Freeman, A.Harris.

EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT TEAM: D Naylor, T Chung, R Hopkinson, C Hawood, J Holland, N Sharwin (6 Players)

CHESHIRE COUNTY TEAM: D Naylor, R Hopkinson, R Chung (3 Players)

Middle School Sports Trophy/Prize: T Chung

N P Dunn

U14 RUGBY - 1996 - 97

Played 12, Won 10, Lost 2, Drawn 0, For 407, Against 87

v Sandbach	W 17 - 12
v Lymm High	W 31 - 7
v Cheadle Hulme	W 40 - 0
v Sale Grammar	W 36 - 7
v St Bedes College	W 60 - 0
v Ashton on Mersey	W 60 - 0
v Bury Grammar	W 40 - 0
v Audenshaw High	W 36 - 0
v King Edward VII	W 29 - 5
v Manchester Grammar	L 0 - 19
v Bolton	W 51 - 0
v Bramhall High	L 7 - 37

This has been perhaps my most enjoyable coaching season so far, despite the squad's not having an unbeaten run - a feat they were eminently capable of. As so often seems to be the case at U14 level, the players started the season with a generally high standard of personal skills, but were not yet working as a team on the pitch. The first match against Sandbach proved to be a tough opening game, but solid forward play from Anthony Green (alias 'Tank') amongst others, plus individual flair in the backs, provided a very satisfying opening result.

The scores from the next seven or eight games reflect the high quality performances which the squad produced, sometimes under extreme pressure from the opponents. Over this period of time the level of individual skills, as well as the degree of team work demonstrated during the games, improved dramatically. The forwards honed their rucking and mauling techniques to such an extent that they were able to clear most teams out of the way with ease. Lineout and scrummage possession also became very reliable, Daniel Gall at hooker forming good understanding with both his scrum half and second row forwards.

In a similar fashion, the backs refined their handling and running skills to become a devastating attacking unit. Scott Griffiths, Matthew Dewsnap, Warren Dawkins, Chris Howarth and Julian Chapman (amongst others) are all strong, elusive runners who scored a wealth of impressive tries. Most encouraging, however, was the extent of the inter-play between backs and forwards during these games, characterised by John Fletcher (flanker) who gave 110% in every match and linked forwards and backs with consummate ease.

Unfortunately the season did not end on as much of a high as one might have hoped. A narrow defeat by Manchester Grammar in very difficult conditions was soon followed by a more convincing defeat by an extremely strong and skilful Bramhall team. However, the squad should be very happy with what was a successful and productive season, with a number of positive points gained.

The level of commitment shown by the squad has been excellent throughout the year, with the exception of one or two training sessions! During matches, however, every player gave his all, especially when in defence. Tackling is a key element in any game of rugby, and this squad frequently managed to form a solid defensive wall which could not be breached. Notable here are Scott Griffiths and Matthew Dewsnap, who put in a stream of awesome tackles during the season, and Robert Booker who formed a reliable last line of defence at full back.

I am certain that this squad will go on to enhance yet further their already much improved skills, and will

create a formidable side by playing as a fifteen man team both next year and higher up in the School. During the course of this report, I have mentioned some individuals by name. However, each and every one of the squad played a key role, and brought his individual talents to the games this year. The squad consisted of:-

Forwards: A Green (Pack Leader), P Niroomand, D Gall, S Higgins, A Hyde, R Thompson, A Zia, J Fletcher, S Hughes, J Meers, D Robinson.

Backs: B Ramsuamir, P Stonehouse, S Griffiths, M Dewsnap, W Dawkins, J Chapman, C Howarth, R Ahmed, I Khan, R Booker.

As ever, my thanks go out to all the parents who regularly turned out to support both team and coach, especially Mr Thompson, whose coaching assistance was greatly appreciated. Finally, my thanks to Mr Mallinder and Mr Seddon for their help and advice during the season.

A Austen

U13 RUGBY

Played 12, Won 7, Lost 3, Drawn 2, Points for 243, Against 15.

v Sandbach School	L 7 - 17
v Lymm High School	L 14 - 15
v Cheadle Hulme School	W 31 - 0
v Sale Grammar School	D 10 - 10
v St Bede's College	W 12 - 0
v Ashton on Mersey High School	D 7 - 7
v Bury Grammar School	W 53 - 0
v Audenshaw High School	W 38 - 7
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	W 17 - 15
v Manchester Grammar School	L 7 - 48
v Bolton School	W 28 - 12
v Brarnhall High School	W 19 - 0

Once again, the Under 13 rugby team enjoyed a successful season with 25 boys representing the School.

As is so often the case, a slow start was made to the season. This must, in part, be due to the long lay off from the sport between the December of the first year and the September of the second. Basic skills and techniques are rusty and several training sessions are required simply to bring the playing standards up to the level apparent at the end of the first season.

It soon became obvious that the strength of the team lay in running the ball in the threequarters. Michael Platt, Robi De, Stephen Peck, Chris Ogden-Smith, Andrew McIntyre, Shane Coley (Jason Robinson!) and later Ravi Gokall all showed promise and are naturally athletic. A talented back division is, however, wasted if the forwards cannot produce enough good ball. A rucking policy was adopted and all the forwards worked hard to improve their skills. Initially, many were reluctant to enter the physical fray and were hesitant in contact. This improved with time until the pack could hold its own against most of the opposition.

We did find life difficult in the line-out where Robert Serrant and Simon Khoshneviszadeh always gave of their best but were never able to dominate this aspect of play. The team would have benefited from the presence of Bilal Hussain but unfortunately he decided that he did not

want to play for the School. By the time he had changed his mind, he had developed an ear infection that kept him out of the squad for the rest of the season.

Within the pack, Omar Raja, Roy Chohan and Nasir Moosa were consistently good. Shoyab Patel shows great promise at hooker but must concentrate more fully on the game and not allow his frustrations to spoil his play. Shahid Afzal, Justin Ofoche, Kofi Djang, Mark Brighthouse, Sohabe Saeed, Ishraq Ishfaq and later Alpesh Pankhania all contributed to the overall forward effort and ensured that the backs could not complain about the amount of possession that they were given.

Possibly too much of our back play revolved around Michael Platt and Chris Ogden-Smith. This was understandable, as they are both strong and fast and like running with the ball. They are also Club players, training and playing all season. Over the next couple of seasons, others in the team should look to run with the ball more so as to increase the options and variety available to the attack. William Tamkin, Mario McKenzie, Antony Venet, Thomas Sutton and Ryan Garner all played in several games and their contribution to the overall team performance was very pleasing.

Only against a very strong and well organised Manchester Grammar School team did we struggle. They denied us possession, controlled the game and had two or three very big, very fast players whom we failed to stop. They showed us how the game should be played and we learnt that tackling is as much a part of the game as is running with the ball. Too many players reach for arms, collars or shirts in a tackle when a fully committed grab of the legs would bring success and stop the attack. Tackling and the general organisation in defence needs to be a high priority next season.

Finally, a thank you to all the players who committed themselves week-in and week-out for training and fixtures. Only by making such sacrifices can a player hope to improve. Thank you also to those parents who supported their sons and the School team and to those pupils and staff in other teams who gave up their free time for the sport. I look forward to the challenges that next season brings.

C H Seddon

U12 RUGBY

Played 10, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 5, Points for 92, Against 164.

v St Bede's College	W 17 - 5
v Ashton-on-Mersey High School	W 7 - 5
v Bury Grammar School	W 22 - 10
v Audenshaw High School	W 17 - 15
v Cheadle Hulme School	L 10 - 22
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	L 7 - 22
v Manchester Grammar School	L 0 - 36
v Bolton School	D 0 - 0
v Stockport Grammar School	L 7 - 15
v Bramhall High School	L 5 - 34

It is a fact of life that teams are often judged by their results on paper rather than the progress that they have made throughout the course of the year. The first years should take real heart from the fact that, although the results were modest, the vast majority of their performances were

impressively gutsy and encouraging. Thirty boys represented the School at different times in the year, highlighting the level of commitment and interest as well as the depth of talent available.

The season started with genuine optimism and hope for the future. Although the first four games were closely fought encounters, the School managed to emerge victorious on all occasions. In Tim Bannister and Christopher Booker, the scrum-half/fly-half link, the team possessed a pair capable of using good possession won by the forwards. Booker possesses real athleticism, pace and aggression and his influence on the team was immense. Stefan Knight, Nick Travis and Umair Khalil distinguished themselves in the forward line, playing with real purpose, passion and strength.

Given these early successes and the obvious talent within the squad, it may seem strange that the team was unable to win one of its last six games, losing five and drawing 0-0 at Bolton. A certain amount of complacency led to defeat against a very nimble Cheadle Hulme School. The encounter against King Edward, Lytham, was a different proposition altogether as the team acquitted itself admirably against a very strong outfit. The catastrophic and traumatic destruction of the coach's car on the morning of the Manchester Grammar School game seemed to render the entire team completely immobile in the first half. A superb second half performance against a magnificent junior team ensured that a total rout did not ensue. At the end of the game, players were offered up for the 'Green Machine' which amongst the boys, had gained a myth-like status.

A gallant performance on a stamp-like pitch led to a 0-0 draw at Bolton and a valiant display away at Stockport taught the boys a few lessons in life as well as in rugby. The season ended disappointingly against a Bramhall team that was well-drilled, well-disciplined and extremely fit. A number of our boys would do well to improve their personal levels of fitness and stamina in time for next year.

Rasheed Ayodola, Ali Anwar, Nick Patchen and Usman Akhtar worked well in the forward line and Eser Nihat and Sohaib Tanvir formed a competent second row. They must learn to work together as a pack and not hunt in ones and twos. In the back line, Adams showed genuine pace (but he must learn to run forward!). Stephen Lancashire and Paul Keenleyside promise to develop into hard-hitting, impressive centres and Ben Kaufman, at times, showed flashes of genuine enterprise.

Under more 'expert' tuition, this team will improve. I have enjoyed working with them and wish them the best of luck in the future. One serious word of advice would be a general warning to use their ears more and their mouths less in training sessions.

I would like to thank Mr Seddon, Mr Mallinder and Mr Myers for their help and encouragement, as well as the many parents who turned up, often in appalling conditions, to give their support.

The following pupils formed the U12 squad:

A Adams, A Ademosu, U Akhtar, T Amara, A Anwar, R Ayodola, T Bannister, C Booker (captain), G Booth, J Chung, J Darlington, O Hylton, L Jackson, B Kaufman, P Keenleyside, U Khalil, S Knight, R Kumar, S Lancashire, T Moses, E Nihat, P Nowroozi, N Patchen, O Pearce, A Petrillo, A Rushforth, A Smith, S Tanvir, N Travis and P Whitehead.

M C Gorman

HOCKEY



1ST XI HOCKEY

Played 4, Won 2, Lost 1, Drawn 1

v Stockport Grammar School (A)	L	0 - 6
v Withington Girls' School (H)	D	1 - 1
v Manchester High School (H)	W	2 - 0
v St Bede's College (H)	W	3 - 1

Under the captaincy of Geraldine Brook, the 1st XI played the four matches mentioned above, with a pleasing performance of two wins and a draw. It was good to see so many Fifth Years, for example Lauren Standing, Levinia Clemetson and Joanna Shaw, playing so well in the School's leading team.

U16 HOCKEY

Played 6, Won 3, Lost 2, Drawn 1

v Stockport Grammar School (A)	L	0 - 1
v Kingsway School (A)	W	4 - 1
v St Monica's School (H)	W	6 - 0
v Giggleswick School (A)	W	3 - 2
v St Monica's School (A)	W	2 - 0
v Newcastle School (H)	D	1 - 1

Although we had an enjoyable season this year it wasn't as pleasing, results-wise, as last year. This was mainly due to the fact that we lost Miss Barlow half way through the season and found it difficult to continue in our winning ways without her coaching.

We had a disappointing first result against Stockport Grammar School. Having had all the play for most of the match, we let in one goal off their one and only break. However, it was a good team performance with some good set moves coming into play.

On a very wet and windy Saturday morning we played our second match, against Kingsway School. We had a dreadful first half but fortunately played considerably better in the second half to steal a 4-1 victory.

We then faced a weekend of hockey, which brought us a handful of goals. We first played St Monica's School at home, securing a convincing victory of 6-0. This gave us an opportunity to try new things out including new positions. That afternoon we travelled up to Hardraw, where we went to have a quiet, restful night (well, it was fairly quiet after 2.00am) before playing against Giggleswick on the Sunday morning. What a morning! There was snow, sleet, winds and it was incredibly cold. However we played a good first half, netting 3 goals. However tiredness began to set in, hence our play began to deteriorate. Fortunately we held onto our lead but only just finishing with a 3-2 victory. Needless to say many of us don't remember the return as we slept most of the way.

After Christmas things didn't work quite so well. There weren't so many matches and the results weren't too

pleasing either. However, we enjoyed our season and are feeling more and more confident each year. I'd like to thank Miss Barlow and also Mrs Pollard and Miss Raw who coached us in Miss Barlow's absence. I'd also like to thank our loyal supporters who have followed us and encouraged us throughout the season.

The following girls have represented the team: Levinia Clemetson, Katie Chesworth, Kim Hayden, Sophie Hope, Lauren Standring, Anya Dearden, Stephanie Jackson, Jo Shaw, Carla Narnor, Alison Featherstone, Elizabeth Hyde and Alison Hawcroft.

Lauren Standring (5J)

U15 HOCKEY

Played 10, Won 6, Lost 3, Drew 1.

v Marple Hall School (H)	W	4 - 0
v Stockport Grammar School (A)	L	0 - 3
v King's School, Macclesfield (A)	D	1 - 1
v Withington Girls' School (H)	L	3 - 4
v Manchester High School (H)	W	4 - 0
v St Bede's College (H)	W	1 - 0
v St Monica's School (H)	W	2 - 0
v Newcastle-under-Lyme School (H)	W	2 - 0
v St Bede's College (A)	W	8 - 0
v Stockport Grammar School (H)	L	1 - 3

The Under 15's had a very successful and enjoyable season this year. We had some very high scoring games. In particular the second time we played St Bede's College and won 8-0, when virtually all of the team had a shot on goal (eventually Becka!)

This year all of the team learnt how to stick together and support each other in the game, for late in the season Miss Barlow, our hockey coach, developed a back injury, and had to rest. (We are all now glad that Miss Barlow is back on her feet and ready to put us through some gruelling fitness training!) Thank you to Miss Matthews who stepped in to coach us.

As you can see in the results table we lost to Stockport Grammar School twice. We all became really angry with ourselves because we knew that we could achieve better. However, we are all geared up for next season, so look out Stockport, we'll be back!

Well done to all the team: Kati Greenall, Emma Cruickshank, Georgina Laird, Louise Goodwin, Laurie Edwards, Vanessa Cohen, Sophie Nelson, Elli Metcalfe, Danielle Baker, Rebekah Lawson, Caroline Bell and Natalie Ofoche.

Also thank you to the girls who stepped in to help out when the usual players were not available: Vicky Lane, Natalie Philips and Saima Khan.

Good Luck Next Year!

Elli Metcalfe (4G)

U14 HOCKEY

Played 10, Won 5, Lost 3, Drawn 2.

v Marple Hall School (H)	W	4 - 2
v Stockport Grammar School (A)	L	0 - 3
v King's School, Macclesfield (A)	D	1 - 1
v Withington Girls' School (A)	D	0 - 0
v Manchester High School (H)	W	2 - 0
v Kingsway School (A)	W	5 - 0

v St Monica's School (H)	W	3 - 0
v St Bede's College (H)	L	0 - 1
v St Monica's School (A)	L	0 - 1
v Newcastle School (H)	W	2 - 0

With a new season came a new coach, Miss Raw. It didn't take her long to figure out who each one of us was and what our strong and weak points were. Therefore most practices were about working as a team and not on our own.

The season started off quite rocky and although we gained most of the play, we just couldn't gain the goals. It then came as no surprise when we started to practice drumming the ball into the back of the net. This certainly paid off as we started winning!

As we started to regain our strength and power, a couple of "draw-backs" arose due to illness and injuries. The team was determined not to let this affect us and we carried on with our 'fighting-spirit'.

Sunita Boodhoo (goal-keeper) improved with every match and the backs Adanna Opara & Samantha John equally played well. The forwards - Laura Hopkinson, Leanne Davidson, Beth Coffey and Hannah Naylor - learnt how to communicate with each other (without our mouths) which certainly paid off. Iram Choudary and Helen Fisher played extremely well at their positions as well as a new addition to the team, Laura Alexander-Williams.

There is one person though, who hasn't been mentioned yet, as I thought it was best saved to the end; Emily Cochrane. Emily, who has played hockey for the School for all three years, has made a considerable contribution to the team. By playing left-half, she excelled in her position and began to hit the ball to the best of her ability. To prove this, she became captain this year. Unfortunately for the team, Emily is leaving at the end of the Summer Term '97 to live in America. On behalf of the team, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Emily the best of luck in America and hope that in some way she can use whatever she has gained in hockey here to adopt it in some way in America. THANKS!!

Last, but by no means least, I would also like to thank Miss Raw for her patience and tolerance with the team and also for taking time out to coach us at lunch-times.

The following people represented the team: Emily Cochrane, Leanne Davidson, Beth Coffey, Hannah Naylor, Gemma Bookbinder, Laura Hopkinson, Samantha John, Adanna Opara, Sunita Boodhoo, Helen Fisher, Iram Choudary, Laura Alexander-Williams, Anna Robertson and Helia Asadi.

Leanne Davidson (3H)

U13 HOCKEY

Played 13, Won 3, Lost 7, Drawn 3.

v Marple Hall School (H)	W	2 - 1
v Stockport Grammar School (A)	L	0 - 8
v King's School, Macclesfield (A)	D	1 - 1
v Withington Girls School (A)	W	1 - 0
v Manchester High School (H)	W	1 - 0
v Kingsway School (A)	L	0 - 3
v St Monica's School (H)	D	1 - 1
v St Bede's College (H)	L	0 - 2
v St Monica's School (A)	L	0 - 1
v Newcastle-Under-Lyne School (H)	L	0 - 1
v Kingsway School (H)	L	0 - 6
v St Bede's College (A)	D	0 - 0
v King's School, Macclesfield (H)	L	0 - 3

The first Saturday of the season brought about two major landmarks for the U13. It was the first time they had scored two goals in a match and furthermore it was the first time they had won a match, coming from behind to win 2-1.

The euphoria amongst the team was infectious and we went to our next match in highly confident mood. The girls battled strongly and felt disappointed with a one-all draw against King's School, Macclesfield.

It seemed as though there was a new-found zest to the girls and we stretched our unbeaten run to three more games with a particularly heroic win against Withington despite being two players short. Another victory followed, this time against Manchester Girls High School, and the standard of hockey was also improving.

The team benefited from a core of players who were totally committed and always gave their best. Their attitude towards practices and matches could not be faulted. However, a team is made up of eleven players and it was frustrating when other members of the squad did not always show the same drive, and consequently our results started to slip.

Although the results didn't always go our way, the standard of hockey was often enjoyable to watch. I would like to congratulate Holly Kent, Anna Rogers, Bhavini Vara, Katrina Francis, Kathryn Tang, Kate Howie and Sara Sadeghi for never giving up and always trying their best. Special thanks must go to Penny Cochrane of 1J. Penny often played for the second year and her commitment and drive were a lesson to the team. Penny's natural talent for the game was always evident. Also thanks to other first years, Cornelia Bremer and Carolyn Hegg, for helping out in goal, and Ceegay Verley and Mareshah Sheriffe for representing the Second Years so enthusiastically. Their efforts were invaluable. Finally I would like to thank our supporters for giving the team encouragement.

I enjoyed working with the girls and wish them every success next year.

The following girls represented the School: Naima Ahmed, Marhsa Beagul, Laura-Jane Bulwich, Cornelia Bremer, Penny Cochrane, Katrina Francis, Carolyn Hegg, Kate Howie, Tatiana Jimenez, Camille Kasler, Holly Kent, Rachel Ng, Selene Pang, Alexis Race, Anna Rogers, Sara Sadeghi, Mareshah Sheriffe, Sharan Suthar, Kathryn Tang, Bhavini Vara, Ceegay Verley.

Miss. L.C. Derby.

U12 HOCKEY

Played 7, Won 4, Lost 0, Drawn 3.

v St Bede's College (H)	W	1 - 0
v St Bede's College (H)	D	1 - 1
v St Monica's School (A)	W	2 - 0
v Newcastle-Under-Lyne School (H)	D	0 - 0
v Kingsway School (H)	W	1 - 0
v King's School, Macclesfield (H)	D	0 - 0
v St Bede's College (A)	W	3 - 1

September '96 brought a new school year and a new first year. For many first year girls Hockey was a new sport but many turned up at the first practice, willing to have a go.

Our first match was cancelled because the opposition had not got a team ready. This happened to us the next couple of matches, for the same reason. When we got to play at last, an A and a B team had to be ready to play St. Bede's at home. The A team won 1-0 but the B team could only manage a 1-1 draw.

For our second match we had to play away at St. Monica's which we won comfortably 2-0. Goals were scored by P. Cochrane and S. Siddiqui. Newcastle-under-

Lyme was our hardest match yet. The game was played at home and even though we battled hard, the game ended up as a goalless draw.

Our next match was a good game against Kingsway which we won 1-0. The first half went more our way considering that we scored, as opposed to the second half where we found it harder to keep the lead. The next game we played was against St. Bede's and we won it with a good win, 3-1. K. Tierney, C. Verley and A. Marshall played extra well in this game, with A. Marshall and C. Verley both scoring for us.

Unfortunately, we couldn't end the season the same way we started and we went downhill in the last two games, first drawing 1-1 against King's School, Macclesfield and then losing quite badly against Stockport Grammar. In this last game, we had most of the possession but we managed to scrape one goal back so we didn't go out of the season with no goals.

On the whole, the season was a good one for the Under 12s, with our winning three of our six games. I hope we will have an even better season next year!

We would like to thank Mrs Howling for coaching us and Mrs Pollard for helping us through the matches.

Squad: P. Cochrane, A. Diaczuk, M. Sheriffe, O. Solati, L. DC, H. Hassan, K. Maddock, S. Turnberg, K. Tierney, C. Bremer, R. Choudhry, S. Hamid, C. Hegg, A. Marshall, N. Opara, C. Schofield, S. Siddiqui, E. Tang, C. Verley.

Kristie Tierney (1R) & Penny Cochrane (1J)

NETBALL



UNDER 16 NETBALL

Played 10, Won 2, Lost 8, Drew 0.

It was a frustrating start to the season losing to Withington 9-14, but our next match proved more successful, showing what our team was really made of with the match ending in a 10-6 victory over Manchester High.

Despite this victory, our next three matches ended with embarrassing results against St. Bede's, Marple Hall and Newcastle. Of course this was all down to the terrible weather conditions and not our ability to play netball!

Our true ability was shown in our match against Marple Hall in which we scored 22 goals while our opponents scored only 2. After this we were determined to end the season on a high but unfortunately this didn't happen, as we lost our last four matches, scoring few goals while the opposing teams scored a lot more.

Of course our unsuccessful season was not our fault. We had a good coach! and practised a lot. There must have been something else we were doing but we just didn't know what it was. Despite this we had an enjoyable season, we all like playing netball, and it was good when we won (all two times)!

Also thanks to the following girls for their dedication: Levinia Clemetson, Carla Narnor, Anya Dearden, Jo Shaw, Alison Hawcroft, Kim Hayden, Lauran

Standing, Sophie Hope, Pareen Trivedi, Stacey Khafagy and Jo Gregory.

Lauren Standing (5J)

U15 NETBALL

This year the U15 Netball team was taken by Miss Minto. We are still not the best at Netball but we do try our hardest.

This year we won three matches out of ten, not brilliant but better than last season. The netball squad have tried their hardest and given it their best shot and we would like to thank Miss Minto for coping with us and giving up her spare time for us. We are grateful for her support. I am sure that you will see us again next year and we will have improved that little bit more!

Caroline Bell (4B) (Captain)

U14 NETBALL

The year started off with determination and spirit, despite the losses and injuries. Although there were many injuries, there was always someone there in reserve, willing to play.

This was shown when, after a couple of matches, Hannah Naylor - a vital player - had to step aside due to injury. Leanne Davidson stepped in and played with determination right until the end.

The attack, which consisted of Gemma Carolan, Beth Coffey, Emily Cochrane and Jenny Street, improved throughout the year, taking the positions in turn.

The shooters, Emily Cochrane and Beth Coffey showed that they could play well under extreme pressure.

The defence, Anna Robertson, Gemma Bookbinder and Adanna Opara, showed great enthusiasm, even when neither Adanna's or Anna's height could stop the goals.

The captain, Beth Coffey, made us work hard, even when we were losing!

We just hope that the team can play with the spirit and morale that they adopted during the season, especially when Emily Cochrane, who plays goal shooter, leaves for America!

Thanks must go to Mrs Pollard who gave up her lunchtimes to coach us.

The following girls represented the team: Emily Cochrane, Beth Coffey, Leanne Davidson, Hannah Naylor, Gemma Bookbinder, Gemma Carolan, Anna Robertson, Adanna Opara and Jenny Street.

Leanne Davidson (3H) and Beth Coffey (3H)

U13 NETBALL

This year was not a terribly successful one for the second year team who lost all 10 of their games. After a few initial problems, we did eventually manage to develop some team spirit and morale improved. All the girls represented the School well and although they were constantly defeated, they never lost heart.

And then the unthinkable happened!

The girls travelled to Rydal Penrhos to an U13 tournament expecting a very tough challenge which they duly rose to. They were completely shocked when they

actually WON their first match. Adrenaline pumping, they won the second match then the third match and eventually made their way through to the semi-final. Here they were unlucky to lose to Cheadle Hulme but managed to come fourth out of 13 schools. What a way to finish the season! Well done and thank you to all the girls who turned out to practices and represented the school. They were: Holly Kent, Rebecca Goodwin, Anna Rogers, Camile Kasler, Rachael Ablott, Bhavini Vara, Marsha Beagul, Vanessa Bacchas, Rachael Moore, Danielle Moylan, Jenna French, Kate Howie and Aysha Rangrez.

Miss. J.F. Smith.

UNDER 12 'A' NETBALL

Played 11, Won 6, Lost 4, Drawn 1.

September brought a good start to the U12's 'A' team. We won our first match at Marple Hall which gave us hope for the future. As the year went on we grew more confident and were able to produce a powerful squad for the 'A' team, since our shooters were very good and accurate; nearly every time the ball was in the semi-circle, a goal was scored. Of course we had to be able to get the ball to the shooters. The attackers did a great job of this and managed to pass to the shooters. These attackers were Amanda Marshall, Kristie Tierney and Penny Cochrane. When the ball did go to the other end our defenders, Mareshah Sheriffe, Vanessa Ho and Gunwant Sathi did well to get it back down. There were some people from the original team who were moved sideways to make way for growing stars. The U12's 'A' team was very committed to Netball. Our reliable captain, Amanda Marshall, helped us through every match by making sure we warmed up and went through skills before the match started.

Our thanks to Mrs Mather who came in and taught us, and to Mrs Hesp and Mrs Pollard without whom the U12's 'A' team would not be possible.

Girls who represented the School on the 'A' team were:

Vanessa Ho, Mareshah Sheriffe, Kristie Tierney, Penny Cochrane, Amanda Marshall, Ceejay Verley, Ozadeh Solati, Kate Maddock, Gunwant Sathi, Cornelia Bremer, Carolyn Hegg, Katherine Hiscocks, Nneka Opara.

Penny Cochrane (1J) and Kristie Tierney (1R)

UNDER 12 'B' NETBALL

Played 6, Won 0, Drew 3, Lost 3.

At the start of the year there were about 30 of us, but as the year went on there were only about 20. It wasn't Mrs Hesp's fault, because she and Mrs Mather trained us well. They started by teaching us the basic rules and skills like footwork, passing correctly and shooting.

Although we didn't get off to a flying start, we gathered our strength and improved a lot even though we didn't win anything. Never mind! Maybe next time!

The following people were on the team and they all deserve a big THANK YOU!!!

As well as the 'A' team representatives the following represented the B team:-

Kamella Dennison, Amy Diaczuk, Leela DC, Jennifer Bowlas, Chloe Schofield, Zahra Habib.

Cornelia Bremer (1S)

LACROSSE



1ST LACROSSE

v Timperley	won	12-5
v Manchester University	won	8-5 (cup)
v Hulmeians Extra A	won	10-5
v Heaton Mersey B	lost	11-2 (cup)
v Wilmslow A	won	8-4
v Stockport C	lost	10-12
v Cheadle C	won	11-1
v Hulmeians Extra A	lost	4-6
v Melior B	won	1-0
v Poynton B	lost	3-4

A great start to the season was made with three consecutive wins. Winning against Manchester University enabled us to reach the second round of the Cup, but Heaton Mersey put an end to any Cup aspirations! The match against Heaton Mersey, who are in the division above us, was hard and determinedly fought and was far more even than the score suggests. During this game our weaknesses were revealed and attempts were made to strengthen the side as a result.

The Stockport team were older and more experienced than us but our athleticism appeared to give us the upper hand. With seven minutes to go we were leading by three goals, and then there was a change of referee...to a Stockport Spectator. From this moment onwards every decision went against us, which enabled Stockport to win the game!

The game against Cheadle allowed us to put into play the moves we practised in training as the team were a little younger than ourselves. The match against Hulmeians Extra A was delayed for about an hour, with one reason being the failure to arrive of the umpire. Here Mr Veitch must be thanked for agreeing to step into the breach. Once the game actually began we had lost our enthusiasm, and as a result the opposition were able to take advantage of this in the first half. The pace of the game lifted in the second half and we were able to close the deficit But we had left the fight just a little too late.

Another of our matches was again disrupted due to Mellor players arriving late, with some losing their way. This led to Mellor conceding the points and a mixed friendly was played eventually.

Our final game of the season was like many of our games, being closely fought with neither team being able to dominate.

Overall the season was excellent and provides a sound base for next season.

The season started earlier than usual for some of the first team players as together with Boardman and Eccles a squad was formed to play on a Sunday evening in the floodlight league. This meant that by the time the pre season training arrived we weren't as rusty. The practices we well attended despite the fact that the first team coach Mr. Andeloe was a fitness fanatic and had us conditioning for the majority of the session. This hard work paid off because by

half time our opposition were tired and we were then able to take control of the game and on several occasions win due to our fitness levels.

Craig Baker showed his athleticism all season but would benefit from a stronger left hand.

Paul Beales played both long and short stick midfield. He would often be let down by his stick skills once he was in an ideal position to score.

Richard Bell has a great brain for lacrosse if nothing else. He can hold the ball well under pressure and can also make accurate passes under this pressure.

Guy Brocklehurst is one of the older players, and showed his experience on many occasions during the season. He scored many goals by "cutting through" and once the other players saw how many goals Guy scored this way, they began to do the same. This simple manoeuvre lifted our game and we began to score more goals per game.

John Daniels had a short spell in third year in goal but since deciding that this was not the position for him, he then moved to long stick and its this position that John played this season. He has an ability to body well, then pick the ball up to put us in a fast break situation.

Steven Flood is also a longstick that enjoys playing his attacking man and similar to the other long sticks loves the odd sprint up field to put us in a fast break position. But more often this would not work as the defence found out on many an occasion, was that the attack could not catch in this sort of situation. This problem was later ironed out during the lunch time practices and on many occasions this hard work paid off.

Nick Gilmore captained the team this season, showing his experience he gained through captaining Lancashire. He showed his ability to disposes the opposition, and handling skills most games.

David Hancock is a strong player and a valuable asset to the team but his rugby commitments often meant that he was not available for selection. But the times he did, he showed his speed and team work talents.

Robert Hanley is a left handed attacker and possibly the most skilful the team has. Often he lets~he team down by fouling unnecessarily.

James Higgins is the commander in the midfield. He knows the moves and can also organise other players during the game. He is a strong face off man and the majority of the time won possession.

Will Kent is a strong midfield player with several more seasons on the team. His weakness this season has been his left hand, if he could further improve his stick skills then his game would benefit hugely.

Paul Murphy's stick skills have greatly improved over the last couple of seasons, these improvements have enabled him to hold the ball under pressure and release an accurate pass or shot.

Matt Naylor played a couple of games for the first team at the start of the season but finds picking up the ball difficult, he also wastes possession by shooting at goal when stood at the side lines.

Matt Robinson was our first team goal keeper this year. He's a valuable and will be greatly missed next year. He shows absolutely no fear when people shoot. Mathew often went on a trek up field with the ball in an attempt to get his name on the score sheet. Returning back to his goal proved to be more difficult for Mathew. He enjoys the physical side of lacrosse and would "cream" any opposition that would venture close to his crease.

Phil Robinson was our second goal keeper who has a great future on the team but on the occasions that he played his size let him down, as he was easily dispossessed on the

clear for example. Phil loses his confidence quickly, but by next season he may have learnt not to become disheartened if the opposition do actually score.

Ben Veitch is probably the most aggressive player on the field which is good in one sense but Ben finds it hard to control his aggression and as a result receives penalties. As a team, we place ourselves under unnecessary pressure and allowing the opposition to be a "man up" for a minute or so. And often our opponents scored in these situations. If our aggression could be controlled we would be a far better team.

Jamie Veitch is the youngest attacker on the team. Together with Paul and Robert is part of a skilful attack. Jamie is able to play with both hands but his size often lets him down as he is easily pushed out by bigger players. Jamie scored and assisted several goals through his vision and knowledge of the game.

Many thanks to Mr. Andeloe for his time and commitment. All the players have benefited greatly this season from his coaching ability. Also to Mr. Wood, Mr. Simpkin and Mr. Veitch who also coached the first team throughout the season.

N Gilmore

U16 LACROSSE

Played 8, Won 1, Lost 7, For 31, Against 98.

v Heaton Mersey	L	4 - 13
v Stockport Grammar School	L	3 - 16
v Sale	L	1 - 4
v Mellor	L	1 - 13
v Norbury	W	13 - 1
v Timperley	L	2 - 18
v Wilmslow	L	5 - 27
v William Hulme's Grammar School U15's	L	2 - 6

The season was a difficult one as can be judged from the results. Even the one win was not a truly Under 16's team because it was at half term when we put out a joint U15's/U16's team. I inherited a squad that had reduced in numbers over the last couple of years and had not won a match last season. These two things are related; while it is nice to uphold the Olympic spirit of taking part, it is difficult to maintain enthusiasm and interest when you are losing every week.

We had a nucleus of players who were capable of holding their own in a good team. Unfortunately a lacrosse team is only as good as its weakest players and we had some players who were willing but weak and some who were both weak and not very willing.

At the start of the season I was hopeful, knowing that, if the players would attend practices, we would be able to build a team around the nucleus and improve week by week. This is where the lack of willingness came in. The maximum number that turned out for any practices was ten and, although we were able to do some useful work, we were not able to do any practices involving six on six, man up attack, man down defence etc. Without threatening players with Saturday Detentions, (which I am loathe to do), it was difficult to get players out for practices and, in some cases, for matches.

In goal we had either Chris Lindley or his able deputy, Robert Watson. They managed to maintain a cheery disposition despite being badly exposed at times. The defence usually consisted of Ben Green, Matthew Ludlam and Richard Nixon, all of whom are capable of playing well but have weaknesses of their own making. Ben has lapses of

concentration (probably worrying about what his hair will be like when he takes off his helmet), Matthew must learn to control his natural aggression and Richard must not let frustration, both with himself and others, spoil his game.

It was in midfield and attack that we were most lacking. Adam Dignan, Paul Edisbury and Ross Mackay shouldered most of the work in midfield. They are talented players who, with more support, are capable of doing well. However, modern Lacrosse needs more than three "middies", especially when the attack is not capable of holding the ball for long enough to give them some respite. In attack Neil McLeod and Craig Smith looked like developing a good understanding until Craig got a Saturday job, leaving Neil isolated. Neil has good handling skills but needs to improve his mobility and be prepared to take one more step to improve the shooting angle (even if it does mean taking the occasional hit!).

Of the other players, Jeremy Arnold has to be congratulated for his perseverance but needs to work on his handling, Raymond Fu was often a reluctant player who, with a better attitude, could be useful, and Zahoorul Haq was another player with talent who needed coaxing to get to play. It is, perhaps, fortunate that next year the players will be part of the First Team squad. The keener, more able players will find it a pleasant change to play in a full team with players of good ability, while those who are less enthusiastic/able will be able to make a contribution in the House League teams.

The following players represented the School: A.L.D. Dignan (Captain), J.R. Arnold, P.M. Edisbury, R. Fu, S.M. Ghazi, B.M. Green, Z. Haq, J. Holland, C.N. Lindley, M. Ludlam, R.I.D. Mackay, N.A. McLeod, R. Nixon, C.A. Smith, R.G. Watson.

A Simkin

U15 LACROSSE

Played 9, Won 5, Lost 4, Goals 64, Against 39.

v Stockport Grammar School	W	12 - 3
v Waconians	W	15 - 2
v Norbury	W	10 - 0
v Nottingham	L	3 - 9
v Poynton	L	3 - 4
v Sale	W	11 - 5
v Boardman and Eccles	L	4 - 6
v Cheadle	L	0 - 8
v William Hulme's Grammar School U16's	W	6 - 2

As you can see from the results, this has not been our most successful season. This was mainly because we were playing teams a year older than us and there is a large difference in the standard and size of teams from the U16 league and the U14 league. However, we approached every game with optimism and at times we played some great Lacrosse.

One of the brightest things to come out of the season was the inclusion of Thomas Chung to the team. Almost starting the game from scratch at the beginning of the season, Thomas learnt the skills and tactics of the game remarkably quickly. His strength and strong determination running as a mid fielder made him an asset to the team both as player and "face-off" man.

The whole mid-field unit played extremely well throughout the season, especially considering that they were never really at full strength. William Kent led the midfield particularly well, and with his strong running and impressive goal tally he was well able to match the strength of older opposition. Tom Gent and Tom Hickman both played consistently well in midfield.

The defence had their best season yet, playing well as a unit in all matches. David Rogers was particularly outstanding in all aspects of his defensive game. Joe Holland's strength and size continue to be an asset to the team. In attack Anthony Edwards was impressive for his goal-scoring abilities. In goal, Philip Robinson had another outstanding season, making good saves on many occasions and keeping the opposition's score to a minimum. Overall it has been an enjoyable season and we hope that with continued enthusiasm and hard work next year we will be a good match for any opposition.

Finally we wish to thank Mr Veevers and Mr Andalo for taking our practices and games lessons. Also many thanks to Mr Cotton for putting up with us and giving up his time on a Saturday morning to transport and support us at matches.

J Veitch (4D)

STAFF REPORT

The U15's made a strong start to the season winning their first three games in convincing fashion. This run came to a halt at home against a strong Nottingham team and was followed by a narrow defeat away to Poynton in the cup.

They responded well to these setbacks by convincingly beating Sale at home. There then followed two defeats, both away. Firstly, a narrow one to a highly rated yet over-physical Boardman and Eccles side in a bad-tempered match. With more discipline this match should have been won, as WHGS had far more of the play. Secondly, an 8-0 defeat by a very strong and impressive Cheadle side. The last game was a specially arranged match against our U16's. There was a lot of pride at stake, yet the game was played in good spirit and was highly enjoyable. Not unexpectedly, we won this match 6-2, but it was to the credit of the U16's that this victory was by no means as easy as some had suggested it might have been.

In summary, the U15's have performed well in a "league" in which they are a year young. It has only been the really strong sides which have been able to beat us. We can be pleased with our performance. The only negative has been one or two moments of indiscipline, which must be eliminated next year. Lastly, thanks must go to Mr Andy Veitch in particular, and other parents who have helped, for his unstinting coaching and encouragement on match days. Without him, it is a certainty that our team would have been nowhere near as successful as it has been. Can I say; "he is the Brian Clough of Lacrosse".

The following players represented the School regularly: P. Robinson, D. Rogers, C. White, J. Holland, A. Machin, W. Kent, T. Chung, T. Gent, T. Hickman, A. Race, A. Edwards, J. Murphy, M. Robson and J Veitch.

Other Players: D. Naylor, R. Hopkinson (injured), M. Brown, A. Pickford and G. Meakin.

H.N. Veevers & C. Cotton

U14 LACROSSE

Played 9, Won 6, Lost 3, Drawn 0, Points for 63, Against 49.

v Sale	W 9 - 1
v Mellor (Cup)	W 11 - 4
v Waconians	W 7 - 1
v Poynton (Cup)	L 2 - 6
v Waconians	W 12 - 10
v Rochdale	W 7 - 4
v Stockport	L 5 - 10
v Heaton Mersey	L 3 - 9
v Timperley	W 7 - 4

Fifteen players represented the Under 14's Lacrosse team this season and, although the squad has strength in depth, it is perhaps lacking an extra attack player. As it was, midfield players like Andrew McLeod were drafted into the attack to allow others to rest during the games.

The team contained two strong midfield units made up from Warren Dawkins, Matthew Dewsnap, Brett Ramsumair, Alex Johnstone, Scott Griffiths and Jamie Meers. All these players are natural runners, creating attack opportunities throughout the game. In attack, Anthony Green was our most skilful player, showing excellent vision and stick work, linking well both with the midfield trio and with our other attack players Andrew McLeod, Paul Stonehouse or Daniel Mather.

At times however the attack players became much too static, especially against a zone defence. It is important that the ball be kept moving and the players keep moving to pull defenders out of position to allow us to attack spaces not people. However, with continued individual and unit skill practices I can see the team scoring many excellent goals.

In defence we improved throughout the season. Daniel Gall was our regular goal keeper playing consistently well in every game. Robert Thompson, Sam McClements, Bill Shaw and Alick Hyde made up the defensive unit and all showed improvement throughout the season. With better communication and crisper stickwork (especially with long sticks) all will develop into a sound defensive unit.

The under 14 squad was a pleasure to work with. All players regularly attended training sessions and we often took all fifteen players to the game. I am indebted to Mr Iain Shaw for his help and expertise with the coaching and for his time spent travelling with the team or refereeing on Saturdays. My thanks also go to those parents who regularly transported players to away games and/or supported the team excellently throughout the season.

C.H. Seddon.

U13 LACROSSE TEAM REPORT SEASON 1997

Results were:-

Played 7, Won 2, Drawn 2, Lost 3 Goals 37 - 69

v Stockport (Cup)	L 0 - 19 (A)
v Wilmslow	L 4 - 13 (H)
v Stockport G.S.	D 9 - 9 (A)
v Sheffield	L 4 - 14 (H)
v Sale	D 3 - 3 (H)
v Stockport A	W 7 - 6 (A)
v Norbury	W 10 - 5 (H)

The eager group of boys that were the U13's at the start of their season became subject to the wisdom and guile of Messrs Simon and Andrew Marden of the Hulmeians Lacrosse Club. From our point of view it was not going to be an easy task, as we had had no previous coaching contact with the boys. Therefore our first fixture against Stockport U 14 in a cup competition was not going to be easy. They were were a very organised side and beat us extremely comfortably 0-19, but the thing that impressed both the coaches was the boys' determined attitude, which stood them in good stead for the remainder of the fixtures. Close games against Stockport Grammar, Sale and Stockport U14 (2nds) only emphasised that what some of the players lacked in skill they made up for in effort and determination.

On the whole the team remained the same, and towards the end of the season there was some very pleasing stickwork both individually and by the whole team, passing the ball quickly up field, around the goal and creating scoring opportunities. In our defence, certain lessons were learned on how to defend effectively and the understanding that the body check is more effective than the stick-check was taken in very quickly.

The whole squad showed promise. Our long standing goalie, Nasir Moosa, despite a nasty injury in the first game, proved reliable in between the sticks. With a little more coaching and effort he can turn into a good goalkeeper. There was good solid running from our midfield; Chris Ogden-Smith, Justin Ofoche, Shane Coley and Michael Platt are worthy of a mention, Justin particularly for his work at the face off. Our attack line up varied a lot (usually due to who was the most tired) but the boys towards the end of the season showed real application in creating space for each other in order to create good shooting opportunities. One only wishes all those opportunities had been taken.

The key to playing any sport successfully is practice. Both coaches hope that with sufficient coaching and practice next season the squad will go from strength the strength.

Finally thanks must go to the die-hard group of parents who helped with transport to away matches and supported the team.

Other boys selected for the team worthy of a mention are:-

Haitham Hassa, Andrew McIntyre, William Tamkin, Our double act Robi and Ravi, Ryan Garner, Peter Sunderland, Jonathan Case, Stephen Peck, Joe Gavagan, Kofi Djang, Richard Colebrook, Thomas Sutton, Oliver Ludlam, Yasir Eldin and Mark Brighthouse. If there is anybody left out, apologies. See you next season.

Simon Marsden

UNDER 12 LACROSSE

Played - 8, Won - 2, Drawn - 2, Lost - 4 ; Goals : For - 52, Against - 56

v Mellor	H	D	7 - 7
v Nottingham	H	L	6 - 9
v Stockport G. School (Cup)	A	W	9 - 0
v Boardman & Eccles	A	W	10 - 5
v Poynton	A	L	6 - 9
v Wilmslow (Cup)	A	L	5 - 11
v Wilmslow	H	L	4 - 10
v Heaton Mersey	H	D	7 - 7

(Six a side tournament - at Timperley)

Played - 4, Won - 3, Lost - 1, Goals 7 - 8

v Heaton Mersey	W	2 - 0
v Wilmslow	W	1 - 0
v Timperley	W	4 - 1
v Boardman & Eccles	L	1 - 7

The usual Christmas practices went ahead, and, although numbers were small, there was much enthusiasm and skills soon developed. Regular lunchtime and weekend training sessions were held early in the term, and a squad of players ensued. As all were new to the sport, rules of the game and match tactics had to be learned as well as basic skills of catching, throwing and picking up the ball.

Much work was put in before the first match, at home to a small but experienced Mellor side. Teamwork and lack of familiarity with the rules proved to be a problem, but it was in midfield that our strength was to lie. We dominated early play, and Ashley Wood hit both posts, but Mellor took the lead when our defence failed to mark players, despite Pairo shouting from goals. Captain Chris Booker and Stefan Knight started to run well in the second half, and they each scored, before Stefan put us ahead. Sendings off and lack of strength on the ball prevented us building on our lead, and two more goals from Chris were equalised near the end. Our second match was against an over-age Nottingham side, who also borrowed some of our reserves. Strength on the ground ball was a problem, but teamwork was starting to develop. Poor marking in defence was countered by good running in midfield, and the score moved backwards and forwards. A half time score of 3 - 3, with goals from Chris Booker (twice) and Jonathan Chung changed to 5 - 6 at three quarters, but late Nottingham goals brought a defeat by three goals.

Our next match was in the Cup at Stockport Grammar School, when we had three players missing because of Saturday detention. Much mid-week training and self-belief helped preparation, although we were short in midfield. Fortunately, a smaller pitch was to our advantage, and ground balls were contested and won well by our midfield. Chris, Nick Patchen and Nick Travis each scored well in the first half, and Tunde held the defence together, producing a half time lead of 5 - 0. We then relaxed too much and Pairo made several good saves, also coming out of goals to win possession. Delays in passing the ball stopped us scoring as many as we could, but Chris scored twice more, and Stephen and Ashley rounded off a convincing 9 - 0 victory from a hard-working team.

Prior to our next match away at Eccles, we found that three players had not arrived at School, including the goalkeeper, and we also had two who had not played previously. Sabah had five minutes' training as a goalkeeper before we left School, and five minutes more at Eccles! After a confident start by the opposition, Sabah made a good save, fed Chris for a quick break, and we were one goal up. We now dominated the game in every department, and showed much confidence. We scored regularly, but could have scored more if the attack had made more space, and were up by 7 - 1 at half time. Inexperience showed in some of our players after half time, but six goals from Chris gave us a big lead before the opposition came back. The final score of 10 - 5 flattered them a little, after our play became a little careless.

After half term, our first match was against a strong Poynton side, who had scored 25 goals in their last match. This was one of our weaker performances, as we frequently gave the ball away in midfield, and won few loose ground balls. By half time, we had given the ball away four times, and were down by 2 - 4. Long shots by Poynton were going in - Pairo was not at his best - and it was only in the last quarter that we started to put our game together, with Joe and Chris



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scoring late goals, but we had lost 6 - 9. The next day, we had two teams playing in a six a side tournament on Timperley's astroturf. Many found it difficult to adapt to this new experience, and play was a little disjointed at first. Despite this, three good wins gave us the possibility of a semi-final place, but this was lost by tiredness in the final match, where we fell apart, although all enjoyed the day.

Our Cup semi-final was on a very difficult pitch at Wilmslow, when we could not pick up the ball easily. Too many players seemed tired and lethargic, and teamwork was seldom in evidence, with the midfield completely dominated by Wilmslow, who always seemed to have players free. We were 1 - 6 down at half time, and still had players sent off too frequently, with our defence not sufficiently well organised in a zone. A score of 2 - 9 at three quarter time only became respectable with Chris scoring three times in the final quarter. The following week we were again scheduled to meet Wilmslow, although at home. Several team changes were made in a hope to improve upon our previous week's performance. Two very big players dominated their attack, and we had no answer to their strength. Of our new players, Azim showed a direct approach in attack, and others worked hard on the ground balls and showed good positional sense. The regulars played well below their true potential and another defeat ensued. Our final match was at home to a strong Heaton Mersey team, and we left our best performance to the last. We had several regulars missing, and the opposition scored goals from quick breaks, but we did not give up, as we were confident we had the skills necessary. Early goals conceded were pegged back in the second and third quarters and the team appeared to have a much better shape. Jonathan Chung was excellent in a new role in defence, and Azim was again strong in attack. Our midfield of Chris, Stefan and Nick Travis worked together well, and all the late attacking advances were made by us. The final score of 7 - 7 could have been a victory.

There were many very good players in this squad, and, with plenty of training together on a regular basis, they could have the makings of a strong team in the future. Pairo is a very good goalkeeper who shouts at his defence - a good sign - and wants to train. Jonathan Chung could be a defender who wins ground balls, and Tunde has the strength to block the middle. Our midfield relies on Chris - an excellent goalscorer - and Nick Travis, with Nick Patchen, Stefan and Joe close behind. Others, such as Darshan, Matthew and Sabah (a more than useful reserve goalkeeper) could also develop well with hard work and training. In attack, Stephen did not score enough, but has the skills, and Azim looks to be a regular in the future. Paul and Alex need to be more mobile in defence, and Jonathan Darlington could gain a regular place if he works hard. Ashley (two years younger than the rest) made a good start, was not over-awed and has potential for the future.

Thanks to Mr Crane for his help all season, and to all the parents who came on a regular basis. The team has been a pleasure to coach, and I hope they continue to develop in the future.

The following played regularly : Chris Booker, Nick Travis (captains), Pairo Nowroozi, Paul Whitehead, Tunde Moses, Alex Rushforth, Jonathan Darlington, Stefan Knight, Nick Patchen, Joe Amara, Jonathan Chung, Stephen Lancashire, Ashley Wood

Also played : Darshan Mohammed, Eser Nihat, Sabah Haque, Asim Ahmed, Matthew N'Jie, Azim Butt, Andrew Smith, Akintunde Adams.

M. D. Wood

CROSS COUNTRY



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

A very enthusiastic group of first formers provided the majority of the participants in the Cross Country Club this year, taking part in various competitions and leagues in the Manchester region.

In the Altrincham League, held over three meetings at John Leigh park, Altrincham, impressive individual performances were recorded by Akintunde Adams (6th Place) and James Barrington (17th Place), and these helped the first year team to a creditable fifth place out of ten teams. This is our best position in this league in recent years. In the second year competition good performances were produced by Eoin Murphy, Arfan Aslam, and Edward Haslam. In the senior competition Jake Royle ran away with the Silver medal after being placed in the top three in each of the three races.

Our runners were less successful in the Stockport League held at Marple Hall School. Excellent runs by Paul Keenlyside (9th and 15th in separate races) were a highlight but the first year team position was eighth in this very competitive league.

At the Walter Wilson Memorial event held at Wythenshawe Park, Ryan Williams gained fifteenth place in the first year race and the team was placed sixth.

The best performance of the year was undoubtedly by Paul Keenlyside in the first year race in the Manchester Schools Championships at Our Lady's High School, Blackley, where he recorded ninth place out of seventy runners but the overall team standard was much lower.

The most popular event of the year was the weekend visit to Hardraw where Mr Cotton was at least as keen as the boys. The first formers completed three long runs across the fells (with the wind behind them) and then they were rewarded for their efforts with a cave visit, a fish and chip supper and a visit to the cheese factory!!

The following pupils represented the School:

1J C. Weems, R. Williams, A. Adams, E. Nihat, S. Tanvir,
A. Ahmed, D. Mohammed, A. Iqbal.

1S J. Barrington, U. Butt, B. Sands, A. Aslam.

1R C. Morrison, N. Patchen.

1K P. Adewunmi, P. Keenlyside.

Second Year: E. Murphy, A. Jalil, A. Aslam, E. Haslam.

Sixth Form: J. Royle

J.H. Hardy

CRICKET



SCHOOL CRICKET

The 1997 cricket season was an enormously disappointing one for most players and staff. Poor weather greatly reduced fixture lists for all schools, and Junior teams in particular played very little cricket.

At 1st XI level, the School was proud to host its second festival, and a change in weather facilitated three glorious days of cricket. Immediately after the festival, the 1st XI spent a fortnight on tour in Barbados, a fantastic experience for all involved.

It is likely that the next two years will be very difficult at the senior level, but I feel that school cricket in general is stronger than ever. We have several very talented cricketers in the U12, U13 and U14 squads, and Mr Crane's knowledge is now being used to coach teams in the Junior School. Hopefully, better weather next year will enable us to develop this potential.

P R Hewston

WHGS BARBADOS CRICKET TOUR

Played 5 Won 3 Lost 2

v Alexandra School
WHGS 179-6 (I Cooke 48*)
Alexandra 180-8
Lost by 2 wickets

v St James' School
St James' 147 all out (N Bell 3-9)
WHGS 118 all out
Lost by 29 runs

v Foundation School
WHGS 183-7 (J Flatman 47)
Foundation 134 all out (N Bell 3-36)
Won by 49 runs

v Grantley WHGS 233-4 (S Johnson 99, M Newton 65)
Grantley Adams 166-9
Won by 67 runs

v Coleridge and Parry School
Coleridge and Parry 97 all out (A Majid 4-23, M Newton 3-8)
WHGS 100-1 (S Johnson 51*)
Won by 9 wickets

P R Hewston

Because this tour took place so near the end of the School year, the report on it is deferred until next year's "Hu;meian". "Watch this space!"

1ST XI CRICKET

Played 13 Won 4 Lost 5 Drawn 2 Abandoned 2

- v Bury Grammar School
WHGS 199-4 (A Majid 76*)
Bury 134-7 (N Bell 4-12)
Won by 65 runs
- v King's School, Macclesfield
WHGS 129 all out
Macclesfield 130-2
Lost by 8 wickets
- v QEGS, Wakefield
QEGS 166 all out (N Bell 4-25, R Hanley 4-49)
WHGS 167-6 (S Johnson 73*)
Won by 4 wickets
- v King Edward's, Lytham
Lytham 58-2
Match Abandoned
- v St Bede's College
St Bede's 119 all out (A Majid 4-14)
WHGS 121-5
Won by 5 wickets
- v Birkenhead School
Birkenhead 191-4 dec
WHGS 108 all out
Lost by 83 runs
- v King's School, Chester
WHGS 215-5 (S Johnson 92*)
Chester 101-7 (N Bell 4-11)
Match Abandoned
- v Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby
WHGS 106-9
Crosby 107-5
Lost by 5 wickets
- v Old Hulmeians
WHGS 34-0
Match Abandoned
- v Sedbergh School
Sedbergh 227-5 dec
WHGS 140-5
Match Drawn
- v Pocklington School
WHGS 156 all out
Pocklington 114 all out (S Johnson 4-30)
Won by 42 runs
- v Chigwell School
WHGS 208-5 dec (M Newton 114, S Kellett 59*)
Chigwell 209-7
Lost by 3 wickets
- v Wellingborough School
WHGS 199-6 dec (S Kellett 51)
Wellingborough 200-1
Lost by 9 wickets

The cricket season was a disappointing one for the 1st XI, both due to the weather and some indifferent

performances and results. Our batting was brittle and too dependent on two or three players, whilst the bowling was weakened by an injury to Simon Johnson. Our fielding was poor throughout the season, and too often we allowed games to drift out of control.

The season began promisingly with a comfortable victory against Bury, and generally, apart from a poor batting performance against King's School, Macclesfield, we played good cricket during the first half of the term. However, the rhythm of the season was interrupted in the second half of the term due to the weather. We were robbed of a victory against King's, Chester by rain, but played very poorly against Merchant Taylor's, Crosby and Sedbergh, and were lucky not to lose both matches.

During the festival, hosted by William Hulne's Grammar School for the second time, we played very positively without much luck. We were outplayed by Wellingborough, but beat Pocklington with a magnificent bowling performance and narrowly lost a wonderful match with Chigwell School.

Of the players, Nick Bell bowled consistently well all year, and was well supported by Asif Majid, who now appears to have returned to full fitness. Zeeshan Rana also looked dangerous on the occasions he played. Our batting was inconsistent, but Miles Newton, Asif Majid and Simon Johnson all had good seasons with little support.

The next two years will be difficult for the 1st XI due to the passing of a very strong Upper Sixth Year. It has been my privilege to be involved with this year group and their development, and I shall miss them enormously.

The following represented the 1st XI this year: T Akhlaq, N Bell, J Calderbank, T Gent, R Hanley, Z Haq, R Hopkinson, S Johnson, S Kellett, A Majid, S McClernents, M Naylor, M Newton, Z Rana, J Veitch, A Gill.

P R Hewston

2ND XI CRICKET

The 2nd XI played only two matches this season for a variety of reasons: we were unable to raise a team on two occasions, the opposition could not raise a team for one match and several matches were washed out by the rain.

Each season when I started to look at the potential 2nd XI, the team looks quite strong on paper until we start to play. Then I discover that various players are unavailable either at 1st or 2nd XI level and hence we are rarely able to field a full strength team. This season, the squad was weak even before any loss of players, and therefore the prospects were not good. As it happened, we only played twice, losing both matches.

The first match, at home to Bury Grammar School, saw an indifferent batting performance. The School struggled to 107 all out, thanks largely to a good innings of 62 by Tayyab Akhlaq. When Bury batted, Saqib Ahmad took two early wickets and, with better fielding, we could have put the opposition in more trouble. Dropped catches gave the Bury batsman several lives, and they coasted past the target with only three wickets down.

The final match was away against a powerful Q.E.G.S., Wakefield side. The opposition batted first and looked like giving us a run around on a hot afternoon until Neil McLeod came up with an excellent spell of swing bowling. He took 5-8 to peg them back but they were still able to declare before tea at 170-7. A good opening stand between Edward Barker and Neil McLeod put on 35 for the first wicket but no other batsmen made double figures and we were bowled out for 70 to lose by a round 100 runs!

My thanks go to the players who represented the School and to those who were selected for other games only for the matches to be cancelled. Those who played were: E H Barker, P R Murphy (Captains), A R Ahmad, S Ahmad, T Akhlaq, A N Brahmabhatt, A K Burki, B M Green, D T Hancock, Z Haq, N A McLeod, M Prasad, A A Riaz, S V Srinidhi, W R H Stoddart, R G Watson.

A Simkin

U15 CRICKET REPORT 1997

This has been in many respects a disappointing season for the Under 15's, both in terms of the weather with matches consequently lost, but even more importantly because of the very poor spirit shown by certain individuals who displayed no respect for themselves, nor respect for the team, letting them down on several occasions. Matters were not helped by the failure of squad members to attend practices: seven was the most seen at a mid-week practice, the rest presumably thinking that they were good enough not to need practice or coaching.

The season began with a weekend side against a very strong QEGS Wakefield team. We only managed to score 92 runs, largely due to the efforts of Umar Suhail (27) and Tom Gent (16). There were too many batsmen who did not apply themselves and then got out to very casual shots. Unfortunately, our bowling was weak and our fielding even worse and they got the runs for the loss of one wicket. KES Lytham managed to score 3 runs before rain stopped play for the duration. Better conditions prevailed against St Bede's, although unfortunately we only managed to score 73 runs, of which 12 were extras, and that was mainly due to Richard Hopkinson who scored 29 runs before being adjudged lbw by their umpire. Last year Richard had taken a century off their bowling. Our bowling failed to make an impact and we only managed to take one wicket.

It looked like Mancs to the slaughter against Birkenhead as they rattled up 264 for the loss of one wicket against some adequate 'bowling' and risible fielding. Embarrassment and annihilation seemed to be staring us in the face until Richard Hopkinson decided his average needed improving and he took the very competent Birkenhead bowling apart with an Bothamesque display of hitting, eventually scoring 147, with 7 sixes and 22 fours in that total. It was a privilege to watch and comfortably the best schoolboy innings that I have ever seen. There was support from 'Mikey' scoring 13 and later some strong hitting from Chris Howarth (16) who was stepping up from the under 14's, but unfortunately it was not enough and we lost by 61 runs.

Undoubtedly the best all-round performance came at Merchant Taylors' on a murky, windy exposed pitch at Crosby. Batting first, Hopkinson destroyed their bowling in another awesome display of attacking batting. This was no slog against poor bowling, but a measured and intelligent innings where Richard looked for singles, protected his partner and put the bad ball into the sand dunes. He also ran exceptionally well. By tea at 4 o'clock he had amassed 153 and the team 181 in just over two hours' play. Umar Suhail supported well. Fortunately we decided to put in our best bowling performance of the season when they went into bat and knocked them over for 70. Kasim Ullah with 3 wickets for 20 off 11 overs and Umar Suhail with 3 wickets for 16 off 7 overs were the best bowlers., but it was a commendable team effort with commensurate fielding. I think everyone enjoyed winning this match and there was a

superb team spirit displayed. Special thanks to Richard for his innings and adroit captaincy: he encouraged, talked, used the field well and kept everyone on their toes. A wonderful end to a curtailed season.

T.P. Heavisides

U14 CRICKET

Played 7, Won 4, Drawn 2, Lost 1

- v QEGS, Wakefield (A)
 - Match drawn
 - QEGS 182 for 9 dec (Gill 8-43)
 - WHGS 121 for 5 (McClements 59 not out)
- v King Edward VII School, Lytham (H)
 - Won by 2 wickets
 - Lytham 139 all out
 - WHGS 141 for 8 (Howarth 35)
- v Oakwood High, (Cup) (H)
 - Won by 4 wickets
 - Oakwood 122 all out
 - WHGS 124 for 6
- v Audenshaw High, (Cup) (H)
 - Won by 9 wickets
 - Audenshaw 79 all out (Khan 3 for 3, Gill 2 for 6)
 - WHGS 80 for 1 (Howarth 45 not out)
- v St Bede's College, (Cup) (H)
 - Won by 8 wickets
 - St Bede's 77 all out
 - WHGS 78 for 2 (Ali 39 not out)
- v Birkenhead School (A)
 - Match drawn
 - WHGS 148 for 9 (McClements 54)
 - Birkenhead 101 for 5
- v Altrincham Grammar School, (Cup 4th round) (H)
 - Lost by 45 runs
 - Altrincham 162 for 5
 - WHGS 117 for 6 (McLeod 39, Ramsumair 22)

The most disappointing feature of this year's cricket season was undoubtedly the English summer. The wet conditions meant that a number of fixtures were cancelled and this was extremely frustrating for the team. In the games that were played, however, the third years were able to produce a few very impressive performances which were reflected in their overall results.

The season started against QEGS, Wakefield, who turned out to be a strong outfit. Their opening partnership of 108 was broken by Gill who went on to record figures of 8 for 43. This was an outstanding performance, displaying genuine pace, aggression and determination. We then, bravely, managed to secure a total of 121 for 5, with McClements playing a real captain's innings of 59 not out.

Our second match against King Edward VII, Lytham, resulted in an exciting two wicket victory, with Howarth scoring a quickfire 35. He was given admirable support in the middle order by McLeod who was impressive all season both with the gloves and the bat.

The next three games were in the Harold Bailey Cup against Oakwood High, Audenshaw High and St Bede's

College. These were all limited overs games and in them the team played with genuine skill, commitment and intelligence. Having dismissed Oakwood for 122 runs we managed to reach the total with four wickets remaining. Howarth and McClements batted solidly during this innings and Ramsumair chipped in with a cavalier 17 not out. In the next round, Audenshaw were restricted to 79 all out, Khan and Gill taking 3 for 3 and 2 for 6 respectively. Showing himself to be a talented all-rounder, Khan then opened the innings, scoring 28 runs. The honours, however, went to Howarth, who scored 45 runs and led the side to a comfortable victory. He showed on a number of times this season that as well as playing his natural aggressive game, he is capable of playing a considered, thoughtful innings.

A win against St Bede's put the team through to the fourth round. An excellent all-round bowling and fielding performance restricted the visitors to 77. A convincing eight wicket victory ensued with Ali recapturing his form with the bat to score an unbeaten 39.

In the next fixture, Birkenhead restricted us to 148 for 9, but not before McClements had shown dogged resistance for his 54. This innings epitomised the captain's style of batting which manages to combine courageous defence with real attacking flair. The match ended in a draw with Birkenhead reaching 101 for 5.

The team's hopes of repeating the glories of last year's victorious cup run were cut short by an impressive performance by Altrincham Grammar. For the first time in the season our performance in the field let us down as we allowed the opposition's opening pair to dominate the bowling. The game was effectively lost because of some ill-disciplined bowling and lacklustre fielding. Hopefully, players learn from their mistakes and emerge from defeat both wiser and stronger. The cup run ended with a 45 run defeat, but not before McLeod, Booker and Ramsumair showed solid resistance and determination in the middle order. Mather should be praised for his contribution this year. He is a quietly determined individual who consistently bowls with accuracy and swing. His figures do not always reflect this fact, but he should realise that he often 'buys' wickets for other bowlers. Rameez Haider and Omar Hussain should be delighted with the progress that they have made this year. Both promise to be highly effective bowlers.

Thank you to all the parents who continue to show support for the team - it is valued and appreciated.

The following boys represented the School this year:

Hadi Al-Bayati, Imran Ali, Robert Booker, Amar Gill, Ravi Gokal, Rameez Haider, Chris Howarth, Omar Hussain, Rajeev Kay, Abrar Khalid, Imran Khan, Daniel Mather, Sam McClements (Captain), Andrew McLeod and Brett Ramsumair.

M C Gorman

U13 CRICKET

- v QEGS Wakefield
QEGS 116-5 dec.
WHGS 117-1 (R. Gokal 58*)
Won by 9 wickets
- v St Bede's College
St Bede's 67 all out (B Hussain 4-8)
WHGS 67 all out
Match tied

This was a hugely frustrating season for the U13 cricketers, with just two games being possible due to appalling weather for much of the Summer. This was particularly disappointing since the U13 squad has many talented players, as illustrated by the results they achieved in those two games.

Against QEGS Wakefield the team performed very well. After a solid bowling and fielding performance, a magnificent half century by Paul Gopal enabled the team to win with overs to spare. Both Paul and Rajeev Kay are very capable with both bat and ball and should serve the School well in years to come.

The tied match with St Bede's should have been won after a fine bowling performance by B Hussain, but reckless batting meant that an exciting game ended in a tie.

I must congratulate the whole squad on their keenness and enthusiasm even when the weather was at its least pleasant. They are a delightful and talented bunch of boys, many of whom will develop into fine cricketers.

P C Hewston

U12 CRICKET

Played 4, Won 1, Lost 3, Drawn 0.

This was a disappointing season, both for weather and results; not so much a game of two halves as a season of one! All four games were played before half-term and the unseasonal and, to cricketers, unwelcome rain in June, left us, sadly, without a fixture in the second half of the term.

Despite the statistical evidence, the team performance had plenty of good points and I remain convinced that this squad had great potential for the future, with many individual talents waiting to develop.

Of the games played, our match versus Wakefield was lost in the last over, as was the match against Manchester Grammar School (probably the most exciting game of the four). A comfortable victory v. Lytham was offset by a 'comfortable' defeat at the hands of St Bede's. At Wakefield, we gave away too many extras and, despite bowling pretty well on a hot afternoon, we allowed the opposition to reach 116-8. We replied admirably with C Booker and U Khalil knocking 50 off the first 10 overs but, when they both went in successive overs, with the score just over 60 and time on our hands, the middle order got tied down and then collapsed. After that, and with wickets falling at regular intervals, we struggled to 89 all out, the last wicket falling in the last over of the game. The game against Lytham was a complete contrast. Putting the opposition in on a pitch which offered clear help to the bowlers, we made good use of the conditions to remove Lytham for just 69 (U Khalil 3-11). Our batting got off to a flying start, with two hours to get the runs(!), but then we lost two 'soft' wickets. Pacing the game is a lesson to be learnt for the future. However, we passed Lytham's target with 6 wickets to spare and 1 hour left to play.

A cup match against Manchester Grammar School provided the most exciting game of the season and, despite losing by 8 runs, we played probably our best out-cricket, notably a wonderful slip-catch by R Kumar and two direct-hit run-outs from C Booker and D Mohammed, which helped restrict the opposition to 91-8 (A Butt 3-7). In reply, we struggled against some accurate bowling and, at 40-5, looked out of the game. However, a rearguard action, led by H Kiani (24 n.o.) and S Knight (13) left us needing 11 off the last over. Unfortunately, we didn't quite make it.

Boosted by our performance against Manchester

Grammar School, we entered the match v. St Bede's fairly confident. Regrettably, our confidence was short-lived, and losing a toss, which overnight rain and a 10 o'clock start had made more significant, we were put in to bat and made slow progress, managing only 81-7 off 25 overs, despite a cameo innings of 14 from S Knight. In stark contrast and on a drying wicket, St Bede's took the game to us from the first over, looking to take all the singles available, helped, it must be said, by some mediocre fielding on our part. They eventually passed our total with two overs to spare and despite some good, tight bowling from U Khalil, never looked in danger of losing.

So, a short season but much to learn, as ever. There is plenty of talent in the side, and progress was made in the areas of backing-up and calling. Fielding was more variable, and like so many things in cricket, relies on concentration. Reading and pacing the game are additional skills which will develop in years to come, but overall, the team can feel positive about the future.

I have enjoyed very much coaching the side, whose behaviour on and off the field has been excellent, and I look forward to watching its progress in years to come.

In addition to A Butt and C Booker, who both captained the side, the following boys represented the School:

U Khalil, D Mohammed, H Kiani, V Kakkar, A Ahmed, S Haque, S Knight, S Anjum, R Kumar, O Khan, U Chaudhry, R Williams, A Rushforth, A Anwar and S Tanvir.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all the parents who supported us during the season.

A C Crane

TENNIS



This year Miss Barlow took over as Teacher in charge of Tennis, and throughout the Autumn Term organised a programme of intense coaching; this will be repeated in Autumn 1997. Her long and painful back injury from January onwards, from which she is only now recovering (she was not able to return full time even by the end of the Summer Term) obviously meant a disjointed and unco-ordinated summer of tennis in her absence. It is to her great credit, and to that of colleagues who undertook to "hold the fort", that the show went on at all.

The boys had some senior fixtures, with Richard Longworth featuring prominently, and year group teams at U15 and in which Jeffrey Wu was a driving force. The U14, U13 and U12 also played regularly and loyally. The girls mustered teams at U15, U14 and U13 - Caroline Bell and Laura Hopkinson were key figures here. At the end of the Summer Term there were separate Boys' and Girls' Doubles Tournaments. The Girls event was won by Caroline Bell and Georgina Laird, the Senior Boys by James Veitch and Phil Robinson and the Junior Boys by Asim Ahmed and Sohaib Tanvir.

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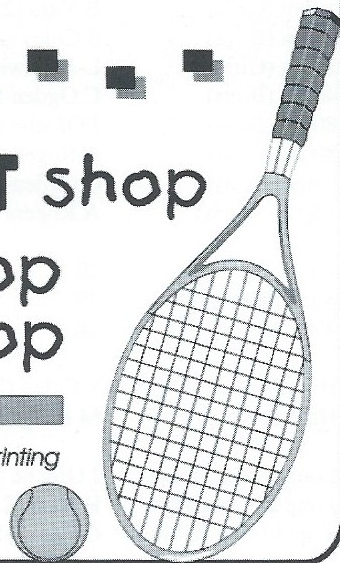
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ATHLETICS

ATHLETICS SPORTS RESULTS 1997

FIRST FORM:

100m (Boys)	P Adewunmi (1K)	14.27	N Patchen (1R)	P Keenlyside (1S)
100m (Girls)	M Sheriffe (1S)	15.24	N Opara (1S)	L Dé (1K)
200m (Boys)	E Nihat (1J)	33.00	C Booker (1K)	A Ahmed (1J)
200m (Girls)	N Opara (1S)	34.59	P Cochrane (1J)	O Solati (1J)
400m (Boys)	N Patchen (1R)	74.83	T Bannister (1S)	N Johnson (1S)
800m (Boys)	S Tanvir (1J)	3.01.09	J Barrington (1S)	A Smith (1K)
800m (Girls)	L Dé (1K)	3.28.49	A Ahmed (1R)	O Solati (1J)
1500m (Boys)	P Keenlyside (1S)	5.27.75	A Adams (1J)	T Bannister (1S)
1500m (Girls)	P Cochrane (1J)	7.01.47	K Tierney (1R)	E Tang (1S)
4 x 400m (Boys)	1S	5.25.18	1K	1J
4 x 100m (Boys)	1J	63.50	1R	1K
4 x 100m (Girls)	1J	78.15	1S	1R
High Jump (Boys)	L Jackson (1J)		A Adams (1J)	N Patchen (1R)
High Jump (Girls)	S Turnberg (1K)	1.05	R Choudhry (1S)	A Diaczuk (1J)
				Z Hussain (1J)
Long Jump (Boys)	T Moses (1R)	3.94	C Weems (1J)	T Bannister (1S)
Long Jump (Girls)	M Sheriffe (1J)	3.30	J Bowlas (1R)	N Opara (1S)
Triple Jump (Boys)	S Campbell (1S)	7.60	A Petrillo (1K)	N Johnston (1S)
Shot (Boys)	S Knight (1K)	7.58	U Khalil (1R)	A Smith (1K)
Shot (Girls)	S Turnberg (1K)	5.01	M Shahid (1J)	Z Hussain (1J)
Cricket Ball (Boys)	C Booker (1K)	44.69	P Adewunmi (1K)	E Nihat (1J)
Rounders Ball (Girls)	K Dennison (1J)	42.50	K Maddock (1K)	P Cochrane (1J)

Results	1st	1J	245 pts
	2nd	1K	203 pts
	3rd	1S	196 pts
	4th	1R	179 pts

Individual Winners:

Girls:	M Sheriffe (1J) & S Turnberg (1K)
Boys:	N Patchen (1R)

SECOND FORM:

100m (Boys)	S Coley (2S)	13.12	A McIntyre (2S)	K Djang (2R)
100m (Girls)	B Vara (2K)	15.24	K Francis (2R)	M Beagul (2K)
200m (Boys)	S Coley (2S)	27.43	R Serrant (2K)	R Gokal (2K)
200m (Girls)	L-J Bulwich (2K)	33.99	K Francis (2R)	H Street (2J)
400m (Boys)	C Ogden-Smith (2S)	73.40	E Murphy (2J)	S Khoshneviszadeh (2S)
800m (Boys)	J Ofoche (2S)	2.58.88	N Moosa (2S)	A Jalil (2R)
800m (Girls)	A Rogers (2S)	3.23.71	H Street (2J)	L Berger (2S)
1500m (Boys)	C Ogden-Smith (2S)	5.43.47	A Aslam (2R)	I Ishfaq (2J)
1500m (Girls)	A Rogers (2S)	6.57.00	C Kasler (2J)	H Kent (2K)
4 x 400m (Boys)	2S	5.05.85	2R	2J
4 x 100m (Boys)	2S	57.16	2K	2J
4 x 100m (Girls)	2K	62.76	2S	2J
High Jump (Boys)	S Coley (2S)	1.35	S Patel (2R)	T Sutton (2R)
High Jump (Girls)	M Beagul (2K)	1.17	C Kasler (2J)	L Goodwin (2K)
Long Jump (Boys)	J Ofoche (2S)	4.49	A McIntyre (2S)	R Serrant (2K)
Long Jump (Girls)	H Kent (2K)	3.43	M Beagul (2K)	H Street (2S)
Triple Jump (Boys)	C Ogden-Smith (2S)	8.36	S Khoshneviszadeh (2S)	K Djang (2R)

Shot (Boys)	T Saleem (2R)	9.73	O Raja (2S)	J Odlin (2R)
Shot (Girls)	L-J Bulwich (2K)	5.10	K Tang (2J)	A Oxberry (2S)
Javelin (Boys)	M Webber (2S)	21.46	R Kay (2K)	S Saeed (2R)
Javelin (Girls)	J French (2S)	11.45	S Onyemem (2K)	S Suthar (2J)

Results	1st	2S	254 pts
	2nd	2K	215 pts
	3rd	2J	172 pts
	4th	2R	156 pts

Individual Winners:

Girls:	L-J Bulwich (2K) & A Rogers (2S)
Boys:	S Coley (2S) & C Ogden-Smith (2S)

THIRD FORM:

100m (Boys)	J Chapman (D)	12.87	A Gill (H)	M Dewsnap (H)
100m (Girls)	A Opara (G)	16.45	H Naylor (F)	G Bookbinder (W)
200m (Boys)	S Griffiths (G)	28.06	L Adams (W)	M Dewsnap (H)
200m (Girls)	B Coffey (H)	32.73	E Cochrane (F)	G Carolan (D)
400m (Boys)	C Howarth (W)	64.61	D Loofe (G)	J Fletcher (W)
800m (Boys)	R Sagar (B)	2.46.16	L Adams (W)	A Johnstone (F)
800m (Girls)	B Coffey (H)	2.64.49	E Bailey (F)	A Robertson (G)
1500m (Boys)	R Sagar (B)	5.56.10	C Howarth (W)	A Johnstone (F)
1500m (Girls)	J Street (H)	6.10.07	L Alexander-Williams (G)	N Sheldon (D)
4 x 400m (Boys)	Whitworth	4.46.93	Fraser	Byrom
4 x 100m (Boys)	Fraser	67.02	Gaskell	Dalton
4 x 100m (Girls)	Heywood	55.45	Dalton	Gaskell
High Jump (Boys)	J Fletcher (W)	1.25	S Hughes (G)	L Adams (W)
High Jump (Girls)	L Alexander-Williams (G)	1.25	G Carolan (D)	-
Long Jump (Boys)	S Griffiths (G)	4.69	R Sagar (B)	I Khan (H)
Long Jump (Girls)	E Cochrane (F)	3.44	S John (B)	L Davidson (H)
Triple Jump (Boys)	S Griffiths (G)	9.60	A Gill (H)	B Ramsumair (F)
Shot (Boys)	J Sharp Little (H)	10.42	I Khan (H)	R Wakefield (D)
Shot (Girls)	A Opara (G)	7.49*	J Street (H)	G Litherland (B)
Discus (Boys)	A Green (F)	20.55	D Loofe (G)	R Thomson (G)
Javelin (Boys)	D Wood (F)	20.04	C Howarth (W)	S Bowe (H)
Javelin (Girls)	S Boodhoo (G)	11.84	B Coffey (H)	G Bookbinder (W)

* indicates new School record

Individual Winners:

Girls:	B Coffey (H)
Boys:	S Griffiths (G)

FOURTH FORM:

100m (Boys)	R Hopkinson (H)	12.22	A Wardle (F)	J Wu (W)
100m (Girls)	D Baker (H)	14.46	C Bell (B)	C Edwards (G)
200m (Boys)	A Wardle (F)	28.41	D Naylor (F)	W Kent (W)
200m (Girls)	D Baker (H)	30.87	L Edwards (G)	V Raynes (D)
400m (Boys)	R Greenhalgh (W)	72.48	U Suhail (W)	N Shah (H)
800m (Boys)	S Miller (H)	2.39.09	J Holland (B)	T Hickman (B)
800m (Girls)	L Goodwin (F)	3.22.19	V Raynes (D)	R Lawson (G)
1500m (Girls)	N Ofoche (D)	6.50.00	S Khan (F)	M Mkumbwa (W)
1500m (Boys)	R Hopkinson (B)	5.42.76	W Kent (W)	D Wild (B)
4 x 400m (Girls)	Whitworth	4.55.53	Heywood	Byrom
4 x 100m (Boys)	Gaskell	55.79	Fraser	Dalton
4 x 100m (Girls)	Dalton	65.70	Fraser	Heywood
High Jump (Boys)	C White (F)	1.48	D Naylor (F)	S Miller (H)
High Jump (Girls)	C Bell (B)	1.28	G Laird (D)	S Khan (F)
Long Jump (Boys)	W Kent (W)	5.28	J Wu (W)	A Edwards (D)
Long Jump (Girls)	S Khan (F)	3.72	R Lawson (G)	C Bell (B)
Triple Jump (Boys)	R Hopkinson (B)	11.12	J Wu (W)	A Edwards (D)

Shot (Boys)	T Chung (B)	8.43	A Wardle (F)	N Sharwin (D)
Shot (Girls)	L Berrisford (D)	8.02	K Greenall (G)	E Cruickshank (H)
Discus (Boys)	J Holland (B)	26.75	N Sharwin (D)	N Whitehead (H)
Javelin (Boys)	J Holland (B)	23.05	M Brown (G)	S Hamid (B)
Javelin (Girls)	M Freeman (W)	9.56	F Todd (G)	L Mannon (B)

Individual Winner:

Girls: C Bell (B)
Boys: R Hopkinson (B)

Results	1st	Heywood	201 pts	4th	Fraser	193 pts
	2nd	Byrom	199 pts	5th	Gaskell	183 pts
	3rd	Whitworth	198 pts	6th	Dalton	146 pts

OVERALL RESULT

SENIOR POINTS TOTAL (carried over)

Byrom	91.5	Gaskell	50
Dalton	32	Heywood	130
Fraser	157	Whitworth	68.5

MIDDLE SCHOOL POINTS TOTAL

Byrom	199	Gaskell	183
Dalton	146	Heywood	201
Fraser	193	Whitworth	198

FINAL POSITION & POINTS

1st	Fraser	350 pts	4th	Whitworth	266.5 pts
2nd	Heywood	331 pts	5th	Gaskell	233 pts
3rd	Byrom	290.5 pts	6th	Dalton	178 pts

Senior Sports Results 1997

100m boys	11.35	M Daniel	B	D Hancock	D	C Baker	F
100m girls	14.47*	C Narnor	H	K Hayden	F	A Featherstone	D
200m boys	25.72	M Daniel	B	C Johnstone	F	T Craven	B
200m girls	32.78	R Westbrook	H	K Hayden	F	E Hyde	W
400m boys	59.81	L Hassett	F	S Flood	W	P Murphy	D
800m boys	2.26.94	S Johnson	F	E Choularton	F	M Olden	G
800m girls	3.01.72	R Westbrook	H	J Shaw	W	R Goodwin	F
1500m boys	5.13.00	P Beales	B	P Edisbury	W	A Dignan	F
High Jump boys	1.60	E Choularton	F	A Cooke	H	M Daniel	B
High Jump girls	1.35	C Narnor	H	K Hayden	F	S Jackson	B
Long Jump boys	5.13	S Johnson	F	G Roberts	H	C Baker	F
Long Jump girls	3.88*	C Narnor	H	R Westbrook	H	J Shaw	W
Triple Jump boys	10.60	G Roberts	H	D Durrance	W	A Greenall	G
Shot boys	9.36	H Anwar	G	D Bishopp	H	L Zentar	F
Shot girls	6.17	A Dearden	B	R Aldersley	H	R Goodwin	F
Javelin boys	32.15	L Hassett	F	S Johnson	F	J Stockberger	H
Discus boys	23.35	C Edwards	G	D Bishopp	H	S Kellett	F
Discus girls	15.55	N Whiterod	D	K Chesworth	F	R Aldersley	H
4 x 400m boys	4.06.97	F		B		H	
4 x 100m boys	52.13	B		F		D	
4 x 100m girls	63.31	H		F		W	

* Indicates new School record

Individual Winners: S Johnson (F), C Narnor (H)

Results:	1st	Fraser	157 pts	4th	Whitworth	68.5 pts
	2nd	Heywood	130 pts	5th	Gaskel	150 pts
	3rd	Byrom	97.5 pts	6th	Dalton	32 pts

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS RECORDS

FIRST FORM:

100m (Boys)	A G Hinchcliffe	13.00	1981
100m (Girls)	N Hanley	14.76	1989
200m (Boys)	S Coley	28.47	1996
200m (Girls)	N Hanley	31.39	1989
400m (Boys)	R Enisouh	65.91	1988
400m (Girls)	S Stephenson	72.09	1990
800m (Boys)	E Davies	2.30.32	1985
800m (Girls)	B Coffey	3.04.72	1995
1500m (Boys)	E Davies	5.10.18	1985
1500m (Girls)	P Cochrane	7.01.47	1997
4x400m (Boys)	1C	4.55.22	1988
4x100m (Boys)	1C	59.07	1989
4x100m (Girls)	1B	64.66	1994
Shot (Girls)	A. Oporo	6.90	1995
Shot (Boys)	R England	9.95	1990
Cricket Ball (Boys)	A Scott-Gall	57.30	1986
Rounders Ball (Girls)	K Hawcroft	46.40	1990
High Jump (Boys)	M Daniel	1.43	1993
High Jump (Girls)	S Turnberg	1.05	1997
Long Jump (Boys)	A G Hinchcliffe	4.37	1981
Long Jump (Girls)	C Narnor	3.75	1993
Triple Jump	R Hopkinson	9.42	1994

SECOND FORM

100m (Boys)	M Baama	12.55	1992
100m (Girls)	R Nightingale	13.85	1992
200m (Boys)	Worthington	25.80	1980
200m (Girls)	P Walters	29.38	1991
400m (Boys)	N Byrom	59.03	1990
400m (Girls)	R Westbrook	69.80	1992
800m (Boys)	Hindley	2.20.40	1968
800m (Girls)	V Raynes	3.13.47	1995
1500m (Boys)	E Davies	4.46.00	1986
1500m (Girls)	A Rogers	6.51.00	1997
4x400m	2A	4.27.41	1989
4x100m (Boys)	2A	55.20	1988
4x100m (Girls)	2D	60.46	1991
Shot (Girls)	K Greenall	6.46	1995
Shot (Boys)	R England	10.04	1991
Javelin (Boys)	S Johnson	29.50	1991
Javelin (Girls)	J French	11.45	1997
Rounders Ball (Girls)	K Hawcroft	43.40	1991
Long Jump (Boys)	W Kent	4.86	1993
Long Jump (Girls)	C Narnor	4.05	1994
High Jump (Boys)	J E D Crews	1.52	1981
High Jump (Girls)	M Beagul	1.17	1997
Triple Jump	M Baama	10.63	1992

Year 3:

100m (Boys)	A Malik	12.13	1992
100m (Girls)	V Priestner	13.37	1992
200m (Boys)	P Day	25.00	1992
200m (Girls)	R Nightingale	30.04	1993
400m (Boys)	N Butterworth	58.83	1990
400m (Girls)	B McCurrie	71.09	1992
800m (Boys)	P Day	2.25.07	1992
800m (Girls)	L Thornton	2.58.65	1995
1500m (Boys)	M Bratt	5.05.50	1988
1500m (Girls)	J Street	6.10.07	1997
4x400m (Boys)	Whitworth	4.23.30	1990
4x100m (Boys)	Fraser	54.20	1992
4x100m (Girls)	Gaskell	62.81	1996

High Jump (Boys)	M Daniel	1.62	1995
High Jump (Girls)	C Narnor	1.33	1995
Long Jump (Boys)	D Hancock	5.06	1994
Long Jump (Girls)	C Narnor	4.27	1995
Triple Jump	R Hopkinson	10.71	1996
Shot (Boys)	R England	11.62	1992
Shot (Girls)	A Opara	7.49	1997
Discus	I Graham	27.65	1991
Javelin (Boys)	S Johnson	32.80	1992
Javelin (Girls)	S Boodhoo	11.84	1997
R Ball (Girls)	A Wheeler	46.40	1991

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS RECORDS

100m (Boys)	F Thomas & D Hallows	11.30	1961 & 1984
100m (Girls)	C Narnor	14.47	1997
200m (Boys)	I R Cooper	23.50	1975
200m (Girls)	R Westbrook	31.13	1996
400m (Boys)	P Hayes	52.60	1970
400m (Girls)	Y Schofield	81.80	1993
800m (Boys)	C Cusink	1.57.20	1966
800m (Girls)	R Westbrook	2.56.00	1995
1500m	H Symonds	4.00.40	1971
4x400m	Heywood	3.53.44	1994
4 x 100m (Boys)	Heywood	43.74	1966
4x100m (Girls)	Dalton		1994
High Jump (Boys)	J E Crews	1.87	1985
High Jump (Girls)	G Brook	1.27	1996
Long Jump (Boys)	R K Davies	6.17	1954
Long Jump (Girls)	C Narnor	3.88	1997
Triple Jump	P Nias	12.62	1973
Shot (Boys)	R K Dakin	13.63	1963
Shot (Girls)	K Hawcroft	9.05	1996
Discus (Boys)	I P Cooper	38.10	1974
Discus (Girls)	N Whiterod	15.55	1997
Javelin (Boys)	D A Reeves	43.74	1966
R Ball (Girls)	A Wheeler	44.15	1993
Year 4:			
100m (Boys)	C Armstrong	11.83	1993
100m (Girls)	V Priestner	13.93	1993
200m (Boys)	A Malik	25.20	1993
200m (Girls)	R Nightingale	30.16	1994
400m (Boys)	C Bury	57.93	1990
400m (Girls)	S Stephenson	76.30	1993
800m (Boys)	E Davies	2.11.75	1988
800m (Girls)	A Bower	3.07.85	1995
1500m (Boys)	E Davies	4.29.00	1988
1500m (Girls)	N Ofoche	6.50.00	1997
4x400m (Boys)	Whitworth	4.09.36	1991
4x100m (Boys)	Heywood	51.88	1988
4x100m (Girls)	Fraser	61.92	1994
High Jump (Boys)	A Xydeas	1.63	1994
High Jump (Girls)	G Brook	1.28	1994
Long Jump (Boys)	M Wilson	5.50	1989
Long Jump (Girls)	C Narnor	3.92	1996
Triple Jump	N Byrom	11.20	1992
Shot (Boys)	R England	10.96	1993
Shot (Girls)	E Nicholson	7.19	1993
Discus (Boys)	J White	27.40	1992
Discus (Girls)	M Ankrah	14.60	1995
Javelin (Boys)	S Johnson	35.55	1993
Javelin (Girls)	M Freeman	9.56	1997

SWIMMING

In the 1997 House Swimming Tournament, Whitworth House were the overall winners for the second time in a row, coming first in the individual table with a 23 point lead over second place Gaskell. First place in the relay table went to Fraser, just one point ahead of Whitworth.

The best individual performances went to:

Daniel Mather (3rd Year) Philip Robinson (4th Year) Andrew Wall (Senior)

Individual Results

Position	House	Points	Position	House	Points
1st	Whitworth	60	4th	Heywood	18
2nd	Gaskell	37	5th	Byrom	17
3rd	Fraser	26	6th	Dalton	3

Relay Results

Position	House	Points	Position	House	Points
1st	Fraser	20	4th	Heywood	9
2nd	Whitworth	19	5th	Byrom	6
3rd	Gaskell	18	6th	Dalton	4

Overall Results

Position	House	Points	Position	House	Points
1st	Whitworth	79	4th	Heywood	27
2nd	Gaskell	55	5th	Byrom	23
3rd	Fraser	46	6th	Dalton	7

Following his success in the 1998 Atlanta Olympics, James Hickman, and also Karen Hawcroft, both recent Old Hulmeians, entered the World Short Course Championship in Gothenburg as members of the Great Britain team. During the competition, James reached the final of the 100 metre Butterfly competition and won the 200 metre Butterfly competition.

James Byrom (LAEW)

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WILLIAM HULME'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Another year has passed and the Committee has been active throughout. It has been reasonably busy. Our resident Quiz Master has been putting people through their paces and no-one was allowed to cheat, not even the committee! The quizzes are extremely popular and the competition fierce, so be on the lookout for the next one. If you have an idea for a different type of quiz please let us know.

The Annual Fair was held during the Michaelmas Term, with some success. My thanks to our organiser and the helpers of the day; it was hard work. We hope to see you at the next one - on either side of the table.

The "300" Club is still going strong, but we still need more members. £750 was paid out in prize money this year. The money that is raised by all the activities goes towards projects in School. This year we have assisted with educational trips, and purchased music stands for the Concert Band.

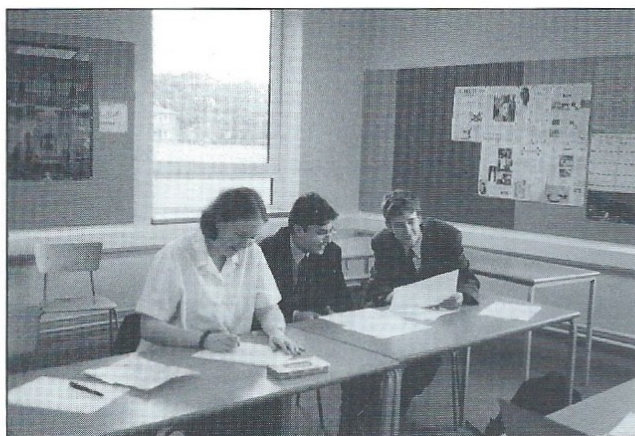
This is my last report as Chairman of the Association, so may I thank all the Committee for their support and hard work over the past five years. My best wishes to the Association.

Mrs. C. Fleming.

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