

THE BUTTERFLY

White butterfly by
A window - invisible
But for its shadow

James Silver (3L)

THE TIGER

The orange and black
Chequered skin stretches across
The strong tiger's frame.

Richard Porter (3L)

DEEP, DEEP DOWN

Anger and hatred
Run through their veins like venom
But deep down it's love

Chris Longsdon (3L)

A NEWT

The small short-legged
amphibian
Slipped sumptuously
Into thick porridge - like water
Staying near the top
With almost no effort
Suddenly,
Sinking down
Out of sight

James Silver (3L)

THAT NIGHT

Was clear and crisp,
A blanket over the sky,
At minute intervals,
Illuminated,
By flashes of light,
generated by the foes,
artillery.

Shadows catch the eye,
As heart beats pump,
and allies
die.

Cries of help and glory
Thunder
round the dreaded line,
like a lingering smell.

A few shall come and go,
In the sight of a bloodbath,
Only seen in the light of the
Soldiers, who trod the riven
Muddy turf.

The battle driven,
fought and won, and many
a scar.
Inflicted with pain,

All bloodless lay the untrodden
ground,
as friend and foe
mourn this field.

Craig Leasor (3L)

TRENCH

Down the black mud aisles,
You can see the flashes,
And hear the bangs of bullets,
You can feel the groans
of injured men,
The trenches, like a hospital
crowded, busy.

As the day draws closer
the fighting
grows fierce.
The shriek of shellfire
engenders a dark, capering madness
Pandemonium

Jorden Partington (3L)

TWO ACROSTICS

Monkeys swing from branch to branch
O ver trees and over plants
N ever falling as they jump
K eeping hold of their young
E ndless swaying of the trees
Y oung monkeys playing in the leaves

A nts march along the ground
N ot knowing where they are going
T iny and fragile creatures
S tamped upon by clumsy feet

Caroline Alderson (3L)

CHANGES

First I was a baby dependent on my mother,
Waiting for a bottle and then drinking another,
Then I became a toddler running to and fro,
exploring every nook and cranny.
Slithering in the snow.
My first school day arrived, I was told to look my best,
I had my uniform all prepared,
My shirt was freshly pressed,
As I made my way through school learning new things
every day,
My teachers said I could do better but I giggled my days
away.

Soon I'll go to college,
Then I'll get a job, maybe I'll get married,
Have some children and a dog.
Year by year I'll grow older,
Middle age will come so soon,
They'll say 'Life begins at forty',
But I won't think that's true.

I will sit on the verandah and look back on the years,
And wonder if they've been worthwhile,
The laughter and the tears.

Joanna Zucker (3L)

THIS WAY AND THAT

The fish flits and flicks,
Darting, this way and that way,
Gliding through the lake.

Mark Olden (3L)

PROSE WRITTEN VERTICALLY

He stared at her
Hard
With his cold, icy star
She cowered
In the corner
Waiting
To be punished
Covering
The phone which had got her into
Trouble
The door slammed shut
The helpless cries were disturbing
But he didn't care
From the room next door
Two children
Pretending to be asleep
Heard the distinctive sound of the play
Ripping out
Then the shouts and the sound of the door
Slamming again
He came out successfully
The fight was over
All nights the sobs were to be heard
Like a lamb to the
Slaughter.

Charles Ellis (3L)

THE SHRIMP

Timidly
He
Exerts himself

Swires
Hurrying
Round
In
Monumental
Perplexity

Mark Olden (3L)

DYING FROST

Slowly I notice the Old Man
Wrinkled and withered
By age
And life
In ill-fitting clothes
Soaked and soiled
Sitting in the wind and rain
Hands clasped and wrinkled
by Years of Poverty

He resembles a dried up
Flower. Thin from lack of food
As I can tell from bones
Showing through his pale, polythene skin
Shivering
Withering
Dying
Trembling in the frigid wind
Against a wall coated with frost
The middle of Winter
With an empty belly.

Why isn't he home?
By the fire?
With food?
He's homeless
Dreaming of better days.

Jonathan Whittaker (3L)

FATAL FELINE

On the golden plains of Africa
The gazelles come to fill empty guts
But haunted by a deadly shadow
An invisible carnivore
Wind waves and bends
The grass, a shade of brass
The cat is hungry
Lying low
It transports itself from place to place
In an instant, in the victim's eye
It is everywhere

The whole field hunting me
The Leopard halts, its eyes focused
On one helpless calf
Accidently putting one paw forward to balance
The pack turns and sprints
The killer strikes
A moment's chase
The calf is dead, the rest escape
A reward of all that blood and flesh
For the cat's precious patience
She satisfies herself first
Then drags the limp corpse
Back to the den of whimpering cubs
And a hungry mate

She takes to sleep
The veldt is safe
For a week

Obiora Ofoche (3L)

"MANCHESTER" Poems by First and Second Years in response to Miss De Vince's Competition

THE METRO LINK

It grinds to a halt
At Timperley station,
People alight
At their destination

Fields and houses
Flickering by,
Here and gone
In the blink of an eye.

On towards town
Gathering pace
Speeding by
Without a trace.

Businessmen, families,
A boy and his pal
Watching the barges
Along the canal.

Fishermen sit
Awaiting a bite,
And there's a girl
Flying a kite.

It races past
The circket ground,
Where Old Trafford station
Can be found.

Into the City,
A change of mode,
Off the rails,
And onto the road.

St Peter's Square,
And past the shops,
Piccadilly,
It finally stops.

By Joanna Shaw 1B

The Olympic Bid

It's countdown time to the Olympic bid,
The judges' choice they've kept well hid.
We know that Manchester's a city of firsts,
But will it overcome its Olympic curse.

Our motorway system is second to none,
And Metrolink transport has only just begun.
Our airport is modern with new terminal 2,
And the new BR rail link makes it easy for you.
To visit the venue of this great sporting event,
Without having to worry about travelling time
spent.

The weather's just right, not too hot or cold,
The rain is a myth, don't believe all you're told.
The altitude's free, the air good and clear,
Pollution's a part of a bygone year.

All over Britain in every walk of life,
From Prime Minister to athlete, husband to wife
Hoping and praying our dreams will come true.
To make Manchester and Britain better for me
and for you.
So come on Olympic committee, vote
Manchester and you'll see,
The best Olympic 2000 that ever can be.

By Christopher Johnstone 2B

COME TO MANCHESTER

Manchester United, top of the League.
A irport to match, just what we need.
N ew life in dockland grows like a young seed.
C entre of the Industrial Revolution for the whole world to see.
H ousing for some, a poor sight to see.
E choes from space, Jodrell Bank's here.
S ound of Music, The Hallé's here.
T heatre, Palace and Exchange.
E very Yorkie plays Old Trafford with fear.
R over's Return is quite near.

G oing for Gold in 2000 A.D.
E veryone will show "Hurray,
Manchester, Olympic City".

O ld mill once, spinning cotton.
F or hotels and offices, now.

T our Granada Studios, a superb place to be.
H ours and hours of Granada T.V.
E xciting experiences, but not for free.

N ew Metros are here, from Alty to Bury.
O ver the tracks, over the streets, the people they ferry,
R ailway is new to Terminal Two.
T raffic is thick, traffic is heavy.
H elicopter flies, the eye in the sky.

Weather is wet, weather is dry.
E very minute, every hour, old clock ticks in the tower
S eagoing ships from Salford Docks, used to travel the world for stocks
T ime has come, time has gone, and now it's time for me to be gone.

By Gareth West 1D

JOHN

He sat there in the freezing cold,
He sat there every day.
He shivered in the shop door,
He begged and begged for more.
There was a sign on the floor,
It used to say these words,
 "I am hungry,
 Please give me,
 Either money or food,"
I used to think how awful it was,
To sit there night and day.
One day I went to sit with him,
To see what he was like.
Of course I gave him money,
But I also had a chat.
He told me his life story,
And why he was in this mess.
He'd lost his job,
Couldn't pay the rent,
And had to move outside,
I thought this was awful,
To have this done to him,
A normal man like this.
He said it could happen to anyone,
Who fails on some bad luck.
I don't see him any more.
He must have moved to another door.
I don't blame him anyway.
I just wish I could have done some more.

By Craig Baker 2B

OUR CITY

A united Manchester, city of sport,
Two vital soccer teams, the evening new reports.
It has an airport, metrolink and train station,
And we hope to become an Olympic nation.

There's the Free Trade Hall, with the Hallé,
And the Palace Theatre with its ballet.
It has cinemas, theatres and an orchestra too,
Lots of entertainment, there's something for you.

Lord Mayor, councillors and members of Parliament,
Buildings high and small, expensive rent!
Arndale, shops, fast food galore,
Lewis's, Kendal's, Marks and Spencer, my favourite store.

Markets for fruit, vegetables, clothes and stocks.
You can even buy and sell at the Docks!
Ships came and went through the great canal,
A wonderful sight to see, everything was well.

They say that this is the city of rain,
This could be true as the pavements stain,
But the sun dices shine on our sky line,
And if you look everying in our city's fine.

I love Manchester, it's where I live,
Schools, offices, theatres, so much to give.
A sporting challenge, the Olympics are near,
A United Manchester, city of cheer.

By Suzanne Nathan 1B

CENTRAL STATION - G-MEX

Hustling, bustling heart of Manchester,
Central was once a great railway station,
Thousands came to and went from it,
From London, Birmingham to Leeds and Doncaster.

Railways finest it was truly,
A magnificent building indeed,
Serving Manchester to the end,
A transient point and a journey's end.

Alas it was not to be,
Subjected to industrial decline and decadence,
The great trains came no more,
To carry the crowds that were no more.

For many years it stood the test
of time and tide and neglect,
Tall, proud and still intact,
But showing the signs of disrespect.

Several times it changes hands,
People wanting to restore it,
But instead of this they just made
Money for themselves and ignored it.

At last a venture began,
In earnest and in dedication,
To restore the glorious Central Station,
The avenue fit for admiration.

Many years and millions of pounds,
Poured into a bottomless pit,
But the end justified the trade,
As Manchester now G-Mex parades.

A magnificent achievement,
An exhibition centre, supreme quality,
Pulsating in the heart of Manchester,
Reviewing memories of the great past.

Thousands throng to it,
Likened to the bygone days.
The Central lives again in
G-Mex and in Manchester.

By Seetal Sagar 1D

THE MANCUNIAN WAY

Dirt, grime, rain, hills,
People in clogs, cotton mills.
While all the men are at the pub,
The wives stand at the dolly tub.
At work all day, and half the night,
Pale of skin and deathly white.

From Maine Road to Market Street.
Lots of Bobbies on the beat,
Directing traffic in St Peter's Square,
Grandad Balderstone stood there.
Let your imagination free,
For this is how it used to be.

Exciting plans are now in hand,
Preparing for the year 2000
As we submit the Olympic bid,
The dirt and grime and smog are rid.
New buildings spring up every day,
As slums and filth are cleared away.

The airport boasts the new T2,
To bring spectators here to view
The very fine new rail link,
Hardly gives you time to blink,
Before it whisks you into the city,
All dressed up and looking pretty.

But still for those of northern blood,
Manchester is as it stood.

Jane Balderstone 1C

IF YOU EVER GO TO MANCHESTER

If you ever go to Manchester
Be sure to see
The library
There's books on everything
And newspapers from long ago

If you ever go to Manchester
Be sure to see The Free Trade Hall
There are also things going on
From concerts to Speech days.

If you ever go to Manchester
Be sure to see
Jodrell Bank.
It's got satellites metres high
And metres wide.

If you ever go to Manchester
You'll probably see
The Old, old mills
From World War Two,
Make sure you spot
The Olympic bid.

So go to Manchester
And see the sights,

And have a good time.

Suzanne Kershaw 1C

MANCHESTER - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The clumping sound of clogs, heavy on the cobbles,
brought me back to life.
Work was over for the day;
Out from the clack, clack of the looms,
The chimneys pouring out smoke and smog,
Heading home.
Are't at pub tonight?" called Harry.
"No," I shouted back.
'No money for beer,' I thought, dragging my feet along the
ground.
I slipped down to the shop canal, my usual route home.
A horse lumbered towards me dragging its burden.
A barge bearing its cargo from Liverpool.
'Probably cotton,' I thought.
The filthy, black stone was a depressing sight to come
home to.
Row on row of houses packed together like sardines,
Horses and carts hustling down the cobbled street.
It was a job.
It was a life.
It was Manchester.

Another day at the office over,
The bust of the city hit me full in the face,
Coming out from the concrete of my tenth floor office.
Cries of "We won the League" offended my ears.
As supporters clad in devilish hats, scarves and shirts
rushed past me.
Students crossed the road clutching books and chatting,
Who knows tomorrow's famous doctors?
Jostled and pushed from behind I turned around.
Just another commuter, his only concern catching his train.
Should I have Chinese or pizza?
Too tired.
Too busy.
The glitz of neon signs hurt my eyes.
There are posters...
'Manchester 2000 - Olympic bid,'
Could this change Manchester?
Could we be successful?

I always knew we'd win.
The spotlight is on Manchester now.
Concrete slums have been replaced with a spectacular
Olympic village.
Manchester has a sense of unity, togetherness, success...

By Paul Murphy 2D

MANCHESTER IS THE BEST

An interesting place is Manchester
Up here in the North West,
I have to write and tell you why
I think it is the best.

At Castlefield occurred a first
Throughout the British nation.
A train that left for Liverpool
Went from a Manchester station.

A car that's known throughout the world,
Made this city rejoice,
From humble origins in Hulme there came
A motor called Rolls Royce.

The city gents with big top hats
Are all but now forgotten.
Those were the men who made their cash,
When Lancashire was Old King Cotton.

The dirty streets of back-to-backs
The rows of terraced homes,
One up, two down, no indoor loo,
And no such thing as 'phones.

The people known for friendliness
Will pass the time of day,
And when the time comes to depart,
You'll wish that you could stay.

Then came a change, a sweeping change,
"Pull these houses down,
Build new estates and move them out,
Miles away from town.

Manchester City and United,
Teams on the up and up,
Fans go and cheer their favourite sides
United win the Cup.

Manchester's known for lots of things,
From canals to Old King Cotton,
The splitting of the atom here,
Will never be forgotten.

Everything's here in Manchester,
Fine parks from small to wide.
Not many miles from North to South
Is scenic countryside.

The Olympic Bid has been put up,
Competing with the rest,
What a feather in our cap,
If we come out the best.

By Kim Hayden 1B

CITY ALIVE

This city of ours never sleeps,
But yet at dawn it always leaps
Into life like the Olympic flame
To give this city its deserved fame.

Sport keeps this city alive and kicking,
The football always in the netting.
United and City do us proud,
Mancunians always in the crowd.

Visitors come from far and wide,
To see our city, to feel our pride.
The gates are open to everyone,
Even our airport is next to none.

The sound of leather on the willow bat,
The lush green fields and shouts of "How's that!"
Old Trafford is the envy of cricket's best,
And crowds flock to see a thrilling test.

At the heart is a busy place,
As people bustle at a steady pace.
Just look around and it's easy to see
Relics of this city's history,

As the city lights illuminate,
The world's city doesn't hesitate
And people meet to have their fun
Until they're greeted by the morning sun.

Another day has now begun
Even before the last is done.
This city of ours never stops
As Mancunians know -it's tops.

Chaminda Ranawickrerna 1C

MANCHESTER UNITED IN EUROPE

United they were the champions,
The year was '67.
They had beaten all the other teams,
Matt Busby was in heaven.

Next year they entered Europe,
That cup they had to win,
four times they had tried before
But never would they give in.

This time they must succeed
Where they had failed of late,
In honour of the players
Who died in '58.

They beat all comers fairly
And Real Madrid did meet,
In a thrilling semi-final
Who 4-3 they were to beat.

Next it was to Wembley,
Benfica were their foe.
4-1 they ran out winners
George Best, Brian Kidd and co.

Twenty-six more years had passed
The Reds they had to wait,
Once more to win the championship
And rid them of their fate.

That team of '67
Was brimming full of skill.
George Best displayed to everyone
How to pay and make us thrill.

But who would take his place
In nineteen-ninety-three?
Ryans Giggs was in the team,
A spirit running free.

Fergie and his warriors
The League they had just won
But who would pick the trophy up
Steve Bruce or Bryan Robson?

But then it did no matter
The target has been found,
Once more they were in Europe,
Where they were quite renowned.

by Craig Smith 1B

OLYMPICS IN MANCHESTER

Clear that house,
Demolish that porch,
Plant a tree,
Make room for the torch.
The Olympics are coming!

Build a hotel,
Lay a track,
Measure the distance,
There's no turning back.
Are the Olympics coming?

Build a new pool,
Charge a fair price,
Send out the leaflets,
To those you'll entice,
The Olympics will cost!

Open a business,
A fly-over we'll make,
Watch the people
Celebrate.
The Olympics must be coming!

Read the posters,
Print the tickets,
Open a sports shop,
And sell cricket wickets.
Give Manchester the Olympics!

Ben Kent 2B

THE ART OF THE NORTH WEST

Manchester - bustling city, throbbing with life,
People, cars, trams all rushing by, Nosiy and dirty but
somehow exciting,
Though I know that muggings and thieving are rife!
There is a cathedral up on a hill,
there are many tall buildings that reach up to the sky,
Factories and markets are spread through the town,
Some say it's dirty, but I like it still.
The glamour of football clubs everyone knows,
United and City both fight for the top,
Also the cricket played at Old Trafford,
On many occasions I've watched to the close,
But Manchester's also known for some places,
That often have trouble with stealing and crime,
Moss Side and Hulme have both been in the papers,
The childrens' sadness is seen on their faces,
The Arndale shops are where I walk round,
All under one roof with plenty of choice,
People can sit there all day if they want to,
There are lots of things there to buy, I have found.
There are places in Manchester ugly and pretty,
Some say it's dirty and all knocked down,
It's true that people could care for it better,
But it's where I live and my favourite city.

by Ralph Watson 2B

40 YEARS OF CHANGE

Hi tech is the name of the game,
When Ringway's new rail link came,
Passengers make a flying start,
Marvelling at the space age art.

From Mancheste's city centre,
Millions of people enter,
The airport's terminal two,
To travel to Paris or Timbuktu.

Opened in May by Princess Anne,
Now the new rail link is open,
Improves communications no end,
To enhance the futuristic airports trend.

Before the opening all was not well
For a disaster nearly befell,
The power was cut on the railway line,
The train from York was not on time.

A threatened emergency landing
Would have left Her Highness standing,
But the disaster was averted,
Because the aeroplane was diverted.

With communications far and wide,
The voters should be on our side,
To win for us the Olympic vote,
And let our city be one of note.

By Garth Rowlands 2D

FOOTBALL

Outside the ground there are people everywhere.
Groups of men are laughing and children smiling.
Tickets tous whisper nervously,
"Last tickets for sale",
Fearing the policemen on their great horses,
Standing tall and quiet, ready for anything.
The smell of chips and vinegar wafts through the air,
Men at their stalls shout, "Get your T-shirts here."

I find my seat and cheer when the team come out.
The match begins, the crowds begin to chant.
People leap to their feet as they near the area.
I stand on my seat to see, and it's a goal.
Sound erupts around the stadium.
Everyone shouts, chants and sings.

After the match people amble back to their cars,
No hurry at all.
They laugh and should the score. "Four - nil."
Everyone's stuck in the car park,
But no-one's really bothered.
They turn up the radio to hear of other matches.
Eventually we're out,
Scarves trail out of windows everywhere.
I lean back and fall asleep.

By Tim Barraclough 2B

POÈMES

Une anthologie de poèmes par les élèves de Mme.
Ballantyne

RECETTE

nourriture
voitures
argent
vêtements
aspirine
langoustine
amour
séjours
haine
peine
vinaigre
frites
tous les ingrédients pour une vie parfaite.
Maria Jobling (5X)

QU'EST-CE QUE VOUS AIMEZ?

J'aime la musique
Je n'aime pas la physique
Le français est facile
Le latin est difficile
J'aime la géographie
Mais je n'aime pas la géométrie
Je n'aime pas l'histoire
Est-ce que je suis bizarre?

Abbas Riaz (2C)

J'adore les sucettes et j'aime les baguettes
Je déteste le café et le thé
Je mange du gâteau et je bois du Cointreau
Et j'aime le jambon
C'est très bon

Leanne Connor (2C)

Je déteste le dindon
Mais j'adore le poisson
J'adore les gâteaux
Je n'aime pas le Pernod
C'est affreux le café
C'est délicieux le thé
J'aime manger du pain
Mais je préfère le vin
Je déteste les sucettes
Mais j'adore les baguettes
J'aime manger les fruits
Surtout les kiwis
Je déteste le citron
Mais les melons sont bons

Debra Nussbaum (2C)

Je voudrais une sucette
Mais pas de baguette
Peut-être un gâteau
Ou un verre de Cointreau
Et puis un coca
Ou un Orangina

Helen Collins (2C)

Je déteste le café
Et aussi le thé
Mais j'aime bien le vin et le lait
J'adore le coca
Et l'Orangina
Mais je préfère la bière panachée

John Daniels (2C)

MON OISEAU

Mon oiseau s'appelle Tiny
Il est très mignon et très joli
Il a trois ans et
Il est bleu et gris
Il aime jouer au foot
Il aime dormir la nuit
Malheureusement je ne peux pas avoir de chats
Car mon Tiny n'aimerait pas ça!

Asha de Silva (3Y)

MRS DAVENTRAMP

Venir	Aller
Naître	Mourir
Descendre	Monter
Arriver	Partir
Rester	Tomber
Entrer	Sortir
Et Retourner, lui	
Il n'a pas d'ami	

Matthew Pimbley (3Y)

("Mrs. Daventramp" is an acronym for remembering
which verbs are conjugated with "être" in compound
tenses - Ed.)

UN POÈME

C'est très dur
d'écrire un poème
sur un poème
en français
Ca je ne veux pas
Mais écrire en anglais
Un poème
Sur un poème
Ah oui, je préfère ça.

Jon Gordon (3Y)

LE TRAVAIL

Le petit qui a 4 ans
travaille
à l'école maternelle
L'écologiste qui a 8 ans
travaille
à l'école primaire
Le collégien qui a 14 ans
travaille
au collège
Le lycéen qui a 18 ans
travaille
au lycée
Une personne dans la vie
travaille
Au travail! Où en est la raison?

Saadi Hasan (5X)

BIOGRAPHIE

Le six mai 1977
Le six mai 1978
Le six mai 1979

Le six mai 1980
Le six mai 1981
Le six mai 1982
Le six mai 1983
Le six mai 1984
Le six mai 1985
Le six mai 1986
Le six mai 1987
Le six mai 1988
Le six mai 1989
Le six mai 1990
Le six mai 1991
Le six mai 1992
J'ai quinze ans
Et ma vie, c'est intéressant?
Qu'est-ce que j'ai fait jusqu'à maintenant?
Rien. Absolument.

Andrew Lole (5X)

UNE VIE RATÉE

Il travaille entre huit heures et dix-huit heures
Il fait ses devoirs pour le lendemain
Jour après jour
Semaine après semaine
Année après année
Et pourquoi?
Pour devenir dentiste
Mais il n'a pas son bac
Il ne va pas à la fac
Il ne devient pas dentiste
Il sera machiniste.
Les études supérieures
Il en rit de bon cœur.

Mark Kelly (5X)

THE MAGICIAN AND THE SPHINX

When they reached Trafalgar Square he stopped and told her that he had to make a pilgrimage. "Which way is Cleopatra's Needle?" he said, grinning in the darkness.

It was already past three; he was so tired he seemed drunk, lurching out in front of cars, smiling hazily at perfect strangers.

She suggested that, perhaps ... in the morning? But he shook his head and said, "Which way is Cleopatra's Needle?"

So she took his arm and steered him through the traffic towards Northumberland Avenue.

He stopped because he needed a drink and bought some orange flavoured Perrier in a glass bottle. He hid it in his deep coat pocket like a tramp and pretended to take furtive sips, wishing that he had a brown paper bag with which to hold it, so a policeman might stop him and he would be able to smile saying,

"But it's only orange flavoured Perrier!"

She thought he was a magician. Darts of lightning flew from his fingers as it to punctuate his speech and his skin glowed as though reflecting hot embers. As she watched those hands she remembered a fragment of a poem that he had once read to her.

"And all who heard would see them there,

And all should cry beware! beware!

His flashing eyes, his floating hair

Leave a circle round him thrice

And close your eyes with holy dread

For he on honey dew hath fed

And drunk the milk of paradise."

This was his magic side - and he had a purpose, and his destination would be shared with her.

So she led him onwards towards the Thames. She said to him that the face of Big Ben looked like a full moon.

"But there are four clock faces, and only one moon" he smiled. "If we were on Jupiter then perhaps you could be forgiven for mistaking a clock tower for the moon, but here there really is no excuse. Now, is it right, or left?"

She did not protest that she could see only one clock face from where she had been standing. It seemed disingenuous when he had taught her something new.

"Right no! left, yes, left."

They walked underneath a bridge, their footsteps echoing all around them. "Walk me to the corner, our steps will always rhyme," she sang and tried to remember where it was that she had heard the song before.

They saw the Needle when they rounded the corner; it was floodlit greeny-yellow seeming to burn with an otherworldly light.

"What are you doing?"

"Come on!" he yelled "You'll see!"

He was running now, bounding along like an impatient child towards a Christmas tree. Feeling suddenly alone she followed slowly. He was no longer dependent upon her to show him the way, this way his journey now.

When she reached him he was staring up at one of the two Sphinx that lay on either side of the needle.

"I can't remember which it was."

"Which what was?"

But he had climbed up between the legs of the Sphinx and he lay across them, head thrown back.

"My father brought me here when I was little," he said, turning now to her. "I have a small photograph of myself lying here, but I was so small I couldn't even touch the legs of the Sphinx with my feet. Isn't it funny how people grow?"

She tried hard but couldn't imagine her magic man as ever being small.

"I remember I had wanted to come here because I had read all about the needle in a book we had at home. I was fascinated by it."

He recited all the figures, all these years later remembering them perfectly - how tall it was, how much it weighed, how old it was - even how it had been transported to where it now stood.

She listened, bewitched.

"Please - may I come up?"

In reply he lifted his head and smiled his smile and held out his arms. They lay there then, for what seemed like hours. The real moon was out - half an orange reflecting the fairy lights of the opposite South Bank.

She tried to point out the National Theatre across the river but he was so tired, now he was lying down, that he could not decipher one building from another.

"Anyway," she said, "Even though you can't see it now, one day I'll be an actress and perform there and you'll come and watch me and clap me - won't you?"

"I will" he replied.

Her mind, which had seemed fragmented for such a long time, now felt whole again. She felt that everything was part of her and she belonged wherever she cared to be.

They found that they could make satisfying noises by banging their feet against the hollow metal of the Sphinx. They experimented after this first discovery by making different sounds on different parts of its body, until the absurdity of their actions caught them and they collapsed giggling.

After a silence, he spoke.

"There are two Sphinx, one on either side of the Needle, each facing outwards. Just imagine ..." He paused, staring up into the enigmatic features of the Sphinx.

"Imagine if neither one of these two Sphinx knew that the other was there. Imagine if they were lonely, believing they were the only one of their kind in a foreign world. They decided that this would be a tragedy and so moved around to the other so it wouldn't feel alone."

And so they informed the Sphinx that he wasn't a freak and having done so, lay back together under its protective gaze.

The traffic had ceased now along the embankment and the only sound was the rhythmic lap of the river on the wall below.

If she squinted hard she was able to see the moon and Big Ben and the river and her magician at her side.

He suddenly remembered the orange flavoured Perrier deep in his pocket and lying there, cupped by the Sphinx, taking it in turns to swig from the bottle, they were happy.

Anna Hope (L6A4)

BUS JOURNEY

An old lady spluttered uncomfortably and took another drag of her strong smelling cigarette. She inhaled powerfully and blow out a long plume of dense smoke. The boy squashed up next to her, an English tourist, shifted his weight on the seat, trying to avoid breathing in the pungent aroma.

"I wish someone would open one of those bloody windows," he whispered to a tall, blonde girl, dressed in shorts and a tee-shirt, apparently his travelling companion. She smiled but did not answer, making him feel helpless. She never helped him with talking to people, despite her fluent Spanish and his complete ignorance of it.

A pain in his leg made him forget the window and he looked down anxiously.

"Oh my God, it's alive!" he muttered. A chicken, tethered under his seat, had sought refuge behind his legs. The old woman next to him noticed his discomfort and laughed. She poked her friend in front and said something incomprehensible to him. Her friend also laughed. Soon the whole bus was laughing and chattering, and a man of about forty leant over to the English boy and said, with a heavy accent,

"You afraid the leetle chicken bite you, eh?"

The boy smiled in embarrassment and looked away. He could sense he had gone red.

A great roar and bang as the powerful diesel engine backfired and averted everyone's attention from the tourist.

The heat and smoke suddenly became unbearable and the boy got up and stretched. His seat was immediately taken by a young local girl who had been standing for some time. The boy signalled to his friend.

"Let's get off" he mouthed.

The bus rumbled to a halt and the conductor hauled the heavy doors open. The two descended and the boy scrambled up the ladder to the roof of the bus where their rucksacks were. He threw them to the ground and they landed with a thud.

The boy and his friend waited for the bus to drive off, but something seemed wrong. The engine roared but nothing happened.

As if as a matter of course, all the passengers then streamed out and headed towards the back of the bus. Someone signalled to the couple to follow. After a count of three the driver let down the clutch and they all pushed. In a cloud of dust the old bus lurched forward. Everyone cheered and re-entered.

Watching as the bus rolled off into the distance, the tourists smiled. They felt they had experienced more of Colombian life on this bus journey than on the whole of the rest of the trip.

Matthew Royds (4X)

ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT (3X)

At the end of the Summer Term I asked 3X to write about how they had experienced School, and about their interests in and out of School, during the past year. I was surprised and pleased by their thoughtful approach and by the variety and energy of their activities. Here are extracts from their accounts:

1. A GENERAL VIEW

"During the past year I have learnt a lot about myself, I used not to have the confidence to work independently, but now I am able to do this well. An example is my history course work. I had to build up a project about World War One and present it in a folder. I was rewarded with full marks which pleased me as I had put so much effort into it.

At the beginning of this year I was worried about joining a new form without any of my friends. I had been with those people for two years, and being separated from them worried me terribly. Not only have I made new friends this year, I have also been able to accept more people and their views, and opinions. I am altogether a more mature person."

"This year I have had to become a bit more independent than previously. As we have divided into groups for separate subjects I have not always been with the same people. At the beginning of the year I found this very difficult but now I am more used to this. In French particularly I feel that I have improved greatly over the course of this year and find it much easier to understand and use the language. In Chemistry also I have enjoyed the year much more as we have looked into more of the reactions of different chemicals."

2. DIFFERENT SUBJECTS

"At the beginning of the third year I had quite a few doubts about taking on a new subject - Spanish - so far into my school life and starting from the basis again, but this has not proved to be such a problem and I have been able to maintain what I think is quite a good standard of work through to the exams."

"My worst subject is Latin and I hope to drop this for Spanish. I think Latin is my worst subject because you have to be so accurate with endings, one letter wrong and the whole word is wrong."

"I feel there is still a lot of room for improvement in all of my subjects, especially Physics. I intend to be able to say how much better I have done when I write this piece next year."

"Next year, as my G.C.S.E.'s approach, I'm planning to work well all year to make my English exam easier for myself. I also hope to do this in my other subjects, where it actually is more important to work hard throughout the year, to remember things. I think my teacher agrees with me."

"In most of my subjects, I have made a vast improvement e.g. Physics. Last year I understood nothing and found the subject very hard but this year I understood everything and found the subject easy. In History this year the work has been enjoyable and I have furthered my understanding of the subject. Also I was very pleased in winning the History prize for coming top of the year."

3. MUSIC

"I play a clarinet and over the last year I have passed my grade 5 theory and my grade 6 practical music exams. Each exam involved a lot of work but I am very pleased that I have passed both. I also play in the school band as well and I think that the year has improved the band a huge amount. At the beginning of the year the band was of a low standard but now we play a lot better and sometimes now we actually sound quite good!"

"Inside school I have managed to pass my grade 4 exam which I worked hard for and I was pleased because I felt that I deserved to pass as I had practised hard for it."

4. C.C.F.

"Outside school lessons I lead quite a busy life. I have just joined the C.C.F. Army section. I have been on the Field Day which was a lot of fun but I also picked up useful army knowledge. At the end of term I will be going to camp for a week, which I am looking forward to."

"In the R.A.F. I have learnt how to parade, I have passed a test on A.E.F (Air Experienced Flight) and when we went on field day I took control of a chipmunk T mark 10 primary trainer which is a low winged monoplane. This must have been the most exciting experience of my life and I think it is a very good experience to take control of a plane at only thirteen. When I was on Field Day not only did I fly, I learnt how to fire a machine gun and strip and clean one. This was not as good as flying yet it was still very interesting."

In July I'm going away with the R.A.F. to Lossiemouth in Scotland. At camp where I will learn many more skills on flying and gun handling, we shall also be learning to orienteer and do assault courses. So I think that my social life in and out of school is full and if I did any more things I would have no time to do them."

"I have also joined the army section of the Combined Cadet Force in school. I am so pleased with it I am thinking of joining a C.C.F. section outside school. It cost quite a lot to buy all the accessories but they are worth the money in the long run."

5. OUTSIDE SCHOOL

"Outside school I have attended a running club which I have been doing since I was ten and I really enjoy this. My achievements in running have been representing Trafford, Manchester, Greater Manchester and the North West."

"Outside school I do a number of extra curricular activities. I enjoy writing, especially letters and so I have two pen-pals, one from Australia and one from France to whom I write to on a regular basis and who help me in my languages (especially my French pen-pal who doesn't know a lot of English) and I can discover more about different countries and the school lives of children abroad and how their lives may vary from mine."

"This year I started to go to karate classes again after a year's "rest" so to speak. I am a 2nd brown belt and only need to gain another brown belt, then I am on the road to obtaining my black belt, hopefully November 1994."

"I spend a lot of time going for long bike rides with my friends. Normally we just take some money and just ride off to see where we end up. This usually ends up with us getting horribly lost but it works out alright in the end. I play a lot of football or cricket with my cousin and his dog or we play on the computer."

"My outside interests are reading, watching T.V., listening to and playing music, writing and drawing my own comic strips. I am thinking of joining C.N.D, Greenpeace, Amnesty International etc. and wrote our form's Middle School assembly on Capital Punishment."

"Outside school my time has been spent mainly on sports. I have played Football for Poynton and Cricket for my club Heaton Mersey. I have played for the second team on some occasions and I have played for Manchester Boys, opening the batting. I also spend my spare time on the computer."

"In out of school activities I have had much improvement. On a Monday evening I have been having swimming lessons. I have been enjoying these lessons immensely recently, as I have gained more confidence in the water. My ability has improved and I have passed two of my swimming tests. I also enjoy many types of music. I play with the school orchestra but also play once a week with a band out of school. This last year I have made progress in playing a wider range of pieces of different styles. At home I have done some small embroidery samples and have tried some stitches that are quite new to me. I do these in my spare time but don't have one going all the time. "One of my interests is computing. I can use most major pieces of software eg. Wordperfect, Lotus 1,2,3 and D Base 4. Recently I have been using the multimedia encyclopedia which the school has on CD Rom. I was involved in demonstrating this on the day of H.R.H. Princess Anne's visit."

"In the past year I have also gained a lot in non-academic aspects. During the holiday to Israel, I have partially built a buggy (a type of Kart). Whilst building the buggy I have understood a lot about how any combustion engine works and also the way in which a turbocharger helps an engine to run much more smoothly."

6. ENGLISH (of course!)

"I think I have progressed quite well this year in English. As I have read more, my vocabulary and knowledge of words have increased and I am able to do different assignments in English. I have learnt how fully to comprehend stories or poems and describe them. I know how to tell a story or get a message over from a poem or a descriptive piece. I have enjoyed English very much this year, especially the oral reading. I have been able to take part in activities including a survey about television."

"I've enjoyed English quite a lot this year. I've found some of the work quite hard. I learnt how to work in a group when we did the surveys. I found that hard because of having to compromise with other people and not having my own way all the time. I've also enjoyed the variety of work we've done this year."

"In English I have read some books by Shakespeare which I've never done before. I absorbed new vocabulary and have also been able to correct many of my spelling errors. At first I found the old English in his books extremely hard but I now find it much easier to understand."

"In this last year I have read quite a few different varieties of books. Short, fictional stories have included 'Red in the Morning' by Elizabeth Laird, which I found was excellent as it was believable but interesting, 'The Steps Up The Chimney' by Willaim Corlett, about a magician who could change form (this was very exciting). I was recommended 'Mass Flower' by Brian Jacques by my brother. This was an animal adventure story full of action."

'A Parcel of Patterns' by Jill Paton Walsh was a fictional history book about the fate of the actual village of Eyam from the plague; as I have been there it was more realistic."

'Rebecca' by Daphne Du Maurier, about a young girl who marries a rich widower and moves into his huge mansion by the sea, was my favourite book of the year. It had a wonderful, mysterious feel to it, and I loved this very much. The fact that the name of the girl was never revealed gave this book a very special feel."

What a delight it was to read all this.

Mrs. P.A. Treweek

BOB'S SHOP - A FICTITIOUS ACCOUNT

"Bob's shop" was a small business that I used to run in the summer holidays. I was once thinking of how to make money "Well, I'm too young for a paper round, too young to work in Tesco; Aah!, but I'm not too young to work for myself!" This seemed like the ideal thing to do. There were about a dozen children down the road, who I was sure would sooner use my shop than walk all the way to the nearest newsagent.

We had recently had a new shed fitted at the bottom of the back garden, replacing the old one, which was no more than a piece of rotten wood. The first thing I did was to scrub the place down to give it that extra sparkle and then I put the old fire-guard in it as a counter.

Now was the time for sorting out the stock. The problem of making profit and being cheaper than everywhere else was not as severe as I first thought. Kwik Save was an ideal substitute for Cash and Carry. At that time when Chewits were 10p in the shops, Kwik Save were selling four packs of Chewits for 29p. Great! That meant I could sell a pack of Chewits for 9p (1p cheaper than everywhere else). This was a start. There were lots of other bargains as well - Smarties, Toffee Crisps, Mars Bars, Marathons - you name it, they were sold in packs of fours. Crisps were sold in packs of 6 or 10. There were also small bottles of pop for 9p. If I sold them for 10p, I would only make 1p per bottle, but come a hot day and I was sure to be raking it in.

I only started with a small amount of stock on the first day of trading. I thought that the best thing to do would be to find out what sold the most, and also what people requested. It was a Saturday. I gave the shop one last tidy, then I posted a note through all the children's doors down the road. The reaction was instantaneous. This was my first dose of the business world, and by the end of the day, everything had sold out except for the two Bounty Bars, as no-one really liked coconut. That was my first day of business and certainly not the last!

Don't for one minute think that running a shop was easy. There was the problem of hauling cans all the way home from Kwik Save. I could just about manage ten at a time; my mum told me not to carry any more anyway, as I'd probably split the bag. There was also the problem of shoplifting. After the incident when I caught two crafty little madams stealing a pack of Chewits from on top of the fire-guard, I decided to transfer all the stock to the top of the old toy box, which was placed behind the fire-guard. I was then positioned between the two when serving. I was quite pleased with that idea, for it meant that all the stock was behind me, therefore you had to ask me if you wanted anything, and if you fancied shoplifting, then it was tough because everything was out of reach.

I never used to go out and spend all of my profits. I would keep them safe in my treasured piggy bank until something I really wanted came up, save for the odd ice cream. These days I am old enough for a paper round and in three years I will be old enough to stack the shelves in Tesco, but I will always remember my first way of making money.

Chris Heys (3L, 1989)

CHILDHOOD DAYS

I don't remember much of my schooldays but I do distinctly remember Mrs. Iddon and her clay.

It was a morning like any other at Beaumont County Primary. We had Maths, which was boring, then P.E., which was music and movement (this was more like dancing and messing around than P.E.) and then we had lunch. Lunch was cheese pie and roast potatoes and I hated cheese pie. For pudding we had iced buns, which were lovely. Then we went outside to play tig and other games like it. Hopefully the afternoon would be more exciting than the morning had been.

As playtime ended we saw Mrs. Iddon's car, a little back and purple beetle, approaching the School at a very fast speed.

"She's late again" Katie, my friend, said.

She was holding a book as she jumped out of her car. It was probably our storybook for after English. I tried to read the big black letters while she locked her car.

"C ... something I N something. Well C-IN-"

She moved the book facing towards me as she turned around.

"C ... H I N H, that doesn't make sense, Oh it's an A not an H!"

The word said China.

"Why do we want to learn about China when we live in England?" Kirsten announced.

The afternoon seemed normal; we had English, we did a comprehension about a cat who spilt his milk on the carpet, how boring! Then we had a story from the book saying 'China' and surprisingly it wasn't much about China, the place, it was about a type of clay called China. It was actually quite interesting and we read about "The Willow Pattern Story" which is printed on most China plates in the form of a picture.

After the story, Mrs. Iddon told us about her son Richard who was a potter.

"If you're lucky tomorrow, Richard will come in and bring you some clay and he'll teach you how to make pots out of another special clay called terra-cotta, a reddish clay," she said. Then we said our prayer and went home.

The next day Richard did come and we made thumbpots and faces out of the clay. He showed us how you make a kiln (to fire the clay) but it rained so he took them home to his own kiln.

I still go to Airley pottery to go on the potter's wheel and all because of Mrs. Iddon and her clay!

Jackie de Freitas (3X)

CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

We are orphans living in poverty. We are prisoners behind bars. We cannot play and be happy. We sit on hard, cold floors all day and sleep on dirty mattresses at night. All our rooms are cold and very dark because we do not have large windows. We do not get much food to eat. What can we hope for when we leave this orphanage? We shall not be able to get jobs and so once again we will have to live in poverty. We shall have no choice.

We are starving from lack of food. We walk many miles every day to find camps that are set up to provide us with food. With the midday sun so hot, we do not have the strength to continue and we must rest in whatever shade we can find. The camps are noisy and very overcrowded, and very often we sit in the dust for days, waiting for a meal. Then we must make the journey again across the wilderness, back to the place that we call home.

We are refugees fleeing from war. Every day we walk for many miles trying to find safety. We ask "Where are we going?". The reply comes back, "I do not know". At night we rest, then set off early in the morning towards villages that may be able to give us food and shelter. We are innocent children caught in a conflict. It is not our war, yet every day we fight to survive against the perils of the cold and of hunger. When it will end no-one knows.

Deborah Johnston (3X)

THE DWELLING

I shook off all my depression. I had to face the fact that I was alone. It had become more and more obvious to me that being on an island in the middle of nowhere with no human contact meant that I was going to be staying here for quite a while, so I decided I had better start pulling myself together and making plans for some sort of shelter.

Now was as good a time as any to swim out to the ship and collect whatever I could find to help me build "the settlement" as the sea was still and calm. I dived into the warm, blue, transparent water. The sea bed was a carpet of blue, white and red coral. It was in fact one chunk of rock that had been carved, by nature, into what I thought looked like spindly legs as if it were the body of some giant sea spider. After I had swum what seemed like three miles, but was in reality only about a quarter of a mile, I reached the ship. The first and probably most important thing I found was the ship's carpenter's tool box. In it were hammers, nails, screwdrivers - everything I needed and more besides. But this presented a problem. How could I transport all the goods from the ship to the island with speed and efficiency? I couldn't swim, that would be too slow and I wouldn't be able to carry many items, so I reached the unpleasant but necessary conclusion that I would have to build a raft. Tired as I was after swimming across, I reluctantly set to work. Tool box and planks of wood were the first items to be piled on the crude raft. My amateur attempt proved successful, and four trips were sufficient to carry all the wood and tools I would need. The fifth trip brought all the weapons and ammunition from the ship. With one of the daggers I found I cut all the ropes, climbing nets and sail off the ship and took them back to the island on the raft, but there was one place I still had to visit - that most secretive and mysterious of places, where angels feared to tread and fools entered at their peril - the captain's cabin! This was probably my one and only chance to see it before the sea finally ripped the boat into shreds and finished it off.

Without hesitation, I ran across the deck up to the door. It creaked ajar as if expecting me and I stepped inside. The sight that met my eyes was truly different from the other meagre cabins I had seen. Here there were books, lots of cups and other utensils, clothes, an unexpected axe and, most importantly, a box full of money and jewellery. No use to the captain now, I thought, nor to any other person. Not really much use to me either in my present position - certainly not as vital as tools and wood. I couldn't buy, I couldn't sell and yet I couldn't leave this treasure to the fishes either. It had to be mine. My final trip back to the island was in the dark.

The next morning found me in a more positive and determined mood. I had already decided on the site for my stockade. The hill-top would be safe from rough seas and safe from trespassers. My mind still clung the hope that there may in fact be other human life here - even be they enemies! From the hill-top I had a clear view of the sea, the shore and most of the island. Yes, that must be the place, even though it did involve the arduous task of carrying everything up the slope. Exhausting days of hauling, dragging and trudging passed before I could even begin to build, but once the construction began the days flew by pleasantly and effortlessly. The axe was to prove my most valued possession. Slender tree trunks became the walls of my "house" and scattered twigs provided camouflage for my ship's sail "roof". Defence of my territory became an obsession and walls were built, defences planned and holes dug in readiness for the invisible enemy.

James Merron (2A)

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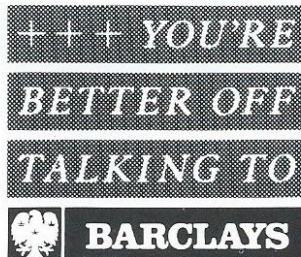
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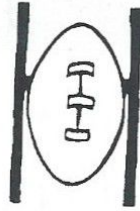
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GAMES



RUGBY

A GOOD YEAR FOR THE 1ST XV COACH

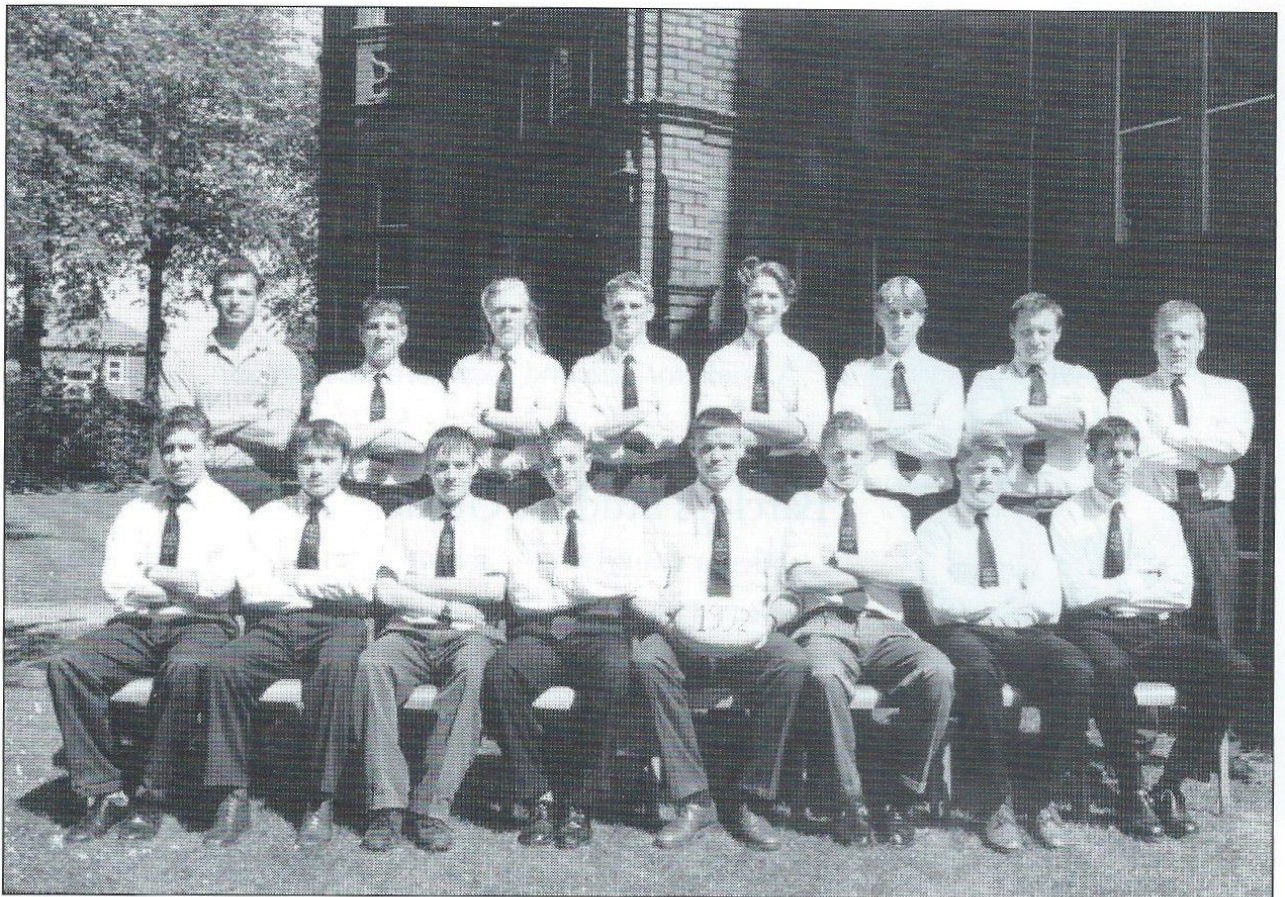
The success of the School's 1st XV has in many ways been mirrored by the on field achievements of coach, Jim Mallinder. Having been top try scorer and player of the season at Sale F.C. county recognition with Yorkshire soon followed and he moved further up the representative ladder when selected for the short but demanding unbeaten tour of Namibia and Zimbabwe with the England North squad which included three test matches.

Continued good club form led to selection against a Wales 'B' team which contained twelve full internationals at Pontypool Park, a game which the North lost but in which many experienced observers considered him to be the

outstanding player for the divisional team. His performance merited selection against the first South African National side to tour for twenty seven years and inclusion in the Divisional Championships squad where opportunity was somewhat limited by the inclusion of England and British Lion full-back, Ian Hunter.

Jim's season concluded with a short tour to South Africa with the Northern Counties Anti-Assassins. An ankle injury prevented him from touring France with the divisional side in August but we look forward to seeing him back in action this season hopefully for the North in their game versus the New Zealand All Blacks in November.

Mr. G.H. Jones & Mr. N.P. Dunn.



First XV Rugby Squad 1992.
(Photo: J.H. Thomson)

1ST XV RUGBY

Played 13, Won 10, Lost 3, Points for 209, Against 128

v Sandbach School	W 29-24
v Lymm High School	L 6-26
v Poynton High School	W 18-0
v Cheadle Hulme School	W 34-10
v Altrincham Grammar School	W 36-0
v St. Bede's College	W 9-0
v Bury Grammar School	W 30-0
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	L 6-33
v Manchester Grammar School	W 11-6
v St. Mary's, Crosby	W 6-0
v Stockport Grammar School	L 0-15
v St. John's College, Johannesburg	W 12-11
v Bramhall High School	W 10-3

This has been an excellent season for the 1st XV. For a team to win ten out of thirteen games is an achievement in itself, but to beat teams who have in principle being playing the game twice as long as ourselves, is a magnificent record.

The superb character of the side was highlighted many times throughout the season but particularly in the games against St. Bede's College, Manchester Grammar School and St. John's, Johannesburg. In all these games, School managed to take the lead by a few points and then to hold out with tremendous resolve. This determination to succeed was present in every game. Against Sandbach School, we started strongly and were leading three tries to nil at half-time. In the second half, poor defence allowed Sandbach to come back into the game but a final try by Smith and conversion by Allen sealed an important first win.

Our next game was away at Lymm. Although only trailing 9-6 at half time, the forwards were unable to produce enough quality possession and Lymm fully deserved their 26-6 victory.

In winning the next three games against Poynton High, Cheadle Hulme and Altrincham Grammar, we managed to score 88 points whilst conceding only 10. The most impressive part of these performances was the defence where the midfield tackling of Weeden and Reading was particularly outstanding.

St. Bede's proved to be one of the toughest and most memorable games of the season. In wet conditions, the team played with tremendous discipline and control. The pack won good first phase ball, Allen kicked sensibly for field position and the whole side tackled as if their lives depended on it. Allen kicked three penalty goals for a heroic 9-0 win in a game in which Weeden was outstanding.

An emphatic 30-0 win at home to Bury was followed by a 33-6 defeat by King Edward, Lytham. Although only 12-6 down at half-time against Lytham, their power upfront and pace out wide were too much for School to handle.

Manchester Grammar School was probably the best, certainly the most exciting game of the season. Discipline, control and a great defence were shown throughout, particularly in the final few minutes when M.G.S. had numerous chances to score. A try in the corner from Wood after a well executed back row move and two penalties by Allen gave the team a well earned victory.

Two more penalty goals were enough to beat St. Mary's College, Crosby in another close game, followed by a 15-0 defeat at Stockport Grammar.

In the penultimate game of the season, School were hosts to St. John's School, Johannesburg who were on a three week tour of England and Scotland. The game was

played in atrocious conditions, the fields resembling a mud bath rather than a rugby pitch. Fortunately, the South Africans attempted to play their normal expansive running and handling game and had great difficulties putting two passes together. Our forwards had other ideas and slowed the game down at every opportunity, only giving the ball back to the half-backs to clear the lines. After another very exciting finish, School managed to hold on to win 12-11.

In the final game against Bramhall, a try from Garside and a conversion and penalty from Allen rounded off the most successful season for the 1st XV since the unbeaten side of 1987.

The team has been very settled with ten players playing in all thirteen games. Slack, Knowles and Dearden were the regular front row. They were very solid in the scrums and strong and dependable in open play. Mason and Riste complimented each other in the second row. Mason, the Captain, is strong in the mauls and very fit and mobile around the field. He has been an excellent captain and has led by example both on and off the field. Probably not quite tall enough to make it as a second row in open age rugby, I believe his best position will be at blind-side flanker. Riste came on leaps and bounds as the season progressed. His lineout jumping was a great asset to the team and with a little more dedication to training, he could make a real impact next season.

The back row consisted of White, Bury and Garside. White is an aggressive open-side flanker whose tackling is of the highest order. Being one of only two regular fifth formers in the team, he suffered a few injuries because of the physical way he plays the game. Bury was the experienced No. 8, very mobile in the loose and a good ball winner in the lineout. Being tall, he needs to work on his body position when taking the ball into contact situations. Garside was a hooker turned Flanker. Although not always technically correct, he has a great enthusiasm for the game and always tackled well, ran strongly with the ball in hand and scored some important tries.

At half-back, Bulwich and Allen have been the regular pairing. Bulwich, the scrum-half, had a terrific season. His tackling is outstanding and he motivates all players around him. He complimented Allen, the fly-half ideally. Allen passes the ball well, kicks off both feet and can make a good break. He also kicked some important penalties and conversions throughout the season.

Weeden and Reading are both crash tackling centres. Although neither possess a real turn of pace, they can both pass and their tackling was a major factor in our successful season.

The back three consisted of Wood and Sherwin at wing and Smith at fullback. Wood is the flier of the side whereas Sherwin prefers to dodge and weave around opposition. Smith improve tremendously as the season progressed. He is fearless under the high ball, runs strongly in attack and is the only fullback I know who enjoys playing in mud.

This has been one of my most enjoyable seasons as coach of the 1st XV. This is not because the side have been successful although that has helped. What has impressed me is the character, commitment and excellent response from the players. Throughout the term, regular attendance was shown at training. It is encouraging when players want to be coached and are eager to improve. It is also a bonus when players have the experience of playing at a club rather than just at School, as many of our side had. I only hope those players who leave School this year will continue to enjoy playing rugby at whatever level.

Finally, my thanks to colleagues who have covered for my absence on a Saturday morning, parents for their loyal

support and most importantly to the players for all their hard work throughout the season.

The following boys also represented the School 1st XV; R.A. Gandy, I.M. Graham, S. Hussain, K. Misra, M.J. Musgrove, N.J. Scruton, D.C. Segal, M.A. Shelmerdine and D.A. Taylor.

D.J. Mallinder.

2ND XV RUGBY

Played 11, Won 6, Lost 5, Points For 207, Against 110

v Sandbach School	W 51-0
v Lymm High School	W 13-9
v Poynton High School	W 34-0
v Cheadle High School	W 44-0
v St. Bede's College	W 5-0
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	L 0-18
v St. Mary's, Crosby	W 38-5
v Stockport Grammar School	L 7-23
v Sale Grammar School 1st XV	L 10-25
v Bramhall High School	L 5-12

Taken overall, this was a most enjoyable season. As can be seen from the results, the team started off most successfully but the mid season was interrupted by three cancelled games which we would have expected to win and we lost the winning habit. We were particularly adversely affected by injuries in the second half of the season both to our own players and to those of the 1st XV. Two games remain particularly in my mind. The first was the very narrow win against our neighbours, St. Bede's, where we were under intense pressure throughout the match but defended magnificently before breaking out to score a late try. The second was the away match to St. Mary's College, where we took a team containing many enforced changes. A heavy defeat looked likely but again the players rose to the occasion and played excellent rugby in attack and defence to come out clear winners.

It was particularly pleasing to see the contribution made by the younger players who raised their own standard in the process. The presence of senior players held the team together and in particular the contributions of N. Scruton and C. Reichl, who both captained the team at various stages, were most appreciated. Other valued U6th contributions came from P. Sum and P. Warren. The team was also led very effectively in the earlier part of the season by M. Shelmerdine, until injury intervened.

One of the reasons for running a 2nd XV is to bring on young players and many of the Fifth Formers will be playing 1st XV rugby next season. The following Lower Sixth and Fifth Year pupils played regularly in the backs, K. Misra, M.J. Musgrove, S. Hussain, N.R. Clemetson, C. Gleave, J.A. Brocklehurst, T.M. Berkeley and they will form the basis of a very powerful attack in the next two years. There was also a very strong representation of Lower Sixth and Fifth year pupils in the forwards, several of whom were on the verge of 1st XV selection, including D. Grove, M.J. Butterworth, I.M. Graham, A.T. Rodgers and J.M. Hall.

Other regular performers for the team include the following Lower Sixth players, R.A. Gandy at fullback, D.A. Taylor as an aggressive scrum half, D.C. Segal, R.

Haroutanian and S.A.J. Murray in the forwards. J. Sayyid was a late 'find' at centre and fullback.

My abiding impression of the season is of the enthusiasm of the players and my most difficult job was not in finding players who wanted to play but having to tell those not selected. I would particularly like to thank all those who performed the frustrating job of acting as substitutes during the season.

D.G. Barnes.

U15 RUGBY

Played 14, Won 10, Lost 4, Points For 217, Against 126

v Sandbach School	W 35-5
v Altrincham Grammar School	W 10-0
v Poynton High School	W 43-0
v Lymm High School	W 23-10
v St. Mary's, Crosby	W 10-5
v St. Bede's College	W 5-3
v Woodhey High School	W 5-0
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	L 0-14
v Manchester Grammar School	L 0-20
v Bolton School	W 28-3
v Bury Grammar School	W 21-7
v Audenshaw High School U16	L 19-22
v Stockport Grammar School	L 0-40
v Bramhall High School	W 15-0

The season's results and performances proved once again that this year group is one of the strongest that William Hulme's has nurtured for several years. An unbeaten run of seven games was ended by King Edward's, Lytham just before half-term, but up to this point the team had comprehensively beaten any inferior teams and shown great character in beating those on a par with themselves. Notably, two thoroughly enjoyable matches against St. Bede's and St. Mary's, Crosby went William Hulme's way, largely due to the resilience of our forwards and the ferocious tacking of our backs.

The second half of the term was less successful, with comprehensive defeats being suffered against strong Manchester Grammar and Stockport teams. The defeat against M.G.S. was particularly disappointing since this also marked our exit from the Daily Mail U15 Trophy. However, the team still played attractive and determined rugby and ended the season with a record bettered only by the School First XV.

Several of the U15 squad can be fully expected to figure prominently in the senior teams over the next three years. Simon Johnson at stand-off and Peter Day and Daniel Gent in the centre had superb seasons. Simon is learning with every game and his kicking provided valuable points during tight games. Peter and Daniel also showed much attacking power but also showed themselves to be excellent players in defence with Daniel in particular putting in some explosive tackles during the season.

Of the forwards, Adnan Malik was very fast around the field and strong in broken play, and his whole-heartedness will be welcomed in the senior squad. The front row of Ian Goodwin, Philip Tilston and Jeff Pearson provided a solid base and Stephen Hadfield showed that he had a fine brain for the game, although he is still a little slow around the field.

I must finally thank all players for making the season a

most enjoyable one for me and all parents for their invaluable support. Thanks also go to Mr. Hardy for his help and, most of all, to Mr. Mallinder who has taught me almost everything I know about the game and how to coach it over the last three years.

The following players represented the School this season: R.J. Al-Safar, I.S. Anwar, P.H. Day, R. England, J.P. Flatman, D.J. Gent, C. Gerezdi, I.R. Goodwin, S.A. Hadfield, A.J. Haslam, S.R. Johnson, D.A. Johnston, A.F.J. Kelly, M.A. Malik, A.C. Nunney, J.H. Pearson, J.M.E. Robinson and P.A. Tilston.

P.R. Hewston.

U14 RUGBY

Played 12, Won 5, Lost 7, Points For 249, Against 297

v Sandbach School	L	10-14
v Lymm High School	W	51-5
v Poynton High School	W	43-12
v Cheadle Hulme School	W	49-0
v Altrincham Grammar School	W	37-7
v St. Bede's College	L	7-37
v Bury Grammar School	L	10-24
v Audenshaw High School	L	20-31
v Manchester Grammar School	W	17-12
v St. Mary's, Crosby	L	5-61
v Stockport Grammar School	L	0-46
v Bramhall High School	L	0-48

The new School year and a new rugby season arrived and it was clear from the first training session that the U14's were a very different and mixed group of players. The way they acted towards each other showed that this was not a team but was in fact a number of individuals and small cliques. Some were keen and wanted to develop their skills, but others just wanted to disrupt and act the fool. This made preparation very difficult and as always the first game came soon after the start of term. Having had a word with last year's coach, Mr. Myers, we went to Sandbach with a familiar line up.

Although we played quite well in short spells we could not sustain the concentration needed to keep it up and in the end we went down to a side that were much bigger and better organised than us. We did, however, show some promise and in fact scored first with what was the best try of the game, but when we were under pressure many of the team turned to one or two individuals to bail them out. Hard though these individuals tried, they could not manage it. The following Saturday we hosted Lymm High School and recorded the highest points total in three years of playing. All the team played a part particularly the forwards who won a good supply of the ball, however, it was largely the performance of two individuals that made the scoreline so high. James Jobling scored five tries, Marios Baama two tries and kicked most of the conversions. However, the opposition was not strong and it was clear that against better opponents we would need more team work. The mid-week game against Poynton High School followed a similar pattern with the same two individuals providing most of Hulme's points. The fact that Poynton scored first and the way we reacted highlighted our short comings. The Poynton players ran at us, we did not tackle them and they scored. Behind the line the arguments started with each member of our team turning to blame another. At the after match briefing having said well done

for the victory, I voiced my worry that when we came up against a good team if we tackled poorly, argued with each other and relied on a few individuals we would be taken to pieces.

Despite the fact that two players failed to turn up for the game at Cheadle Hulme School we produced one of our best performances of the season. Credit must be given to the players that stepped in. It must be said that again the opposition was not strong but we played more like a team and combined well to put winger Bell in the corner for an excellent try. Also Rashid playing his first game in the centre showed promise. The next game saw the return of former teammate and Old Hulmeian, Richard Woolley, a formidable player, however, Altrincham did not have the cast to support him and we played to our strength and ran out comfortable winners. This proved to be our last high scoring victory. Against St. Bede's College, we finally encountered a team that could stop our individuals from running and put us under continuous pressure by attacking. We could not tackle well enough to stop them and therefore came a very poor second. We were not helped by the fact that one of our players was sent off.

We were only four weeks into the term and already two players were unavailable because they were in School Saturday detention, others had missed mid-week matches because of Wednesday detention and two had failed to turn up on the day of a game. This general indiscipline and poor attitude of some towards School only got worse and inevitably affected the team. For the game against Bury we again had a player in Saturday detention, two more "missed the bus" and two others arrived at the ground, one without his boots and the other without shorts and shirt. After some positional switches and swapping of kit we took the field, however, we were not in the right frame of mind and not surprisingly lost a game that we should have won. The following week we visited Audenshaw High School with an almost full squad and everybody had all their kit. We played well in a close and keenly fought game and even though we lost in the end we showed far more cohesion and spirit. An extended break followed with the cancelled game against King Edward's and half-term giving us two Saturdays off.

The first game back was against M.G.S. and as always the rivalry was intense. The conditions did not make for open flowing rugby and there was a good deal of close quarter forward play, in which we fared the best. Particularly good showings came from Jobling, Lambert and Silver. For once our centres worked in unison and tackled their opposite numbers with conviction. The end result was a very satisfying win. As for the rest of the season, it would be best forgotten. With a combination of cancelled games due to bad weather, poor attendance at practices mainly due to people being in detention and the loss of Baama, the last three games were lost heavily.

When looking at the playing record, the season divides into two halves and is only narrowly a losing one. However, there is a downward trend being established. There are several players in the squad with real potential and a small number who want to work to improve their skills. It is a great pity that there are so many whose attitude is so disruptive that it spoils it for the rest. This attitude extends to School in general and not just rugby. The sad thing is that some of the disruptive element have it in them to be good players but they will not allow themselves to develop because of some strange idea that by not behaving or cooperating they are getting one over on the School.

To turn to the team, the forwards could be an excellent

unit. There are several who have all the physical requirements and some with technical skill. What they need is to act more as a group and work to support each other rather than having solo efforts at different times through the game. The picture is rather different in the backs, most of the players lack one basic requirement, "heart". Tackling is mainly a mental, mind over matter, exercise and so our backs largely shied away from the challenge. In technical terms there is a problem at fly-half as there is not a natural player for this position and the one player who could be developed is sadly unwilling to listen or work at it. The experimental positional switch I tried at outside half did not really work and I do not envy next year's coaches search for a steady and settled player in this key position.

The squad was made up of the following: S.M. Aziz, M. Baama, R. Beenstock, N. Bell, D.T.N. Bishopp, G.R. Brocklehurst, P. Buxton, J.T. Calderbank, M.J. Dodd (Captain), M. Healey, G.P. Humphries, J.S. Jobling, S.J.C. Kellett, J.R.M. Lambert, M.W. Newton, C.R. Ogden, T.M. Rashid, C.C. Reading, M.E. Robinson, S. Seagren, R.M. Seddon, J.T.P. Silver, G.H. Thornton.

Finally my thanks go to the parents and friends that come along to watch and support.

Mr. N.P. Dunn

U13 RUGBY

Played 14, Won 7, Drew 1, Lost 6, Points For 287,
Against 194

v Sandbach School	W 44-0
v Lymm High School	L 5-33
v Poynton High School	W 39-7
v Cheadle Hulme School	L 0-30
v Altrincham Grammar School	L 12-19
v St. Bede's College	W 17-5
v Bury Grammar School	W 46-0
v Audenshaw High School	W 24-7
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	L 0-38
v Manchester Grammar School	L 12-25
v St. Mary's, Crosby	D 5-5
v Stockport Grammar School	L 10-15
v Sale Grammar School	W 34-5
v Bramhall High School	W 39-5

After a hectic round of practices in the first week of term, the season began with a match against Sandbach School. The team quickly settled down and some strong running backed up by quick support produced some excellent tries. David Hancock was very lively and his determined running led to a hat-trick of tries. Matthew Naylor displayed his handling skills at fly-half and Nicky Arthur was a tireless flanker. Sandbach never gave up but were not strong enough to cause any real problems.

The game against Lymm was closer than the scoreline indicates, but some poor tackling enabled a big, quick centre to run in several tries for the opposition. The weakness in tackling was to prove costly in other close matches later on and needs to be eliminated in future years. Hamsa Anwar had an excellent game in the forwards and deservedly scored our only try. At half-time the score was only 12-5 against, which shows how costly the second half was.

This was followed by a convincing win against a weak Poynton team in which the forwards dominated possession. Daniel Ellis made a rare appearance on the wing and his strength and determination was rewarded with two tries.

Cheadle Hulme were a much bigger team and after a close struggle for three-quarters of the game, we eventually ran out of steam and were well beaten in the end. At half-time the score was only 4-0 against and it could easily have been level. Matthew Naylor had a fine game and made some excellent tackles and David Hancock was a constant threat to the opposition. The forwards worked hard, but in the second-half good possession dried up and injuries severely weakened them.

This was followed by a hard fought game against Altrincham Grammar School which we really should have won. We dominated the first-half but some good tackling restricted the team to one try from Nicky Arthur. Another score early in the second-half would have sealed the match, but concentration was lost at the re-start, and this enabled the opposition centre to run the length of the field and equalise the scores. Altrincham now dominated and scored a second try to take the lead. The team gradually regained confidence and after a lot of pressure Hamsa Anwar scored the equalising try. The team promptly relaxed again and poor tackling allowed the Altrincham winger to score the winning try. It was a hard defeat to take but some lessons were learnt.

Against St. Bede's the team played some good rugby and were always in control and ran out comfortable winners. Robert Hanley scored an excellent try from centre and Matthew Naylor was a constant threat and was also rewarded with a try. Zishan Anjum made his debut on the wing and made two try-saving tackles on the opposition flanker.

A weakened Bury Grammar School team was then overwhelmed with Hancock grabbing a hat-trick and Tim Edwards a couple of tries. Audenshaw High School put up a hard battle and nearly scored in the first minute, but the team worked hard to assert control and thoroughly deserved to win. Robert Hanley scored another excellent try from centre, and Hancock and Naylor were once again to the fore. However, it was the forwards who worked the hardest and the front row of Daniels, Smith and Murphy set an excellent example. Due to the attractions of Euro-Disney a very weakened team made the long journey to Lytham. They competed well but were no match for a strong home team. Many thanks to Mr. Lord who kindly agreed to go with the team and provide them with encouragement.

The M.G.S. game was a very close contest and the spirit and determination of the team was excellent. Two tries were conceded from quickly taken penalties and this meant we were always trying to come from behind. M.G.S. were never able to relax and a try from Hancock after considerable pressure put the team back into the game. After that it was end-to-end stuff with plenty of vocal support from the touchlines. M.G.S. were worthy winners but it will be interesting to see what happens next year.

Against St. Mary's Crosby, two evenly matched teams cancelled each other out and a draw was a fair result. Poor tackling gave Stockport Grammar School the advantage and the team never regained the initiative. Hancock and Anwar scored two good tries but in the end determined defensive work by Stockport denied us a victory. We took several wrong options in the last few minutes and once again valuable lessons were learnt the hard way.

The game against Sale Grammar School was played in appalling conditions after heavy rainfall right up to the start of the match. Despite the wet and cold the team played some enterprising rugby and were comfortable winners. Anwar distinguished himself by scoring a rare forward's hat-trick.

The season closed with another comfortable victory against Bramhall High School. Daniel Ellis reappeared again and claimed two tries and the forwards penalty move finally worked and resulted in a Tim Edwards try.

The squad has plenty of depth and there is a lot of potential talent in most positions. The main weaknesses have been a loss of concentration at vital times, allied with some weak tackling. These should improve as the players mature and develop physically.

The forwards lacked size overall but was quite determined. The front-row of John Daniels, Paul Murphy and Brett Smith was a very effective unit and ensured a regular supply of good ball in the scrums. All three were also tireless workers in the loose play. At second row, Hamsa Anwar provided the bulk and is developing into an excellent all-round player. He can run, pass and is always working for the team. He was well supported by Adam Goldsmith, Jamie Stockberger and Russell Jones. Nicky Arthur and Tim Edwards are hard working back row players who always kept the team going forward. Both should develop into fine players. They were ably supported by Anthony Prophet and various others. David Hancock is a very strong running scrum-half who has good all-round skills which continually pushed the opposition backwards. He is another player who has considerable potential for the future. Robert Hanley and Oliver Briggs were a solid centre partnership who provided a good link with the half-backs. Zishan Anjum forced his way onto the wing with his strong running and superb tackling. Robert Glass was an elusive wingman, and Daniel Ellis was a very powerful runner whose ultimate destiny should be at flanker. Richard Bell was a steady full-back and a capable footballer.

The Captain was Matthew Naylor who played at fly-half. He is an extremely talented player who kicks well and uses the dummy very effectively. However, he must learn when is the best moment to release his three-quarters and work harder on this area in practice. He is another player who shows considerable potential for the future.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents who gave tremendous encouragement and support to the team in all weathers.

D.A. Myers.

U12 RUGBY

Played 8, Won 1, Lost 7, Points for 61, Against 216

v Cheadle Hulme School	Lost 0-27
v Audenshaw High School	Lost 17-20
v St. Mary's, Crosby	Lost 10-35
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 0-35
v Bolton School	Won 22-7
v Manchester Grammar School	Lost 7-17
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	Lost 0-50
v Bramhall High School	Lost 5-25

As the results testify, this year's U12 squad was not very strong both in playing terms and in the number and quality of the players.

The opening game of the season, against Cheadle Hulme, set the pattern of the games to come. The team looked slow and indecisive around the field and far too many tackles were missed. This gave the opposition most of the possession and left the school to chase their runners. Against the traditional rugby playing schools this pattern was to be repeated and although the team showed improvement in some areas we never were able to match our opponents in the key areas of the game i.e. winning the ball, positive use of the ball and tackling.

Probably the two most disappointing games of the season were against Audenshaw and St. Mary's, Crosby. In the former the two teams were quite evenly matched and this produced, if not a classic game of rugby, then one much more evenly contested than most of the others. The score fluctuated right up to the final stages of the game when, unfortunately, we were just pipped at the post. This game could have gone either way and, possibly, with a little bit more determination we might just have pulled off a win. Not so with the latter display at Crosby. After 20 minutes play the School were 10-0 up and playing quite well. Possession was fairly evenly shared and we had taken our two chances to score. For the last five minutes of the first half and all the second, it was a completely different story. St. Mary's ran the ball at us and we failed to make the initial tackles. This meant that the opposition got behind our defence and either scored or it took two or three players to stop the run. St. Mary's recycled the ball and launched another attack which invariably resulted in a score. To see the game change so completely within 25 minutes was very disappointing and was probably the worst display I have seen from any School team.

All the boys really do need to work on their own levels of fitness and skill. During the season I encouraged them to play rugby for their local clubs on Sundays but only 2 boys did (and they were already members).

On a more positive note a few boys emerged with credit. Richard Nixon was, by far, our best player. He used his size and strength to good effect and showed a commitment for the physical side of the game. Michael Ghazi ran all game - not always to the correct place but nevertheless once he develops this awareness and sorts out his tackling he will be a much better player. Behind the pack Robert Richardson became quite an elusive scrum-half (he plays full-back for his club). Robert however, really needs to work very hard to improve his passing and kicking skills from the scrum-half position. This can easily be done at home in the garden and would improve his overall contribution to the team performance. Marvin Daniel was our only player with pace in the three-quarters. His strength took him past opposing players but often he did not have the support necessary to move the ball on and keep the attack going.

The team, as a whole, will really need to work very hard next year and show greater commitment for the physical nature of the game. Tackles need to be made around the legs, we must push our weight in the scrums and mauls and we must keep running throughout the game.

My thanks go to all the parents who supported the team and to all the players who regularly attended training.

C.H. Seddon

LACROSSE



1ST X LACROSSE

Played 17, Won 12, Drawn 2, Lost 3

E.L.U. League North Under 18 Division:

v Timperley	(A)	L 4-9
v Cheadle Hulme School	(A)	W 11-6
v Stockport Grammar School	(A)	W 16-9
v Timperley	(H)	W 21-7
v Cheadle Hulme School	(H)	D 9-9
v Stockport Grammar School	(H)	W 8-7

The team was awarded the Championship of the Under 18 Division.

Norman Barber Cup (for Under 18 teams)

Semi-final

v Stockport Grammar School	(H)	W 5-4
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Final

v Timperley (at Ashton L.C.)		W 13-10
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The team was presented with the N.A. Barber Cup by Mr. N.A. Barber

Timperley Floodlit Trophy (for Under 19 teams)

v Wilmslow		W 10-3
v Stockport L.C.		L 7-8

Half-term tour:

v Oxford University		W 7-4
v Cambridge University		W 7-6

"Friendly" matches:

v Timperley U18	(H)	W 17-6
v Rochdale 'A'	(A)	D 6-6
v Wilmslow U18	(H)	W 17-9
v Timperley U18	(H)	W 21-3
v Hulmeians	(H)	L 4-12

There was an adjustment of aims, partly enforced, in this season's fixture list. The U19 League of recent years became an U18 league, with obvious advantage to a school side, and also, after many years of entry in the Lancashire Cup (formerly the Lancashire Junior Cup), it was decided to enter the 1st X for the first time into the Norman Barber Cup, the competition for all U18 sides. What could be seen as a "levelling down" in the fixtures nevertheless produced an exciting and very successful season inspired by the personal example of the captain, Paul Foster, whose individual representative honours continued unabated, and by the determined hard-working coaching of Jay Bride, our American visitor for the 1993 season. The main reservation of the fixture list as thus balanced must be that the almost total concentration on U18 lacrosse left the team unprepared for the extra physical pressure of the match with Hulmeians,

when some of a team weakened by illness and injury found themselves out of their depth: this was the only disappointment and it was a serious one, in an otherwise happy season in which the constant help of Jay Bride, Mr. Simkin and Mr. I.J. Shaw and the willing co-operation of the players made it possible to enjoy the good standard of lacrosse without administrative worries.

There could well have been such worries, however, as no sooner had the fixture list arrived than two U18 league sides withdrew from it, teams from respected and successful clubs: four blank Saturdays were therefore left to be filled and we were and are genuinely grateful to the teams who gave us friendly fixtures and made sure that no weekend of our season was wasted.

The team's success was built upon a number of experienced Upper Sixth players; our teams have always had these, of course, but in some seasons the oldest players do not necessarily play up to their fullest potential, and this year's most certainly did. Paul Foster's game expanded into midfield and he scored crucial goals, Ed Buckley was vice-captain and had a tremendous hard-working season on the field, Tom Veitch was more dominant than he has ever been, Chris Reichl did especially well to return to this level after injury, and Pete Sum and Omar Asgher both had strong seasons in which they put in 100% effort all the time they were on the field. A similar group follows them into their final year next year and they have a great example to follow. All had a fine season this year: Craig Simkin and Matt Musgrove have wonderful individual skills in defence, and nobody puts in more effort than Nick Owen in that area; Ian Sherwin and Chris Bell made great strides in midfield, where Mark Sellers also would certainly have excelled, but for his injury - he was still able to get himself fit enough to make a great contribution to the cup final: in attack Brad Jones had a splendid season, always occupying any defence man fully whilst threatening goal himself and getting streams of feeds away too - his performance in the cup final was marvellous. The side's juniors, who usually had to survive two games on a Saturday, also performed with huge credit; Dominic Stansfield holds great promise for the coming seasons, and Chris Gleave has made a name for himself with his superb facing technique and his ruthless high-speed conversion of feeds - "old-fashioned" goals of the highest quality.

The team was usually selected from: O. Asgher, C. Bell, E.F. Buckley, (Vice-captain), P.D. Foster (Captain), C. Gleave, J.M. Hall, B.S. Jones, M.J. Musgrove, N.M.G. Owen, C. Reichl, M.D. Sellers, I.M. Sherwin, J.R. Sills, C. Simkin, D.P. Stansfield, P. Sum, T.B. Veitch.

C.P. Langford

2ND X LACROSSE

v Wilmslow	(H)	L 7-16
v Rochdale 'A' (Cup)	(H)	L 7-13
v Stockport Grammar School 2nd	(H)	L 5-11
v Hulmeians Extra A	(A)	L 7-9
v Wilmslow	(A)	L 8-13
v Heaton Mersey 'C'	(A)	W 14-4
v Wilmslow	(H)	W 13-6
v Stockport Grammar School 2nd	(A)	W 9-7
v Hulmeians 'A'	(H)	L 5-12

The list of players and the results both tell a story. Inevitably, the second team uses many players in a season as first team requirements and injuries take their toll. The twenty six players used in the nine matches come from four different year groups. Hence it is not surprising that it took

the team almost to half-term before the first win of the season. Although the first five matches were lost there was definite improvement from match to match. Credit for this must go to the players for their attitude and to Mr. Shaw for his coaching.

Although results are not everything it was nice for all concerned to start winning matches, particularly against teams that had beaten us earlier. The winning run came to an end in the final match against Hulmeians 'A' which was still a pleasing performance. A number of players had to play for the first team and no few than four Under 15's players were introduced. Against a very experienced team (including Mr. Shaw and Mr. Langford), the seconds played well, being 5-3 down at half-time. The third quarter was disappointing but a good last quarter completed a creditable defeat.

Going through the team, Mason was an ever present in goal. His unconventional but enthusiastic performances often kept the team in matches and certainly his presence was always good for morale. The straight defence was chosen from Crawshaw, Sills, Vickers and White. Three of these benefited from playing together at U16's level although playing two games each Saturday sometimes brought injury problems. Hence the importance of Vickers who developed as the season progressed into a solid defender. It was nice to see Sills elevated to the first team towards the end of the season.

The midfield tended to vary from week to week as injuries and 1st team requirements took their toll. The mainstays of midfield were Bell, Brown, Goodwin, Maunder, Shelmerdine, Sherwin and Whiteley. Bell and Sherwin had occasionally games for the first team for which they should become regular players next season. The same can be said of Sayyid in straight attack who developed well. He was normally accompanied by Sunderland and Watkins in attack.

My thanks go to all the players who made this an enjoyable season, to Whiteley for his leadership as Captain and to Mr. Shaw for his enthusiasm and expertise in coaching the team.

The following players represented the School: N.A. Whiteley (Captain), C. Bell, T.M. Berkeley, J.A. Brocklehurst, L.P. Brown, J.E. Crawshaw, P.H. Day, T.B. Eckersley, R. England, J.P. Flatman, N.D. Goodwin, W. Mason, M.C.N. Maunder, J.D. Mehta, N.M.G. Owen, J.M.E. Robinson, D.J. Rowlands, Y. Sayyid, M.D. Sellers, M.A. Shelmerdine, I.M. Sherwin, J.R. Sills, A.M. Sunderland, J.A. Vickers, A.M. Watkins and J.K. White.

A. Simkin.

U16 LACROSSE

As this was, regrettably, a stop press item, see page 179 for this report.

U15 LACROSSE

Played 9, Won 5, Lost 4, Goals for 54, Against 61

v Old Waconians U16	(H)	Lost	2-12
v Wilmslow U16	(A)	Won	4-3
v Ashton U16	(H)	Lost	3-7
Juniors & Schools Cup			
v Poynton U16	(H)	Lost	3-8
v Wilmslow U16	(H)	Won	8-4
v Stockport Grammar	(A)	Won	9-7
v Sale U16	(H)	Lost	2-10
v Stockport U16	(A)	Won	11-4
v Cheadle Hulme U16's A	(A)	Won	12-6

SCORERS: Ghazi 13 (+7 assists), Day 12 (+5), Hope 11 (+4), Robinson 9 (+2), Flatman 3 (+5), Whiteley 2 (+1), Kelly 1 (+2), Sidebottom 1 (+1), Taylor 1 (+1), Olden 1, Lowry (5), England (1), Johnson (1).

The Under 15's faced the usual problem of facing Under 16's opposition for most of the season. Despite this, the team was never completely outplayed and, by winning four of the last five matches, managed to win more than they lost. The reason why the team managed to compete so well was largely down to good team defence. An average of less than seven goals per game conceded illustrates this. The straightest defence normally consisted of four players; Bagnall, Birtwistle, England and Gerezdi. England was the outstanding performer in this area using his size well but also showing good handling skills and positional sense. Gerezdi also has the talent to do well but was let down by his temperament on occasions. Birtwistle again showed his enthusiasm for the game but must start to improve his handling if he is to improve. Bagnall was a newcomer to the team and he developed well but needs to improve his concentration. Behind the straight defence Pearson was very reliable in goal and it was pleasing to see him step up to the Under 16's for the national championship and make no small contribution to the success.

The defence cannot take all the credit for the defensive record: midfield players must do their part for defence to be successful. Day, Flatman and Robinson all improved the defensive aspect of their game. Together they are a formidable midfield unit either in defence or going forward. Unfortunately, lacrosse nowadays needs six midfield players, not just three, and we do not have three more players of the quality of the above named. Gent, Johnson, Keller, Kelly and Taylor all have potential but will need to improve if the team as a whole is going to improve. If at all possible, they need to play some lacrosse between September and January so that they have made some progress before the lacrosse term.

In attack Ghazi and Hope both have the handling skills and the positional sense to score many goals. Both need to work on their finishing, particularly Hope who must work on the power of his shooting. Lowry was converted to attack half-way through the season and the attack then had much better shape and started to produce more goals.

My thanks go to all the players for making it an enjoyable and successful season. Particular thanks go to Flatman and Robinson for their co-captaincy and to Jay Bride for his coaching.

The following players represented the School: J.P. Flatman (Co-Capt.), J.M.E. Robinson (Co-Capt.), P. Bagnall, M.J. Birtwistle, P.H. Day, R. England, D.J. Gent, C. Gerezdi, N.B. Ghazi, A.J. Holden, C.J. Hope, S.R. Johnson, K.J. Keller, A.F.J. Kelly, D. Lowry, J.D. Mehta, M.T. Olden, J.H. Pearson, M.T. Roys, P. Sidebottom, J.G. Sochovsky, D.I. Taylor and M.A. Whiteley.

A. Simkin

U14 LACROSSE

The new season arrived and with it came the lacrosse season. To begin with we had a couple of lunchtime practices which were mainly to get us fit again after our Christmas break. Our handling and basic skills were terrible and our passing abysmal, but despite this our confidence improved. Before we knew it our first game was upon us and it was a disaster. Stockport provided the opposition and were a very good team, although we made

them look brilliant with our poor handling and passing. Despite the rest of the team's poor performance, Matt Robinson made some excellent stops in his first appearance in goal, stopping well over 50% of the shots at him.

After a few more practices our next game was against Timperley. The first half was a shambles. Passes were dropped, shots missed and ground balls lost. However, at half-time, Mr. Seddon gave us a real talking to and after this we turned from a disorganised shambles to a half decent team. Our defence was much stronger and passes actually went to stick and despite losing by nine goals we regained our confidence and looked forward to Ashton the following week.

During the week we worked harder to perfect a zone defence formation. This proved to be very successful and together with good midfield and attack we punished the weak Ashton side and enjoyed our first win of the season.

Cheadle were our next opposition and despite being good at the basics, Cheadle were unable to break down our zone defence. Humphries played very well in this match and with the improving Healey alongside him our back four looked solid. The midfield of Xydeas, Partington and Seddon dominated the game, as well as this our attack clicked with Newton and Kellett both scoring.

Following this well worked victory came two more convincing victories. However, soon it was Stockport again and we were seeking revenge from our previous game.

Stockport grabbed two early goals to lead at quarter time, however, it was not long before goals from Newton and Kellett levelled the score. Seconds later a crisis in our defence saw us losing three more goals before the injured Matt Robinson had to leave the field. After half-time Miles "waddled" into the goal and not surprisingly shots were fired at his goal from all angles and this saw us lose several more goals before three-quarter time. Despite this our midfield clawed us back into the match and by the end we had scored six.

The following match against Ashton added another victory to our name before Stockport were the opposition. This game followed a similar pattern in that we lost goals due to our defence who lacked concentration at key moments. However, even though we suffered in the first half, our fighting spirit gave us a 3-2 second half victory despite losing the game overall.

Finally, on behalf of the whole team, we would like to thank Mr. Seddon for his time and effort.

Guy Brocklehurst (3C) & James Jobling (3A).

It must be stated straight away that all the games played by this season's talented second year side were against sides in the third year (Under 14) age group, and there were therefore obviously matches in which the size and bulk of opposition sides were vastly greater than ours, not to mention the lacrosse experience. With this in mind, the several very close matches which were just lost can be seen as major successes, as can the important fact that even against the best of Under 14 sides the team was never heavily beaten.

The main strength of the team was a strong running midfield which started on the huge, heavy expanses of Wilmslow and maintained its honest effort with exceptional stamina in every match thereafter. And whilst all these players has a single clear weakness - Hancock loses touch with the team when he gets the ball, Arthur is reluctant to change hands or direction, Higgins is rather one-paced - this is in a way an encouraging feature, in that each player has a main feature to work on for next season.

The defence held its own very well in the face of a lot of pressure: Flood is developing into an all-round excellent prospect, Gilmore and Jones had brilliant spells and Veitch and the still learning Daniels were exemplary determined defensive workers. Behind them Bell had a splendid season with many moments of real class. His reserve, Mal'ouf, also had two outstanding games.

It was in attack that the team had the most problems. When in the second match of the season we missed ten simple chances in the first quarter, it was clear that there were going to be difficulties, but it was the players' failure to solve these within which was the most worrying feature of the season. Only when Gilmore joined the attack for a spell, with Bowie and Murphy, did the attack look at all natural. There was a feeling very often that attack players did not understand that they had more to do than just catch the ball and shoot!

The side certainly has a large number of able players who will develop well when they begin to play throughout the year, not just in the School's season: there are as many players as in any other year I have seen who could make top grade lacrosse players if they work at it.

The team was usually selected from: N.G. Arthur, C.A. Baker, R.F.M. Bell, R.J. Bowie, J. Daniels, S.T.R. Flood, N. Gilmore, D.T. Hancock, J.T. Higgins, R.S. Jones, A.G. Mal'ouf, J.E.P. Merron, P.R. Murphy, M.R. Naylor and A.V. Prophet.

C.P. Langford

U13 LACROSSE

Played 10, Won 4, Lost 6

v Wilmslow L.C.	(A)	L 5-7
v Stockport Grammar School	(H)	W 9-8
v Heaton Mersey L.C.	(H)	W 4-3
v Boardman & Eccles L.C.	(H)	L 6-7
v Timperley L.C.	(H)	L 3-9
v Rochdale L.C.	(A)	W 11-3
v Cheadle Hulme School	(A)	W 5-4
v Stockport L.C.	(H)	L 4-9
v Waconians L.C.	(H)	L 4-10
v Cheadle L.C.	(A)	L 3-8

U12 LACROSSE

Played 10, Won 4, Lost 6, Goals for 82, Against 58

v Timperley A	(H)	Won 19-2
v Cheadle	(A)	Lost 5-6
v Heaton Mersey	(A)	Lost 4-11
v Heaton Mersey	(H)	Lost 2-13
v Beckenham	(H)	Lost 5-8
v Ashton	(A)	Won 10-2
v Stockport Grammar School	(A)	Won 22-0
v Wilmslow	(H)	Lost 2-6
v Stockport Grammar School	(A)	Won 8-2
v Timperley	(A)	Lost 5-8
v Poynton 6-a-side	(A)	Played 4, Won 2, Drew 1, Lost 1

Pre-season training sessions showed that this year's group were inexperienced, with only two boys having come across the sport before. Hard work every lunchtime helped a small group develop the basic handling skills, but others had little opportunity to train alone, as bad weather prevented much use of the School fields.

The first game was met with apprehension, but, unfortunately, Timperley's A-team were not strong, and good performances, especially from Michael Ghazi and Neil McLeod, both of whom scored goals regularly, brought us a very comfortable win. In the second game, against Cheadle, we were ahead, but their strength and experience showed in the last quarter, and we lost by an odd goal. In the next two games, a strong Heaton Mersey team were encountered, and Richard Nixon was moved into midfield to give us strength. The first match was lost because of our inability to break down their defence, whereas they scored more readily against ours. The return game was even more one-sided. A very enjoyable match against a touring London side from Beckenham was narrowly lost. In this game, we used a squad of 23 players, in order to give a chance to all those who had attended training, but were unable to keep up with the constant substitution! Thanks to parents, we were able to have a buffet and get-together after the game.

A cold Sunday at Poynton over half-term saw a small group take part in the North of England six-a-side tournament. All had great fun, winning the first game 5-0, leading in the second game before eventually losing to the tournament winners, having the better of the third game but conceding a late goal to draw 2-2, and winning the final match against the host Club. Disappointment was much in evidence when it was realised that we had not reached the semi-finals.

Enjoyable games at Ashton and Stockport Grammar School brought us back to our winning ways, with Ross McKay and Adam Dignan running the midfield well and Marvin Daniel sharp in attack. In the Stockport match, goalkeeper Ben Green played part of the game in attack, but, despite trying hard, was the only player not to score. Having lost to Wilmslow, we took a weaker team to Stockport for an evening game and produced another win. A very close final game was played on the astroturf at Timperley, when Ben Green had an outstanding game in goal.

Our team had many good players, but no outstanding ones. We would have been much stronger if the fringe players had trained more regularly. Also, greater physical strength, in both attack and defence, would have scored more goals for us and broken down opposition attacks. The ball needs to be passed more rapidly through the midfield to give our goal-scoring attack players earlier chances. With hard work, this group of boys has the makings of a good side, as long as the reserves develop as they are able.

Thanks go to our U.S. coach, Jay Bride, who helped with training sessions, and to the parents who helped with transport and with the buffet.

Regular players were M.N. Daniel, A.L.D. Dignan, R. Fu, M.A. Ghazi, B.M. Green, J.C.H. Ho, M. Ludlam, R. Nixon, R.I.D. McKay, N.A. McLeod, R.J. Richardson, C.A. Smith and C.B. Smith.

Also played occasionally: B.A. Green, J.J. Hancock and D.A. Wynter. Seven others played one game.

Mr. M.D. Wood.



HOCKEY

U16 HOCKEY

Played 11, Won 5, Drew 4, Lost 2

v Manchester High School	D 0-0
v Stockport Grammar School	D 1-1
v Canon Slade	W 3-2
v St. Bede's College	D 1-1
v Withington Girls School	W 3-2
v Kingsway School	W 1-0
v Weaverham High School	D 0-0
v Manchester High School	L 0-1
v St. Monica's	W 4-0
v St. Monica's	W 4-0
v Kingsway School	L 0-1

Barclays Bank Tournament:

v Stockport Grammar School	D 0-0
v Altrincham Grammar School	W 1-0
v Cheadle Hulme School	D 0-0
Final v Kingsway School	L 0-1

County Tournament:

v Abraham Guest	W 1-0
v Stockport Grammar School	D 0-0
v Altrincham Grammar School	L 0-1
Quarter-final v Golbourne	W 1-0
Semi-final v Altrincham Grammar	W 1-0
Final v Turton	L 0-1 in extra time

This season the U16 team took a little time to get into its stride but eventually gained a very pleasing sequence of results. At last, hockey seems to have become a team game for the U16s where every player is aware of her job on the field and does not rely on the performance of an individual to win a game.

The season opened with our first game at Manchester High School on a very cold morning. Proving to be a little unfit and our skills slightly rusty we played as individuals with some team members expecting or hoping that others would do something special or spectacular to pull the team out of trouble.

On the next Saturday we travelled to Stockport Grammar School. We were in for a bit of a shock when we arrived as we realised we were to play on astro-turf where the ball travels extremely quickly - something we just weren't used to. The game was in complete contrast to the performance of the previous week with the forwards working as a real unit. Unfortunately, just before half-time we let through a sneaky goal from a Stockport winger which put us a goal behind. However, in the second half we began to take control with Mandy Wheeler, Louise Borg and Philippa Whittle playing particularly well in the centre. The ball was passed out to winger Jenny Ellis who showed her

strength and speed which led to an excellent goal. We eventually came out with a well earned 1-1 draw.

The next fixture was our first visit from Canon Slade. We got off to an excellent start, scoring two very good goals through excellent team work. However, things soon changed. Canon Slade got themselves together and equalled before half-time. We picked up confidence again in the second half and regained control which led to a good goal from Mandy Wheeler which brought us a fine victory.

After a draw at St. Bede's and a comfortable win against Withington we had one of the best performances of the season against Kingsway. In past years the game had been very close but the opposition usually managed to stay ahead by the narrow margin of one goal. This time it was to be the other way round. The teams were well matched and strong tackling from both sides livened up most of the play. Eventually, the pressure told and we scored a goal which led to a very exciting and tense last fifteen minutes! However, the goal proved to be the winner and gave us a richly deserved victory.

During the season, we played a few matches with a combined U16 and U15 team. Two games were played against St. Monica's and they were two of our most convincing victories with outstanding performances in both games from Karen Hawcroft who showed speed down the right side and finished her runs off beautifully with superb goals.

There were a number of other events that took place over the year, beginning with the Barclays Bank Tournament which was held at Bowden Hockey Club. We managed to reach the final, having got passed Stockport Grammar, Altrincham Grammar and Cheadle Hulme to get there. Unfortunately, the weather was too unbearable to continue to play the final and we settled it a week later at Kingsway where we were defeated by one goal to nil.

The last few matches of the season were probably the best and most memorable. We entered the County Tournament along with sixteen other teams from around the area. Last year, having only reached the quarter finals, we expected the same this year but how wrong we were! Having qualified for the quarter-finals by coming runners up in our section we beat Golbourne to secure a place in the semi-finals. Here we met the formidable Altrincham Grammar team again but fear not, we were on a roll and no-one was stopping us! Karen Hawcroft, scoring a superb goal, gave us a place in the final against Turton High School. Our defeat, in extra time, was disappointing but soon forgotten as the achievement of reaching the final, was in itself, a victory for the team.

On the whole, the season was excellent and there were many improved players. The central combination of Mandy Wheeler, Philippa Whittle, Louise Borg and Kathyne Arran was impressive with their ability to create space and opportunities. Caron Abramson and Jenny Ellis filled the wing positions each with their own variety of skills. Yvonne Schofield proved to be an irreplaceable member of the team with her solid defending and great pace - which is imperative in a good defence. Amanda Jones and Alison Soper have been brilliant in midfield and have formed an excellent partnership which should develop further in the next few years. And last but not least, Sally Ward who has proved to be an excellent goalkeeper and has saved the team from defeat many a time due to her quick thinking and precise timing.

Many thanks also to Miss Barlow who has coached us for the whole of this season and who, I am sure, is one of the reasons for our success this year.

The following players represented the team: Caron

Abramson, Kathyne Arran, Louise Borg, Jenny Ellis, Amanda Jones, Claire Reichl (Captain), Yvonne Schofield, Alison Soper, Sally Ward, Mandy Wheeler and Philippa Whittle.

Claire Reichl (5Y)

U15 HOCKEY

Played 11, Won 8, Drew 1, Lost 2

v Manchester High School	D 1-1
v Stockport Grammar School	W 2-1
v Canon Slade	W 1-0
v St. Bede's College	W 1-0
v Withington Girls School	W 2-1
v Kingsway School	L 0-1
v Knutsford High School	L 0-2
v St. Bede's College	W 2-1
v Mount Carmel	W 3-1
v Sale Grammar School	W 1-0
v Manchester High School	W 4-0

County Tournament:

v Byrchall	W 1-0
v Turton B	D 0-0

Quarter-final v Hulme, Oldham	W 1-0
Semi-final v Turton A	L 0-2

This year the U15 team had a very successful season, winning eight of their eleven matches and only losing two. Not many goals were scored in the matches but many of the wins were due to the spirit of the team and being able to work as a team and not individuals.

Our first match was against our great rivals Manchester High, we were a little rusty and ended up with a 1-1 draw. After this our skill began to return and we started our winning streak. As usual, our match against St. Bede's was played in dreadful weather conditions - windy and pouring with rain, but we fought our way through the mud to a 1-0 victory.

Just before Christmas we went through a bad patch - suffering two defeats, mainly due to our bad play and a slight lack of commitment, especially where practices were concerned. However, after these defeats we had a straight run of victories, with our best win of the season being against Manchester High. At half-time the score was 1-0 to us but after a stern talking to from Miss Barlow we finished with a 4-0 victory.

At the end of the season we had the annual County tournament. We won our section and went through to the quarter finals where we met Hulme Oldham. We had only played this team a couple of times before (during our first and second year) and could only remember losing with scores such as 0-6. It looked like it was going to go the same way this time also, but with Oldham being unable to convert any of their fourteen short corners we had a lucky break off an excellent hit out and took the ball up to the other end to see us with a 1-0 victory and a place in the semi-final. However, our luck ran out and we lost 0-2 to the eventual winners, Turton.

Overall, an excellent season and thanks should be given to Miss Barlow and all the parents who supported and helped us throughout the season.

The following girls played in the team: Claire Babington, Christina Barnes, Alice Caine, Karen Hawcroft, Louise Illingworth, Caroline Ip, Martyne Jones, Bernadette McCurrie, Debra Moseley, Ellen Nicholson, Vivienne Priestner and Sophie Stephenson.

Sophie Stephenson (4L)

U14 HOCKEY

Played 15, Won 6, Drew 5, Lost 4

v Manchester High School	D 0-0
v St. Monica's	W 6-0
v Stockport Grammar School	L 1-2
v Canon Slade	D 0-0
v St. Bede's College	W 1-0
v Withington Girls School	L 0-1
v Kingsway School	L 0-2
v Weaverham High School	L 0-3
v St. Bede's College	W 1-0
v Mount Carmel	D 1-1
v St. Monica's	W 3-0
v Weaverham High School	D 0-0
v St. Mary's College	W 3-0
v Sale Grammar School	W 1-0
v Manchester High School	D 0-0

The U14 Hockey team have had a mixed season as the results show. After a super win at the beginning of the season against St. Monica's our team seemed to drop ill or injured one by one which began to affect the confidence of the team and resulted in a poor run up until Christmas.

However, January saw the return of Lucy Mattison and Sarah Cochrane, and confidence began to grow again. The skill level and team performance began to improve.

Our great success story of the season was against Weaverham High School, second time round. Having been beaten 3-0 earlier on in the season, we were determined to put up a better fight in the return match. After a few crucial saves by Vicky Fleming and a few unfortunate misses by the forwards we came off with a satisfied 0-0 draw. Our enthusiasm grew as the season progressed. We began to trust one another and play as a team which paid off at the end of the season, finishing with two well earned victories against St. Mary's College and Sale Grammar.

We carry this enthusiasm over into next year and look forward to an illness and injury free season.

I would like to thank both Miss Barlow and Mrs. Pollard on behalf of the team for their time and help which they have given us this year.

The following girls represented the team: Geraldine Brook, Sarah Cochrane, Vicky Fleming, Rachel Goodwin, Louise Ives, Jane Lawson, Lucy Mattison, Rachel Nightingale, Caroline Shaw, Emma Weeden, Rachel Westbrook, Kate Williams and Vikki Williams.

Geraldine Brook (3B)

I would like to congratulate Geraldine Brook who was selected to represent Greater Manchester at both U16 and U14 level, captaining the U14 'A' team.

Miss J. Barlow.

U13 HOCKEY

Played 10, Won 6, Drew 1, Lost 3

v Stockport Grammar School	L 0-5
v Canon Slade	W 3-0
v St. Bede's College	L 0-1
v Withington Girls School	W 2-1
v Knutsford High School	L 0-1
v St. Bede's College	D 1-1
v Mount Carmel School	W 2-0
v St. Monica's High School	W 3-0
v St. Mary's College	W 3-0
v Sale Grammar School	W 1-0

National Mini-Hockey Tournament:

v Loreto	D 0-0
v Sutton High School	W 1-0
v Tameside School	W 3-0
Semi-final v Altrincham	D 1-1

Lost 0-1 after flicks.

After we got our first match against Stockport over with, which showed to be very disappointing we got our act together and ended up having a successful season. We began to play as a team rather than eleven individuals and this proved to work a lot better with our next match being a 3-0 victory over Canon Slade.

We kept improving throughout the season, this improvement showing in the National Mini-Hockey Tournament. We won our section and came up against Altrincham Grammar in the semi-final (the eventual National winners). At the end of full time the score was 1-1, unfortunately at the end of a penalty flick shoot out the score was 1-0 to Altrincham.

We showed enthusiasm throughout the season and our success in the tournament did our confidence the world of good. I would like to thank Miss Barlow and all the first years who came out on a Tuesday lunchtime and gave us so much needed practice. We now look forward to another successful season next year.

The following girls represented the School: Maame Ankrah, Sally Burton, Lauren Crane, Cemile Egeli, Emily Hope, Rachael Lee, Claire Mattison, Sarah Moore, Dawn Sing, Laura Smith, Dipti Trivedi, Duyga Uflaz.

Sarah Moore (2B)



U13 Mini Hockey Team.

U12 HOCKEY

Played 6, Won 4, Lost 1, Drew 1

v St. Bede's College	D 1-1
v Mount Carmel School	W 2-0
v Weaverham High School	W 7-1
v St. Mary's College	W 7-0
v Sale Grammar School	L 0-1
v Kingsway School	W 1-0

It was a frustrating start to the season with many games being cancelled. However, once we did get underway it proved to be a most successful season. The low scoring games did not reflect the School's strong domination, but two games in particular showed what we could achieve. Alison Featherstone was by far the leading goalscorer managing to score four goals on two occasions.

The opening match was a small tournament against St. Bede's and Mount Carmel. We played in wet and windy conditions but we were still successful by winning against Mount Carmel and drawing 1-1 with St. Bede's. Our next two games against Weaverham High and St. Mary's saw a feast of goals, seven being put in the back of the net on both occasions. In contrast, in the Sale Grammar match we just couldn't find the goal and after dominating for most of the game, ended up with a 1-0 defeat.

We have a very enthusiastic and capable team and under the guidance of Miss Barlow we can look forward to more success next season.

The following girls have regularly represented the School: Levinia Clemetson, Anya Dearden, Alison Featherstone, Alison Hawcroft, Kim Hayden, Sophie Hope, Elizabeth Hyde, Stephanie Jackson, Carla Narnor, Joanna Shaw, Lauren Standring and Lindsey Thornton.

Anya Dearden (1C)



NETBALL

U16 'A' NETBALL

Played 8 Won 3 Lost 4 Draw 1

The U16 'A' team started, as they did last year, with a draw. Although the next three matches resulted in disappointing losses, we gathered ourselves and formed a team full of determination and spirit. The three schools involved, Withington, Cheadle Hulme and St. Bedes all have senior teams with girls one and two years older than ourselves, but we did not let this daunt us and in some respects played our best netball ever.

The girls' morale was boosted greatly when we won our next three consecutive matches, for us the highlight of the whole season was playing Stockport Grammar. They have been our long standing rivals whom we've never been able to beat. With the usual trepidation we went out on the court but by the end of the first half it was obvious who the better team was! We beat them 22 goals to 9.

The next match was not quite as memorable, playing Newcastle-under-Lyne and losing by a large amount. It was not a happy ending to a well played and well fought season.

Many thanks to Mrs. Pollard who has always been there coaching, umpiring and organising the matches. Also thanks to the parents who cheered us on, whatever the weather, and made sure the players reached the matches on time.

Many thanks to the following who played throughout the season: Caron Abramson, Nadia Hanley, Karen Law, Nicola Miller, Claire Reichl, Alison Soper and Philippa Whittle.

Alison Soper (5L)

U15 'A' NETBALL

Played 8 Won 4 Lost 3 Draw 1

Following last years success the team started the season off confidently and carried on where they had left off, winning their first two matches of the season against Withington Girls' School and Cheadle Hulme School.

Whether the euphoria wore off or complacency crept in, their next two matches were disappointing lacking in tactical awareness and goals being scored. Whilst playing both St Mary's College and Knutsford County High School the team really did not get together and their game never really 'got off the ground'.

With a great deal of trepidation and impending doom we practised during the week in preparation for our annual battle against Stockport Grammar School.

The anxiety of having to umpire this match left me with a very fast heart rate and sweaty hands. The change in them was unbelievable, this refreshed and 'thinking' set of seven individuals looked as if they had always played together. Their passing was accurate, defending skills tight and between them Claire Babington and Ellen Nicholson couldn't miss the shooting ring. The result was a fair one for the standard of play on both teams behalf, a draw at eighteen goals all.

Manchester High posed problems, and the team won here twenty six goals to four! Similarly at Cheadle Hulme High the teams quick passing to the shooting circle caused the opposition problems resulting in a victory for the team.

It is an optimistic note that I look forward to next season!

The team was made up of the following players: Claire Babington, Christina Barnes, Karen Hawcroft, Caroline Ip, Debbie Moseley, Ellen Nicholson and Sophie Stephenson.

Mrs. T. Pollard

U14 NETBALL

Played 13 Won 0 Lost 13 Draw 0

To say that the U14 'A' Netball team have had a bad season is really the understatement of all times. They played thirteen games in all, and as the number itself suggests, were unlucky in some instances not to win any of them.

At practices, enthusiasm and determination were always in evidence, but in matches genuine intentions to play well, resulted in consistently poor skills being shown, and the resulting losses were fairly hefty.

To be fair some of the matches were real 'nail biters', the most memorable was against Cheadle Hulme High School. Each time one team scored a goal, the other fought back and scored themselves. William Hulme's really did deserve to win, but were beaten only by the final whistle, losing the match five goals to six.

Some evidence that improvement was made throughout what seemed, a very long and at times, tedious season was shown. The first time the team played against Knutsford High School, the final score was eleven goals to eighteen. During the return fixture, my hope soared at half time as we were actually winning four goals to two! Unfortunately, Knutsford seemed to have a never ending supply of substitutes and after a great deal of changing positions and the arrival of fresh faces and bodies on court, we were once again outclassed and were eventually beaten by five goals to eight.

Retrospectively, certain changes made to the team throughout the season did improve their tactical play as a whole, but an enormous amount of work now lies ahead.

The prospect of next season poses a real challenge!

The team was made up of the following players; Caroline Ashley, Kelly Bagley, Geraldine Brook, Vicky Fleming, Jane Lawson, Rachel Nightingale, Emma Weeden, Rachel Westbrook and Vicky Williams.

Mrs. T. Pollard

U14 'B' NETBALL

Played 4 Won 1 Lost 3 Draw 0

We made an excellent start to our netball season by defeating Kingsway nine goals to six, a fairly easy victory. Perhaps we became over confident as our next match against Cheadle Hulme School resulted in a two goals to ten defeat. Our next appearance was at St. Mary's College, Crosby with a slightly altered team due to the unavoidable absence of some regular members. Despite this and the chilly weather, the score, although a loss, was a more respectable four goals to eight.

In our final match we played against Manchester High School and fought well. It could have been either teams game at half-time, but our shooting skills let us down a little in the second half, and we lost five goals to eight. This is the match we look forward to next season as we feel there is a possibility of victory over them.

Thanks to Mrs. Pollard and Miss Smith for their encouragement and support.

The team was made up of the following players: Vicky Fleming, Vicky Goodall, Rachel Goodwin, Sara Khoshneviszadeh, Lucy Mattison, Tara McCarthy, Asha de Silva, Emma Weeden and Kate Williams.

Rachel Goodwin (3X)

STOCKPORT SCHOOLS U12 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Eight eager girls set off on Saturday, 27th March 1993 to represent W.H.G.S. in this competition. We had a tough draw, being in group A with old rivals Stockport Grammar and Cheadle Hulme School.

Our first round match was against Priestnail and was relatively easy, giving us time to settle down. We had a blistering start against Cheadle Hulme, scoring three goals in quick succession and they really didn't have time to catch up. We then played Stockport. They now knew that if they didn't beat us they would be out of the competition, so they played with determination. Our team did not flinch and kept calm, the result being 3-3.

W.H.G.S. ended up winners of the group and had a good win in the quarter final round. The semi-final was a very closely fought game against Cheadle Hulme High School, but W.H.G.S. managed to hang on and win 3-2. In the final we played Kingsway and won convincingly 4-1. It was the team spirit and the will to win, as well as the tremendous support from parents that helped. The team made a lot of friends with their fair play and pleasant sportsmanship. Other Schools stayed to cheer us on. Well done all the team.

Mrs. H. Hesp.



Winners of the Stockport Schools Year Seven Netball Tournament.
Back row: Lindsey Thornton, Stacey Khafagy, Levinia Clemetson and Suzanne Fell.

Front row: Stephanie Jackson, Anya Dearden, Alison Hawcroft, Elizabeth Hyde..

(Photo: G. Grant)

U12 'A' NETBALL

Played 12, Won 7, Drew 0, Lost 5.

The U12 'A' Netball team showed great promise winning seven out of twelve matches. After several position changes, the team grew in strength, playing with skill and determination.

One of the most memorable matches was against Kingsway 'A' team, the final score being 4-3 in our favour. We were delighted.

We entered the Stockport Secondary Schools Netball Tournament determined to do well for William Hulme's. As

we progressed through the tournament our hopes, dreams and hard work were rewarded, we won. The team played brilliantly, the first U12 netball honour for William Hulme's. We had a wonderful time and all enjoyed ourselves.

A special thanks goes to Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Hesp for their hard work and coaching. Also to the parents in each of the games who made us believe in ourselves.

The U12 'A' representing William Hulme's during the past year were: Levina Clemetson, Anya Dearden, Suzanne Fell, Joanna Gregory, Alison Hawcroft, Sophie Hope, Elizabeth Hyde, Stephanie Jackson, Stacey Khafagy, Gemma Rosenthal and Lindsay Thornton.

Stacey Khafagy (1C)

NETBALL RESULTS 1992-1993

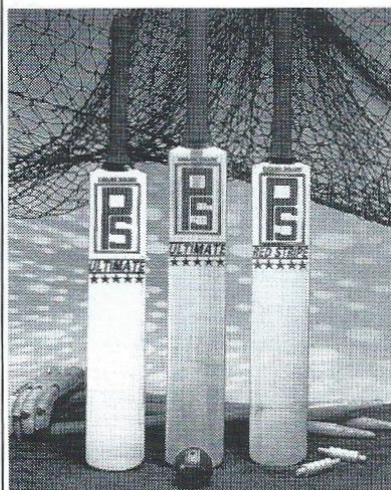
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Kingsway (A)	W 4-3		L 3-11	L 1-12	L 2-15	W 9-6			D 8-8	
Withington (A)	W 7-2		L 3-13		L 4-14		W 8-6		L 7-20	L 7-11
Cheadle Hulme (A)	W 5-3	L 0-6	L 4-16	L 4-6	L 9-13	L 2-10	W 14-13	W 7-6	L 3-22	L 3-15
St. Bedes (A)									L 11-16	L 6-26
St. Mary's College (A)			L 4-16	W 5-2	L 3-21	L 4-8	L 7-13	L 6-10		
Manchester High (A)	W 7-5		L 4-22	L 2-19	L 6-26	L 5-8			W 13-5	
Knutsford County High (H)	L 9-15		L 3-19		L 11-18		L 19-30			
Barlow High R.C. (H)			L 3-8		L 9-13					
Stockport Grammar (H)	W 9-7	L 0-8	L 4-25		L 7-24		D 18-18		W 15-14	
Barlow High R.C. (A)	W 6-4	W 2-1								
Knutsford County High (A)	L 4-6		L 2-14		L 5-8		L 7-17			
Manchester High (H)	L 5-7	L 1-6	L 7-12		L 8-22		W 26-4		W 22-9	
Stockport Grammar (A)	L 0-9		L 1-26		L 1-10					
Newcastle Under Lyme (A)	L 4-13		L 3-15		L 2-20				L 15-34	
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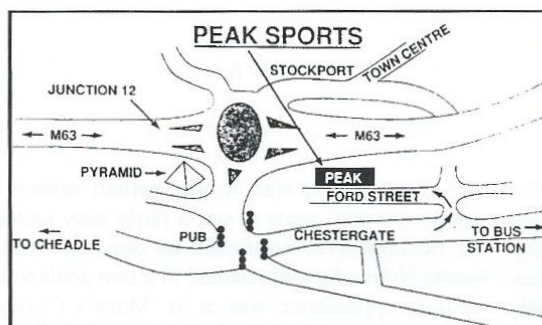
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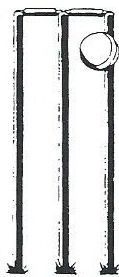
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SCHOOL CRICKET 1993

A remarkable fact about the cricket term was that effectively it ran from 24th April to 22nd May and from 12th June to 8th July, a total of scarcely two months. Furthermore, within that period, the Lytham and Merchant Taylors' weekends were completely lost to rain. The effect of all this was a lack of continuity, made worse by the shortage of senior practice time as a result of external examinations. There is no suggestion that we suffer any more than other schools from lack of time in what is nowadays the most frantic of terms. We all face the same problems but it is particularly pleasing to note that the level of enthusiasm for cricket remains as high as ever. Details of individual matches are contained in the reports which follow but no statistics can truly reflect the degree of commitment and determination which the members of the various teams bring to their performance.

While cricket takes up a high proportion of one's time there is no doubt that it provides an excellent form of necessary relaxation for the hard-working student, a few hours in which to switch off from academic work and devote all one's concentration to something which for the moment is all-important but which ultimately is just a serious form of organised recreation. For teams to function well, though, the support of many other people is vital. This sometimes passes unnoticed, not least when this support is efficiently provided, but it is important, as always, to express gratitude to all those who in their different ways have contributed to the overall success of this term.

H.W. Timm

1ST XI CRICKET

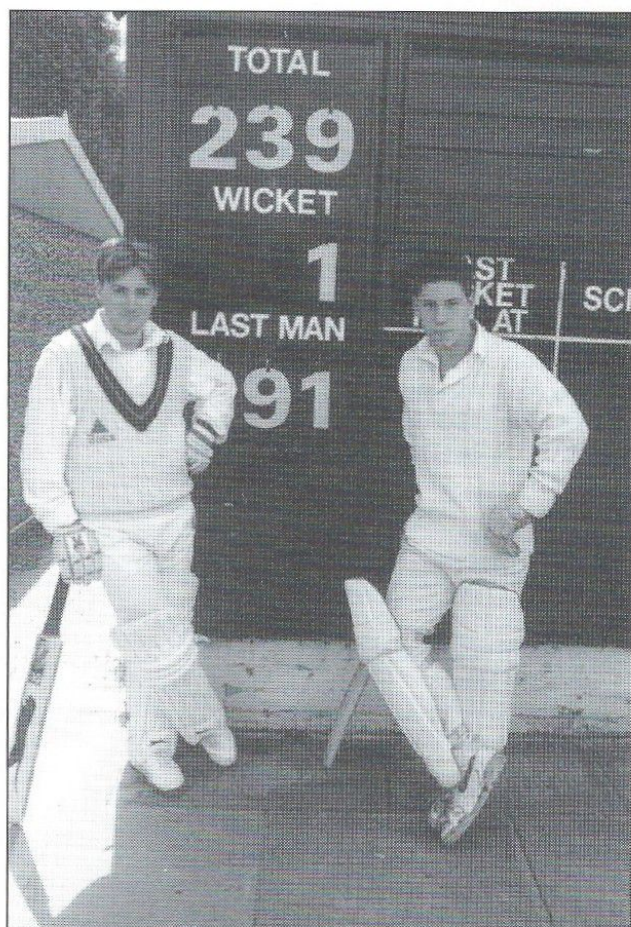
Played 17, Won 3, Drawn 5, Lost 6, Abandoned 3

- v Q.E.G.S., Wakefield
Lost by 5 wickets
W.H.G.S. 130-8 dec
Q.E.G.S. 131-5
- v St. Bede's College
Match drawn
W.H.G.S. 192-5 dec (Wood 112)
St. Bede's 152-7
- v Birkenhead School
Lost by 5 wickets
W.H.G.S. 96
Birkenhead 97-5
- v Sedbergh School
Match abandoned
W.H.G.S. 170 (Wood 70)
Sedbergh 15-1
- v King's School, Chester
Won by 38 runs
King's 152
W.H.G.S. 190-6 in 50 overs (Warren 99)
- v Rydal School
Match drawn
Rydal 120
W.H.G.S. 110-6 (Cooke 48)
- v XL Club
Won by 8 wickets
XL Club 242-5 dec
W.H.G.S. 243-2 (Wood 164*, Hall 44)
- v Manchester Grammar School
Match drawn
M.G.S. 302-2 dec
W.H.G.S. 152-4 (Wood 72)
- v Bradford Grammar School
Won by 30 runs
W.H.G.S. 161-8 dec (Warren 78*)
Bradford 131 (Warnes 5-44)
- v Old Hulmeians
Match abandoned
W.H.G.S. 202-5 dec (Wood 130*)
Old Hulmeians 103-5 (Allen 4-32)
- v Magdalen College School, Oxford
Match drawn
M.C.S. 202-8 dec
W.H.G.S. 85-8
- v Wellingborough School
Lost by 7 wickets
W.H.G.S. 173-6 dec (Warburton 42)
Wellingborough 174-3
- v Chigwell School
Lost by 2 wickets
W.H.G.S. 121-8 dec
Chigwell 122-8 (Bell 4-14)
- v Colston's Collegiate School, Bristol
Lost by 1 wicket
W.H.G.S. 156-1 dec (Warren 64, Flatman 50*)
Colston's 157-9
- v Arnold School
Match abandoned
Arnold 175-9 dec
W.H.G.S. 53-0
- v Bury Grammar School
Match drawn
W.H.G.S. 241-1 dec (Wood 145*, Warren 91)
Bury 217-7
- v King's School, Macclesfield
Lost by 3 wickets
W.H.G.S. 144 (Wood 80)
Macclesfield 145-7 (Bell 5-31)

Once again, the First XI season appears disappointing on paper and again the team suffered as a result of not having a bowler capable of regularly taking five or six wickets in an innings. However, William Hulme's have a reputation on the School circuit for playing attractive and positive cricket, and I was delighted to see this tradition continue. In particular, the matches against Bradford Grammar School and Colston's Collegiate School, Bristol were two of the best games of cricket I have seen at any level.

The first half of the season was very disappointing, with the team losing consecutive fixtures against King's, Macclesfield and Q.E.G.S., Wakefield whilst a possible victory against Arnold was ruined by the rain. However, a School record opening stand of 241 by Nathan Wood and Perry Warren did provide some good news.

It was not until after the examination period that the team won their first game, a limited overs game against



Perry Warren and Nathan Wood after their record-breaking partnership against Bury Grammar School.

King's Chester. This victory was closely followed by an 8 wicket thrashing of the XL Club, with Nathan Wood breaking his own School record in scoring 164*, and a marvellous win in a fine game against Bradford Grammar School.

During the first week of the summer holiday we went on our now traditional tour with Chigwell School being this year's hosts. In the festival we lost three games and drew one. However, the two games against Chigwell and Colston's went to the last over, whilst the game against Wellingborough was completed in conditions more suitable for yachting than cricket.

Throughout the season the team's batting was dominated by two players. Nathan Wood, the first XI

Captain for the last two seasons, has been a superb player for the last three seasons. This season he scored 937 runs at an average of over 100. His captaincy has improved greatly over the last twelve months and he consistently helped with the administrative side of the team. Perry Warren has also been a fine servant to School Cricket, and could be destructive with either the bat or the ball. He made match winning scores against Bradford and Chester and will be very difficult to replace next year. I wish both these boys the very best for their future.

Although our bowling lacked penetration on occasions, Chris Bell and Tim Allen both bowled very well at times, particularly against Colston and Chigwell in the festival. The addition of Mark Warnes to the team added variation and I anticipate that he will take many wickets over the next two years.

Looking to the future, Ian Cooke is now becoming the useful batsman he has threatened to be for the last two years and I hope his improvement will continue. Other encouraging signs were Jonathan Flatman's half century against Colston and Simon Johnson's improvement with both bat and ball.

It only remains to thank all the players for their commitment, all parents for their support, Mr. G.H. Jones for his help at the festival and Mr. Timm for his advice and experience throughout the year.

The following boys represented the First XI this year: N.T. Wood (Capt.), J.M. Hall (Vice-capt.), T.P. Allen, C. Bell, I.J. Cooke, J.P. Flatman, D.J. Gent, S.R. Johnson, M.A. Knowles, J. Sayyid, P. Sidebottom, H.A.F. Slack, D.A. Taylor, I.K. Warburton, M.T.. Warnes and P.D. Warren.

P.R. Hewston.

SECOND XI CRICKET

Played 10, Won 3, Drew 3, Lost 3, Abandoned 1

- v Arnold School (H)
Won by 10 wickets
Arnold 43 (Sellers 5-6, Mehta 3-15)
School 44-0
- v Bury Grammar School (H)
Won by 10 wickets
Bury 39 (Mehta 6-13, Sellers 4-13)
School 40-0
- v King's School, Macclesfield (H)
Match drawn
King's 129-8 dec (Taylor 3-18)
School 121-9 (Misra 49, Donnai 34)
- v Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (A)
Lost by 5 wickets
School 68
Wakefield 69-5 (Mehta 3-20)
- v St. Bede's College (A)
Won by 6 wickets
St. Bede's 144 (Misra 5-38, Sellers 3-26)
School 145-4 (Shelmerdine 75 n.o)
- v Birkenhead School (A)
Lost by 2 wickets
School 134
Birkenhead 135-8 (Donnai 5-43)

v Sedbergh (A)
Match abandoned
Sedbergh 156-7 (Warnes 5-30)

v Rydal School (H)
Match drawn
School 284-4 dec (Donnai 135 n.o., Watkins 67)
Rydal 146-8 (Sellers 4-42)

v Manchester Grammar School (A)
Lost by 7 wickets
School 97
M.G.S. 103-3

v Bradford Grammar School (A)
Match drawn
School 176-8 dec (Donnai 74, Haroutunian 40 n.o.)
Bradford 112-8 (Misra 3-45)

The second team made an unbelievable start to the season: the first two matches were both won by ten wickets before tea. This was due to a combination of good bowling, slow wickets and weak opposition. Of course, the team could not hope to maintain such devastating form and the third match saw a good draw against stronger opposition. In the fourth match against Q.E.G.S., Wakefield, the School fielded a weakened team and were beaten. A good batting performance against St. Bede's brought a return to winning ways before half-term.

The first match after half-term brought us into the middle of examinations and the usual availability problems. Two very weak teams played an enjoyable game that Birkenhead just managed to win. The Sedbergh game was abandoned just when Warnes had bowled us back into it. The last three matches then brought 2 draws and a defeat. The two drawn could and should have been wins if we had declared earlier to allow our bowlers time to bowl the opposition out. The defeat came at the hands of Manchester Grammar School and was very disappointing. We fielded a reasonably strong team that just did not play up to its ability.

Overall the record shows a reasonable season but it could have been much better. Two of the three defeats came when we were well below strength while the three drawn games could all have been won. Once again the 2nd team suffered because of unavailability of players both in the 1st and 2nd teams and no fewer than 28 players were used.

Donnai was by far the best of the batsmen. Two of his innings stood out: a mammoth 135 not out against a weak Rydal bowling side was surpassed by a 74 at Bradford which held the innings together against a strong bowling attack. Other batsmen made useful runs: particularly Shelmerdine, Watkins and Haroutunian. The wickets were more evenly distributed with Donnai, Mehta, Misra, Sellers and Taylor all bowling well. Warnes just played one match for the seconds, taking 5-30 at Sedbergh before being elevated to the 1st XI.

My thanks go to all players for their efforts through the year, to Mr. Gregson and his helpers for the team and to Mr. Taylor for once again producing excellent wickets. Finally, special thanks go to Si Dearden who has captained the side for two seasons. It is a difficult job, particularly when the team is below strength, and he has done a sterling job over the two years.

The following boys represented the School: S.J. Dearden (Captain), T. Adikibi, C. Bell, C.M. Brown, T.W. Donnai, J.P. Flatman, A.P. Fry, O.J. Garside, I.M. Graham, N.J. Gresty, R. Haroutunian, J.D. Mehta, A.K. Misra, G.J. Mitchell, M.J. Musgrove, J.A.D. Partington, M.D. Sellers,

M.A. Shelmerdine, H.A.F. Slack, S. Sobhani, D.A. Taylor, I. Warburton, M.T. Warnes, A.M. Watkins, M.A. Whiteley, N.A. Whiteley, B.L. Wood, A. Zeb.

A. Simkin

AVERAGES

BATTING					
BATSMAN	INNINGS	N.O.	TOT	H.S.	AVE.
Donnai	8	3	323	135 n.o.	64.6
Sellers	4	3	48	28 n.o.	48.0
Shelmerdine	6	1	124	75 n.o.	24.8
Haroutunian	4	1	71	40 n.o.	23.7
Watkins	6	1	92	67	18.4
Whiteley, M.	5	2	47	19	15.7
Whiteley, N.	5	2	45	24 n.o.	15.0

BOWLING						
BOWLER	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	BEST	W	AVE
Warnes	11	1	30	5-30	5	6.0
Donna	20.1	3	57	5-43	7	8.1
Misra	44	5	130	6-13	14	9.3
Sellers	79	13	223	5-6	20	11.2
Mehta	39.3	9	110	3-15	8	13.7
Taylor	22	3	75	3-18	5	15.0
Wood	12	5	37	2-38	2	18.5

FIELDING

4 Catches	Dearden, Donnai
3 Catches	Watkins
2 Catches	Haroutunian, Mehta, Misra, Shelmerdine, Taylor, Whiteley m (wk).

A. Simkin.

U15 CRICKET

Played 9, Won 6, Lost 1, Drawn 2

v Arnold School (A)
Won by 8 wickets
Arnold 38 (Jaiswal 6 for 14)
School 42 for 2

v King's School, Macclesfield (A)
Lost by 23 runs
King's 88 (Flatman 3 for 25)
School 65

v Q.E.G.S. Wakefield (H)
Won by 10 wickets
Q.E.G.S. 41 (Johnson 8 for 8)
School 46 for no wicket (Hope 22 not out, Flatman 22 not out)

v St. Bede's College (A)
Won by 116 runs
School 162 for 4 dec (Flatman 77, Jaiswal 28 not out)
St. Bede's 44 (Jaiswal 7 for 12, Johnson 3 for 14)

- v Birkenhead School (H)
Won by 130 runs
School 175 for 7 dec (Johnson 105 not out, Flatman 28)
Birkenhead 45 (Johnson 8 for 12)
- v Rydal School (A)
Match drawn
School 92 for 9 dec (Ghazi 29)
Rydal 46 for 6 (Flatman 4 for 13)
- v King's School, Chester (H)
Won by 8 wickets
King's 71 (Johnson 4 for 13, Jaiswal 4 for 27)
School 74 for 2 (Johnson 39 not out)
- v Manchester Grammar School (A)
Match drawn
School 156 for 8 dec (Flatman 68, Jaiswal 23)
M.G.S. 116 for 4 (Jaiswal 3 for 47)
- v Bradford Grammar School (H)
Won by 5 wickets
Bradford 92 (Jaiswal 4 for 20, Ghazi 3 for 24)
School 94 for 5 (Hope 59 not out, Day 23)

It is widely believed that when selecting a cricket team one should first of all find a good captain, then pick the best wicket keeper, next find four good bowlers and, finally, fill the remaining places with batsmen. That, of course, is what might happen in an ideal world. With school teams the reality is that you do the best you can with the players available. Nevertheless it is interesting to look at this year's U15 side from the point of view indicated. Flatman, the captain, continued to develop his tactical skills and to emphasise his control over the team. Refreshingly unostentatious but firm and positive, he encouraged his team and led by example. It was in some measure because of his captaincy that the team did so well and came to believe in their ability to win. The wicket keeper, Ghazi, finally, I think, came to enjoy his job, though he was not too keen to admit it. He is well balanced, has a safe pair of hands and took some good catches. Four bowlers were seldom needed. Indeed sometimes only two were used. Jaiswal and Johnson made a formidable opening pair and on several occasions were almost unplayable. Jaiswal relies on prodigious inswing and change of pace, Johnson bowls more quickly but always attacks the stumps and gets movement from the seam. Between them they took 59 wickets mostly clean bowled, for under five runs apiece. When one of these bowlers was rested Flatman showed that he is a useful off-spinner and took twelve wickets. The promotion of Johnson to the First XI gave Hope, Day, De and Hadfield the chance to show that with more opportunities they could have performed well.

There was ample ability in the side to score runs. Flatman and Hope were the regular openers. Flatman scored 77 at St. Bede's and 68 at Manchester Grammar School and Hope made a mature 59 not out in the defeat of Bradford Grammar School. Ghazi made a number of useful contributions and looked better as the term went on. What he lacks in strength he more than makes up for in timing and he always plays correctly. As a wicket keeper who bats well he was of double value to the team. So too were Johnson and Jaiswal. Johnson batted outstandingly well and his undefeated century against Birkenhead was a real highlight. Jaiswal in a few brief knocks hit the ball very hard and scored his runs quickly. Even though Day did not make a big score and Dé had no success with the bat this year, it was a strong batting side. In fact so great was the

dominance of both bowlers and batsmen that most of the matches were disappointingly one-sided. The six wins were achieved by huge margins and this meant that several enthusiastic players had little to do but field. It is a tribute to Anwar, Birtwistle, England, Gent and Rahman that they maintained their sense of commitment and involvement throughout the term. Anwar's catch in the slips at St. Bede's and Birtwistle's acrobatic virtuosity in taking a one-handed catch at Rydal provided champagne moments.

A final word of congratulations is due to Flatman who made a half centry in his first innings as opening batsman for the First XI at the Chigwell Festival.

The following players represented the School: Jonathan Flatman (Capt.), Ibrahim Anwar, Michael Birtwistle, Peter Day, Shivaji De, Richard England, Daniel Gent, Nicholas Ghazi, Stephen Hadfield, Carl Hope, Sujoy Jaiswal, Simon Johnson and Tanveer Rahman. Philip Tilston played in one match.

H.W. Timm.

U14 CRICKET

Played 12, Won 6, Lost 1, Drawn 5

- v Arnold School
Won by 86 runs
School 139 for 4 dec (Calderbank 61 not out)
Arnold 43
- v St. Gregory's High School
1st round, Harold Bailey Competition (30 overs match)
Won by 10 wickets
St. Gregory's 30 all out (16.5 overs) (Majid 5 for 10; Xydeas 4 for 0)
School 33 for 0
- v King's School, Macclesfield
Match drawn
School 151 for 4 dec (Majid 50; Calderbank 45)
Macclesfield 88 for 7 (Majid 4 for 6)
- v Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield
Won by 9 wickets
Wakefield 50 all out (Majid 5 for 22; Bell 4 for 15)
School 51 for 1 (Majid 32 not out)
- v Barlow High School
2nd round, Harold Bailey Competition (35 overs match)
Won by 10 wickets
Barlow 48
School 51 for 0
- v Manchester Grammar School
3rd round, Harold Bailey Competition (35 overs match)
Lost by 61 runs
M.G.S. 189 for 2 (35 overs)
School 127 (32.3 overs)
- v St. Bede's College
Won by 103 runs
School 182 for 7 dec (Bell 113)
St. Bede's 79 (Majid 5 for 17)
- v Birkenhead School
Match drawn
School 109 (Newton 25; Kellett 35)
Birkenhead 55 for 9 (Majid 4 for 25; Humphries 3 for 11)

- v Rydal School
Match drawn
School 142 for 7 dec (Calderbank 46; Newton 49)
Rydal 70 for 4
- v King's School, Chester
Won by 19 runs
School 114 for 9 dec (Ellis 21 not out)
Chester 95 (Kellett 5 for 16)
- v Manchester Grammar School
Match drawn
School 126 (Newton 44; Kellett 21)
M.G.S. 104 for 5
- v Bradford Grammar School
Match drawn
School 176 for 4 dec (Jobling 51; Kellett 67; Newton 35 n.o.)
Bradford 91 for 6 (Majid 4 for 18)

The Under 14's began the season with some confidence. This was fully justified because the squad had shown since early in the year that they had natural talent and, just as important, the willingness to listen to and learn from their coach, Roy Collins. This confidence would have to be maintained throughout the season if they were to beat the strongest teams they were to face, and it is in that aspect that one had some doubts about the side. The role of the captain would be important in creating a team whose members supported each other in times of difficulty: a run of bad form for an individual, for example, or perhaps the urgent need to dismiss an opposing batsman who was looking like changing the course of a match against us; mistakes in the field or a bowler who kept on being hit for four runs - in these circumstances good team spirit is crucial. Nick Bell was appointed captain, mainly because he was the most experienced in this job. Other possibilities were Miles Newton, Asif Majid and James Calderbank. Majid looked like being the most successful cricketer, but this is often a reason for not making someone the captain of a side. As Bell was to find out, when you are an opening bowler and one of the main batsmen it can be very difficult both to maintain form and keep making the right decisions as a captain. Nevertheless he did a good job, as the results show, with very few disappointments.

The first match against Arnold started the season well although Arnold were playing at reduced strength. In many ways the team revealed characteristics that they were to show throughout the season. Calderbank batted with care that he was to show all season, Bell played with similar caution but did not dominate the bowling to the same extent. Majid showed exuberant power in his stroke-play while Kellett dashed about purposefully in pursuit of a declaration score. When we fielded it was Andrew Xydeas who made the important breakthrough but Majid, as was to happen on several occasions later on in the season, bowled the team to a most emphatic win. In the next match, against St. Gregory's, the same two bowlers' skill was more than enough to ensure an easy win. Macclesfield were a different type of opposition: although they barely looked like winning at any stage, our bowlers had insufficient penetration to break through their excellent defence. Wakefield, despite past records, were almost as easy to beat as St. Gregory's, on this occasion Majid and Bell's bowling was jointly responsible for Wakefield's surprisingly low total. Two consecutive Harold Bailey Competition matches followed. The first one (verses Barlow High School) carried

on in the accustomed manner but the first real test of the season arrived in the shape of the third round tie against Manchester Grammar School.

It was an away fixture, which did not help, but there was no doubt that the state of mind of all players was quite different from the usual one as the match began. This was understandable to an extent, but it was hard for an observer to accept that nearly all members of the team were unable to reproduce the kind of skill and form that had been present, without exception, since the first days of preparation back in January. For whatever reason the team played much below their usual high standard and allowed the local rivals to move on to the next round, where they would probably meet easier opposition. M.G.S.'s 189 from forty overs was not an impossible target to reach, but it was some forty runs more than it should have been: Seddon only hit one four in his 56; that he made so many singles was due to our fielders standing too far from the bat. Only Jobling and Kellett, who shared the responsibility as "fifth" bowler, allowed the M.G.S. batsmen to strike out heavily towards the end. The others bowled with reasonable control, including Miles Newton, who had been little used up to this stage of the season. When we batted a lack of confidence was evident as only Majid, and to a lesser extent Calderbank, performed well.

The match against St. Bede's allowed the team to regain form and confidence. Bell in particular enjoyed himself, scoring a superb century with sixteen fours. An exciting match then ensued at Birkenhead, memorable too for the mature and skilful batting of both Newton and Kellett on a damp and spiteful pitch. The Rydal match was also drawn although here we did not come close to winning. It was a similar match to the one against Macclesfield in that we were unable to remove batsmen who showed resolution and strong defensive technique. Chester, in the next match, did not possess this quality to a sufficient degree and we had another exciting game in which Majid clean bowled their last man off the last ball of the match. When we met M.G.S. again in a normal match we played much better. Our score of 126 was memorable for Newton's excellent innings of 44 in which he showed genuine quality as a run-scoring batsman against good bowling; M.G.S.'s reply was poor, their final total being boosted in the last two overs by loose bowling when it no longer mattered. The last match of the season at Bradford showed once more the need we have for more incisive bowling at middle-order batsmen who have sound defensive technique. There is certainly room in the side for a leg-spinner who can turn the ball sharply.

Jobling's hoped-for development as a medium-fast swing bowler did not occur, but there is time for that to happen; he certainly improved as a batsman, showing commendable concentration in scoring his fifty at Bradford. Guy Brocklehurst bowled very well when given an opportunity. Greg Humphries, too, demonstrated his qualities on occasion and should be a very useful cricketer.

The squad can, therefore, look forward to more success in the future. However, an improvement will have to be made in team spirit. When problems occur, as they always will in important matches, players must help each other; what sometimes happened was a failure to approach a problem with the correct attitude, one in which all players encouraged one another.

Other members of the squad who played in school matches were Michael Dodd, Paul Edmundson, Charles Ellis, Andrew Matson, Mark Olden and Jorden Partington. My thanks too to Mr. Taylor for his hard work in preparing excellent pitches and to Mr. Gregson for the teas.

P.M. Bull

U13 CRICKET

Played 10, Won 2, Drawn 3, Lost 5

- v Arnold School
Match drawn
Arnold 118 for 9 dec (Haider 5 for 32)
W.H.G.S. 61 for 6
- v King's School, Macclesfield
Won by 6 runs
W.H.G.S. 73 (Dhir 27)
King's 67 (Haider 6 for 11)
- v Q.E.G.S., Wakefield
Match drawn
Wakefield 212 for 8
W.H.G.S. 40 for 5
- v St. Bede's College
Lost by 7 wickets
W.H.G.S. 23
St. Bede's 25 for 3
- v St. Albans
(Manchester Schools' Knockout, Round 1)
Won by 72 runs
W.H.G.S. 99 (Naylor 25, Stoddart 23) (20 overs)
St. Albans 27 all out (16 overs)
- v North Manchester
(Manchester Schools' Knockout, Round 2)
Lost by 3 runs
W.H.G.S. 82 (Dhir 31) (20 overs)
North Manchester 85 (20 overs)
- v Birkenhead School
Match drawn
Birkenhead 154 for 3
W.H.G.S. 77 for 5 (Haider 24)
- v King's School, Chester
Lost by 6 wickets
W.H.G.S. 112 for 7 (Haider 24) (35 overs)
Chester 113 for 4 (25.5 overs)
- v Manchester Grammar School
Lost by 94 runs
M.G.S. 182 for 1 dec
W.H.G.S. 88
- v Bradford Grammar School
Lost by 8 wickets
W.H.G.S. 77
Bradford 79 for 2

This has been a relatively disappointing season for the U13 team, especially when compared with last season when as Under 12's, they won over half the games played. The side has many players with potential but at the moment, no-one with the ability to dictate a game. Lack of consistency has also been a problem, with no batsmen being capable of scoring runs and no bowler being able to take wickets on a regular basis.

Stoddart and Murphy have usually opened the batting. Stoddart has not lived up to the high standards he set himself last year when he was by far the leading run maker in the side. He has made a few good scores this season but

has tended to be out without ever really playing himself in. Murphy, on the other hand, regularly made double figures but has never gone on to make a decent score. He is a good defensive batsmen being able to play straight but still needs a few more attacking strokes. His downfall was normally the result of driving the ball into the hands of a grateful mid-off or mid-on.

Haider captained the side and batted at three. He thinks deeply about the game, listens to advice and his understanding of the basic tactics of the game improved as the season progressed. One slight criticism would be that he tries to do too much himself, particularly bowling where he often gives himself two to three overs too many. Having said that, he was the side's main strike bowler and top run maker.

The other main batsmen were Naylor and Dhir. Both batsmen have the potential to score runs. Naylor being able to hit the ball very hard whereas Dhir is more of a touch player. Neither player did, however, as Naylor was never really willing to set about building an innings usually getting himself out to casual shots. Dhir is casual too but is also immature and lacks any form of concentration. He needs to learn, as do others, that cricket is a team game and that there is more to it than just batting and bowling.

In the field, Haider opened the bowling with Bowie. Bowie needs to become more aggressive and persevere when things are not going his way. Bagga was the other quick bowler. He is fast, has the ability to swing the ball in the air but, as yet, not the accuracy to bowl a good line and length delivery on a regular basis. None of the spinners took many wickets but Purahit, an off spinner, was the pick of the bunch, being relatively inexpensive in comparison to the others.

Although the season has been disappointing in terms of results, this team does have potential and I have no doubt that with continued practice and application, many of the side will become good cricketers in the future.

Finally, my thanks to the Head Master and Mr. Langford for help with umpiring and to parents for their loyal support throughout the season.

The following boys represented the School: N. Agarwal, H. Anwar, S. Arshad, A. Bagga, R.F.M. Bell, R.J. Bowie, A. Dhir, N. Haider, O.M. Haq, P.R. Murphy, M.R. Naylor, M. Prasad, S. Purohit, W.R.H. Stoddart.

D.J. Mallinder

U12 CRICKET

In all the seasons since the School started to run an U12 team, there can have been none which has been so difficult. As usual, a squad was assembled soon after the start of the School year and they practised together indoors throughout the winter months. There were actually times when coach and manager had bouts of optimism, if cautious ones, but I think we both felt that it would always be an uphill struggle for our players against the sort of opposition they would be likely to meet. And so, indeed, it proved! If England have been overwhelmed by Border's Australians this summer, the U12 side found themselves even more embarrassed. The two draws they achieved, both miles behind against massively superior opposition, were in fact major performances for such a limited group. Just before I wrote this, two of the greats of English cricket, Messrs. Boycott and Illingworth, were discussing what the cricketer needed most in order to make an impression in the highest levels of the game. Technique was an obvious answer, but in fact not the primary one. This was Pride, or Guts, or any number of other ways of saying a similar thing. I am glad to say that

this determination to stay in and try really hard to avoid defeat surfaced in several of the squad over this frightful season. Barker and Kumar were from the start best equipped to cope, but they were joined gradually by others: Arshad, Akhlaq and Ghazi survived well on occasions, and if the obvious abilities of Haq and Wynter can be properly utilised, this will make a batting line-up of seven capable players. On the bowling side a real pair of bowlers, both spinners, emerged: Akhlaq and Arshad should be a major strength in the coming seasons if they practise very hard. They will need support, though, and of those who try to bowl medium pace, only Barker can hold a consistent line. Of course, if spin is to be the side's main attack, its fielding will have to be very good, and this area - stopping, catching, throwing, sideways movement, concentration etc. - has been consistently weak. This is an area where all can improve, but only with a reasonable degree of physical fitness, and this also was not much in evidence for most of the squad, and I was often led to wonder how much games is played

by young people nowadays outside School time. Personally my cricket coaching came from two sources: wild games of 'hit and run', often with a tennis ball, on the field at lunchtime, and, crucially, a friend's driveway with a dustbin for wickets, a garage door as wicket-keeper, a concrete pitch, none too level and regularly watered to make the ball - a black, hairless tennis ball - shoot through and bowlers who were often bigger, older and too fast. Perhaps little luxuries like this are a thing of the past, but there is no denying that School at least offers manifold opportunities for personal practice, both supervised and unsupervised: the determined player can always make it and hopefully this side will see some improved results in a year or two. The players who usually represented the School were: T. Akhlaq, M.A. Arshad, E.H. Barker, S.M.A. Ghazi, B.M. Green, Z. Haq, A.A. Khokar, R. Kumar, R.I.D. MacKay, C.A. Smith and D.A. Wynter. S. Ahmad, J.M. Cooper, A. Kapoor, K.B. Mehta and R.G. Watson also played.

C.P. Langford.



TENNIS FIXTURES 1993

DATE	OPPONENTS	TIME & VENUE	RESULT	F	A
Wed. 21 Apr	1st v Ellesmere College	2.30 p.m. (H)	Lost	4	8
Sat. 24 Apr	1st v Stonyhurst (2 pairs)	2.00 p.m. (H)	Lost	3	5
	U15 v Stonyhurst	2.00 p.m. (H)	Won	6	2
Tues. 27 Apr	U14 v Altrincham Grammar	4.30 p.m. (A)	Lost	3	6
	U13 v Altrincham Grammar	4.30 p.m. (H)	Lost	2	7
Wed. 5 May	1st v Hyde VI Form College (Glanvill)	1.30 p.m. (H)	Won	7	6
Sat. 8 May	1st v King's Macclesfield	10.00 a.m. (A)	Lost	2	7
	U15 v King's Macclesfield	10.00 a.m. (A)	Lost	0	9
	U14 v King's Macclesfield	10.00 a.m. (A)	Lost	1	8
	U13 v King's Macclesfield	10.00 a.m. (A)	Lost	1	8
Wed. 12 May	1st v Manchester Grammar	4.00 p.m. (H)	Lost	1	8
	U15 v Manchester Grammar	4.00 p.m. (A)	Lost	2	7
	U14 v Manchester Grammar	4.00 p.m. (A)	Lost	3	6
	U13 v Manchester Grammar	4.00 p.m. (A)	Lost	1	8
Mon. 17 May	1st v M.G.S. (Glanvill)	4.00 p.m. (A)	Lost	0	4
Tues. 18 May	U15 v Marple Hall	4.00 p.m. (A)	Lost	0	6
	U14 v Marple Hall	4.00 p.m. (A)	Won	4	0
	U13 v Marple Hall	4.00 p.m. (A)	Won	3	1
Thurs. 20 May	U15 v Altrincham Grammar	4.15 p.m. (H)	Won		
Tues. 25 May	U15 v North Cestrian	4.15 p.m. (H)	Won		
	U14 v North Cestrian	4.15 p.m. (A)	Lost	4	5
Wed. 26 May	1st v Birkenhead School	2.15 p.m. (A)	Cancelled		
	U13 v North Cestrian	4.00 p.m. (H)	Cancelled		
Tues. 22 Jun	U15 v King's Chester	4.30 p.m. (A)	Lost	3	6
	U13 v King's Chester	4.30 p.m. (A)	Lost	2	7

TENNIS FIXTURES 1993 (Continued)

DATE	OPPONENTS	TIME & VENUE	RESULT	F	A
Sat. 26 Jun	1st v Bolton School	10.00 a.m. (A)	Cancelled		
	U15 v Bolton School	10.00 a.m. (A)	Cancelled		
Sun. 27 Jun	Parents & Pupils Competition	2.00 p.m. (see report)			
Tues. 29 Jun	U14 v Hulme Hall	4.15 p.m. (H)	Drawn	2	2
	U13 v Hulme Hall	4.15 p.m. (H)	Won	3	1
Tues. 6 July	U15 v M.G.S. (Midland Bank)	2.15 p.m. (A)	Lost	0	4
	U13 v M.G.S. (Midland Bank)	2.15 p.m. (A)	Lost	0	4

1ST TEAM TENNIS

Played 6, Won 1, Lost 5

Captain of Tennis: S. Bhogal

Vice-captain: T. Veitch

A similar set of results to those last year, but with much closer scores in many cases. Sandy Bhogal and Tom Veitch made an enthusiastic first pair who played in all the matches with notable success. The rest of the team was composed of Ketan Misra, Andrew Watkins, Mark Warnes and Mark Zeegers. Anthony Baron and Ben Doweck made a single appearance at King's, Macclesfield and they both played well against stronger opposition. Nick Goodwin made his School team debut this year and with Mark Warnes as his partner, won some extremely valuable points in all his matches to become the highest scoring player at this level.

In the Glanvill Cup Competition we defeated Hyde VI Form College by the narrowest of margins but unfortunately we were then defeated by our old enemies Manchester Grammar School in the second round. Their players had already reached the National Semi-finals of a similar competition and easily out-played our side, especially as we were obliged to play them on their home ground. The continued strength of local opposition makes it extremely difficult for us to progress beyond this stage of the competition but we will continue to enter each year as it is the only competition which allows players to demonstrate their skills at both singles and doubles games. Perhaps next year

J.H. Thomson

U15 TENNIS

Played 8, Won 3, Lost 5

This year's U15's were ably captained by Carl Hope and David Gilbert who led a varied side usually chosen from Sam Burney, Andrew Farrell, Mike Bartlett, Robert Clyne, Andrew Holden, Stewart Maclean and latterly Andrew Vine. The season started remarkably perhaps with a 6-2 win against Stonyhurst College, but King's Macclesfield and Manchester Grammar were, predictably too strong for our still-developing side. There was a complete collapse of morale as a result of the defeat by



U15 TENNIS

Back, left to right: S. Burney, A. Farrell, M. Bartlett.
Front: D. Gilbert (Vice-Capt), S. Maclean, R. Clyne.

(Photo: J.H. Thomson)

Marple Hall, but the tenacious team spirit returned in time to produce good wins against North Cestrian and Altrincham. Many of the scores in the other matches were closer than you would expect from the results and the analysis reveals many missed opportunities which, had the vital points been forthcoming, would have resulted in more overall victories.

The Midland Bank Competition was also disappointing as we met the infamous Manchester Grammar on their dreadful shale courts on a wet and windy Tuesday late in the term. It is perhaps best to draw a thin veil over that encounter and look forward to a better season next year when some of our players will have benefited from another year's growth in stature and ability.

J.H. Thomson.

U14 TENNIS

A rather disappointing year for the U14's as they only won one out of six matches. Most matches were, however, quite close and were only lost by 2 or 3 sets, especially towards the end of the season. The six team players remained unchanged throughout the term. The 1st pair consisted of Stephen Kellett partnered either by Sean Seagren (with us for a year from San Diego, California) or Rob Seddon. Matt Robinson partnered the other as 2nd pair. The 3rd pair of Joshua Bloom and Tanuj Sobti were possibly the most consistent of all and really held the team together showing improvement with every game.

Many thanks to Mr. Thomson, Mr. Seddon and all team players who regularly attended the practises and those who attended practises but were not selected, namely Chris Hewison, Edward Choularton and James Leinhardt. With continued practise these players may well push for a team place next year.

R. Seddon (3X)

U13 TENNIS

Played 7, Won 2, Lost 5

The U13 side this year has remained remarkably constant. The twin towers of strength have been Richard Longworth and Richard Ip, who have been an excellent number one pair. James Higgins and James Merron have also played well together as have Anthony Prophet and Robert Glass. As a comparatively inexperienced side, they suffered from early defeats but the standard of play has improved dramatically during the term and two good wins against Marple Hall and Hulme Hall have shown the side's real potential.

They were knocked out of the Midland Bank Competition by M.G.S. who produced some excellent players who were, understandably more at home on their shale courts than our players. Nevertheless, many of the matches were very close and the competition was very tense until the last point was won or lost. Richard Longworth looked particularly impressive on court and he has been awarded the Lee Brothers' Cup for the most promising junior boy tennis player. This award was won by Richard Ip last year and it is a powerful indicator of things to come. I look forward to seeing the results which this team is capable of producing next year with eager anticipation.

J.H. Thomson.

THE PARENTS AND PUPILS COMPETITION

The fifth annual tournament for the Burden Trophy was held on Sunday, 27th June, breaking with the traditional late night mid-week event which resulted last year in our having to play the final on a separate occasion. In a further break



U13 TENNIS

Back, left to right: A. Prophet, R. Longworth (Capt), J. Merron.

Front: R. Ip (Capt), J. Higgins, R. Glass.

(Photo: J.H. Thomson)

with tradition, the weather was absolutely marvellous and twelve pairs of parents and proteges battled it out in the sunshine. The rules of the tournament are inclined to vary from year to year and they remain flexible and friendly in their intent. Suffice it to say that the eventual winners, and the runners-up, were the Warnes family; Mark and his mother Susan, narrowly defeated father Tom and daughter Joanne after both pairs had won their individual groups to reach the final. For reasons of time the final was decided by the best of five games and the final score was 3-0.

The Burden Trophy was duly awarded to the winners by the Head Master and the runners-up received, for the first time this year, a silver plate donated by Mr. & Mrs. Buckley to commemorate their involvement with the School through their two sons, Robert and Edward, both of whom took part in the competition. Both Mr. & Mrs. Briggs were kept busy preparing and serving a sumptuous barbecue and salads in the garden after the event and I would like to extend my thanks to them for their hard work, it was greatly appreciated by all the competitors, who had worked up quite an appetite. Thanks also to Mr. Brian Gregson for the strawberries and cream; a real inspiration.

It is hoped that we will be able to hold the competition in a similar way next year and I would like to take this opportunity to invite all parents and pupils with an interest in tennis to take part in what is becoming a major event in the School Calendar to rival Wimbledon itself. In the words of Arthur Burden, "it is important that we take the time to play with our children".

J.H. Thomson



CROSS-COUNTRY REPORT

Altrincham League: A very keen group represented the School at U14, U16 and Senior age groups. Obe Ofoche was the most successful at U14 level with a position of 38th in the January meeting although William Laird gained 31st place in the more restricted field at the March meeting.

At U16 level, John Cunningham was consistently our best performer with positions of 12th and 21st while Michael Scholes backed him up with 16th and 23rd in the two meetings. In the senior age group Anthony Sheldon and Chris Dixon produced solid performances but Mark Kershaw was in 3rd position in the January meeting and then gained first position (beating his two previous rivals) in the March meeting.

Stockport League: In the final meeting of the season at Cheadle Hulme School the most improved performance came from Ross Mattison in the U16 age group but Mark Kershaw came a considerable 3rd in the very strong senior race.

Greater Manchester Championships: Mark Kershaw

represented Manchester Schools and performed well to be place 32nd out of 57 and was a member of the winning team. Rachel Westbrook also represented the girls for Manchester Schools.

Northern Schools Championships: At Lyme Park in the enormous field of strong competition all of our runners found the going very tough but all finished in the top two hundred runners. In the team event the seniors came 38th with Mark Kershaw a slightly disappointing 70th. This is an extremely promising performance from all of the teams. Mark Kershaw was awarded his Club Colours for his outstanding contribution and dedication.

The following boys represented the School: U13:

J. Royle, W. Laird, A. Yates, A. Bagga. U14: P. Edmundson, O. Ofoche, J. Whittaker, A. Xidacis. U16: M. England, M. Scholes, R. Mattison, A. Nunney, J. Cunningham. Senior: M. Kershaw, C. Dixon, A. Sheldon, D. Segal.

J.H. Hardy.



ATHLETICS SPORTS RESULTS 1993

FIRST FORM:

100m (Boys)	14.16
100m (Girls)	14.60
200m (Boys)	29.50
200m (Girls)	34.90
400m (Boys)	75.50
400m (Girls)	74.00
800m (Boys)	3.04.30
1500m (Boys)	5.36.30
4 x 400m (Boys)	5.32.49
4 x 100m (Boys)	61.25
4 x 100m (Girls)	65.90

M. Daniel 1D
C. Narnor 1B
M. Daniel 1D
K. Hayden 1B
R. Richardson 1A
L. Thornton 1A
B. Green 1C
R. Richardson 1A
1C
1A
1A

K. Rahman 1A
S. Nathan 1B
R. Nixon 1A
A. Featherstone 1C
S. Akhtar 1C
J. Shaw 1B
Z. Haq 1C
A. Dignan 1C
1D
1C
1B

R. Nixon 1A
A. Featherstone 1C
D. Wynter 1C
S. Khafagy 1C
M. Ghazi 1A
A. Dearden 1C
M. Ghazi 1A
P. Edisbury 1A
1A
1D
1C

Long Jump (Boys)	4.18
Long Jump (Girls)	3.75*
High Jump (Boys)	1.43*
Triple Jump (Boys)	8.70
Shot (Boys)	8.42
C. Ball (Boys)	48.90
R. Ball (Girls)	28.80

K. Rahman 1A
C. Narnor 1B
M. Daniel 1D
K. Rahman 1A
N. Matthews 1B
R. Nixon 1A
J. Gregory 1A

S. Akhtar 1C
J. Shaw 1B
J. Hancock 1C
R. Richardson 1A
O. Ajaz 1B
A. Dignan 1C
S. Fell 1D

C. Ranawickrema 1C
A. Dearden 1C
D. Wynter 1C
A. Dignan 1C
M. Norcliffe 1D
N. MacLeod 1D
K. Hayden 1B

RESULTS:

1st	1A 213½ pts.
2nd	1C 190½ pts.
3rd	1B 176½ pts.
4th	1D 150½ pts.

*New School Record.

Individual Winner: M. Daniel 1D

SECOND FORM:

100m (Boys)	13.60	A. Bagga 2B	Z. Anjum 2B	A. Goldsmith 2D
100m (Girls)	15.50	L. Smith 2D	S. Moore 2B	H. Collins 2C
200m (Boys)	29.80	A. Bagga 2B	C. Baker 2D = 3rd	C. Johnstone 2B, P. Crystal 2A
200m (Girls)	33.40	E. Hope 2A	R. Lee 2A	S. Moore 2B
400m (Boys)	64.10	D. Ellis 2C	P. Crystal 2A	C. Johnstone 2B
400m (Girls)	78.90	M. Ankrah 2D	R. Lee 2A	K. Vites 2A
800m (Boys)	2.35	D. Hancock 2B	T. Barraclough 2B	R. Bell 2D
1500m (Boys)	5.18.0	D. Hancock 2B	T. Barraclough 2B	W. Laird 2C
4 x 400m (Boys)	4.51.4	2B	2A	2C
4 x 100m (Boys)	56.70	2B	2D	2C
4 x 100m (Girls)	64.70	2D	2C	2B
Long Jump (Boys)	4.73*	A. Bagga 2B	G. Roberts 2C	C. Baker 2D
Long jump (Girls)	3.95	M. Ankrah 2D	H. Kasseum 2C	D. Trivedi 2A
High Jump (Boys)	1.30	R. Bowie 2D	S. Arshad 2A = 3rd	A. Prophet 2A, D. Ellis 2C
Triple Jump (Boys)	9.55	Z. Anjum 2B	D. Hancock 2B	W. Laird 2C
Shot (Boys)	9.65	H. Anwar 2A	A. Power 2C	T. Edwards 2B
Javelin (Boys)	19.00	T. Edwards 2B	M. Naylor 2C	A. Tabatabatei 2B
R. Ball (Girls)	29.60	M. Freimann 2B	H. Kasseum 2C*	D. Sing 2D

*New School Record

RESULTS:	1st	2B	226 pts.
	2nd	2A	159½ pts.
	3rd	2D	159 pts.
	4th	2C	153 pts.

Individual Winner: A. Bagga 2B

THIRD FORM

100m (Boys)	13.40	M. Healey (F)	W. Tsang (H)	S. Sobhani (D)
100m (Girls)	14.91	R. Nightingale (W)	C. Plowright (B)	F. Edwards (G)
200m (Boys)	27.50	M. Healey (F)	S. Sobhani (D)	C. Hewison (D)
200m (Girls)	30.04*	R. Nightingale (W)	G. Brook (D)	R. Westbrook (H)
400m (Boys)	61.90	J. Leinhardt (H)	A. Sohail (G)	E. Choularton (F)
400m (Girls)	69.50	R. Westbrook (H)	S. Cochrane (F)	J. Lawson (G)
800m (Boys)	2.36.9	E. Choularton (F)	J. Leinhardt (H)	I. Harari (D)
1500m (Boys)	5.21.1	M. Olden (G)	I. Harari (D)	M. Buckley (F)
4 x 400m (Boys)	4.40.9	H	D	F
4 x 1000m (Boys)	56.7	D	W	B
4 x 100m (Girls)	62.14	B	H	W
Long jump (Boys)	4.95	M. Healey (F)	J. Lambert (B)	W. Tsang (H)
Long Jump (Girls)	4.08*	R. Nightingale (W)	R. Westbrook (H)	S. Cochrane (F)
High Jump (Boys)	1.40	A. Xydeas (D)	E. Choularton (F) =	P. Edmundson (G)
Triple Jump (Boys)	9.34	J. Bloom (D)	T. Rashid (B)	W. Tsang (H)
Shot (Boys)	8.87	J. Jobling (W)	S. Aziz (G)	G. Thornton (F)
Discus (Boys)	25.15	J. Guy (H)	T. Rashid (B)	J. Jobling (W)
Javelin (Boys)	28.30	J. Guy (H)	J. Lambert (B)	J. Bloom (D)
R. Ball (Girls)	33.33	S. Johnson (D)	S. Ahmed (F)	L. Mattison (F)

*New School Record

Individual Winner: R. Nightingale (W)

FOURTH FORM:

100m (Boys)	12.48	A. Malik (F)	D. Johnson (B)	A. Molajo (G)
100m (Girls)	15.00	V. Priestner H	M. Jones (B)	G. Rampal (B)
200m (Boys)	25.20*	A. Malik (F)	D. Johnson (B)	S. De (W)
200m (Girls)	30.90*	V. Priestner H	M. Jones (B)	G. Rampal (B)
400m (Boys)	58.70	P. Day (W)	S. Johnson (F)	A. Farrell (W)
400m (Girls)	76.30*	S. Stephenson (B)	V. Ash (H)	A. Hyams (G)
800m (Boys)	2.25.3	P. Day (W)	A. Kelly (W)	A. Nunney (B)
1500m (Boys)	5.09	A. Nunney (B)	J. Flatman (D)	C. Hope (B)
4 x 400m (Boys)	4.19.9	W	B	D
4 x 100m (Boys)	53.03	F	B	D
4 x 100m (Girls)	62.40	B	H	W
Long Jump (Boys)	5.59	I. Khan (D)	D. Johnson (B)	S. Johnson (F)
High Jump (Boys)	1.55	D. Taylor (B) = 2nd	I. Khan (D)	M. Royds (B)
High Jump (Girls)	1.15 = 1st	E. Nicholson (B)	V. Priestner (H)	D. Moseley (W)
Triple Jump (Boys)	10.32	S. De (W)	J. Robinson (F)	D. Gent (G)
Shot (Boys)	10.96*	R. England (F)	D. Hufton (B)	A. Malik (F)
Shot (Girls)	7.19*	E. Nicholson (B)	B. McCurrie (G)	S. Stephenson (B)
Discus (Boys)	25.41	R. England (F)	A. Nunney (B)	J. Pearson (G)
Javelin (Boys)	29.15	S. Johnson (F)	A. Haslam (H)	M. Royds (B)

* New School Record

Individual Winner: V. Priestner (H)

SENIOR

100m (Boys)	11.93	T. Adikibi (F)	B. Wood (D)	D. Taylor (H)
100m (Girls)	15.6	N. Hanley (D)	Y. Schofield (G)	A. Soper (B)
200m (Boys)	24.50	T. Adikibi (F)	C. Bell (B)	G. Scoriah (B)
200m (Girls)	31.90	N. Hanley (D)	C. Reichl (G)	L. Borg (H)
400m (Boys)	58.60	E. Buckley (F)	S. Sobhani (D)	M. Maunder (F)
400m (Girls)	81.8	Y. Schofield (G)	S. Ward (F)	K. Arran (D)
800m (Boys)	2.19.0	A. Sheldon (D)	A. Bulwich (F)	I. Warburton (H)
1500m (Boys)	4.53.2	M. Kershaw (B)	A. Sheldon (D)	A. Bulwich (F)
4 x 400m (Boys)	4.02.8	F	D	H
4 x 100m (Boys)	50.02	F	B	H
4 x 100m (Girls)	68.1	F	H	W
Long jump (Boys)	5.50	N. Byrom (B)	M. Weeden (B)	S. Jones (G)
High Jump (Boys)	1.60	A. Sunderland (B)	R. Gandy (D)	J. White (F)
Triple Jump (Boys)	11.44	T. Adikibi (F)	N. Byrom (B)	E. Buckley (F)
Shot (Boys)	8.88	I. Graham (B)	D. Grove (H)	S. Arora (F)
Shot (Girls)	6.96	J. Grant (H)	D. Segal (D)	S. Ward (F)
Discus (Boys)	21.94	M. Shroot (F)	S. Arora (F)	K. Nolan (H)
Javelin (Boys)	30.75	K. Nolan (H)	A. Mawson (B)	D. Ormerod (G)
R. Ball (Girls)	44.15	M. Wheeler (W)	Y. Schofield (G)	K. Arran (D)

Individual Winner: T. Adikibi (F)

RESULTS:	1st	299½ pts.	Byrom
	2nd	298½ pts.	Fraser
	3rd	247½ pts.	Heywood
	4th	230½ pts.	Dalton
	5th	168 pts.	Whitworth
	6th	160 pts.	Gaskell

INTER-HOUSE SPORTS COMPETITION

MICHAELMAS TERM

RUGBY

SENIOR KNOCKOUT	Byrom 0	Whitworth 28	Whitworth 10	
	Whitworth 10	Fraser 5		
			v	WINNERS
		Gaskell 0	Heywood 14	HEYWOOD
	Heywood 10	Heywood 20		
	Dalton 0			

JUNIOR KNOCKOUT	Dalton 20	Dalton 0	Fraser 6	
	Heywood 3	Fraser 36		
			v	WINNERS
		Whitworth 37	Whitworth 21	WHITWORTH
	Byrom 14	Gaskell 5		
	Gaskell 28			

SENIOR LEAGUE

1. Fraser	10 pts.	
2. Gaskell	9 pts.	
3. Dalton	6 pts.	WINNERS
4. Byrom	6 pts.	FRASER
5. Heywood	4 pts.	
6. Whitworth	1 pt.	

SENIOR 7-A-SIDE

1. Dalton	16 pts
2. Whitworth	10 pts.
3. Heywood	9 pts.
4. Gaskell	4 pts.
5. Byrom	2 pts.
6. Fraser	1 pt.

WINNERS
DALTON

JUNIOR 7-A-SIDE

1. Byrom	11 pts.
2. Fraser	9.5 pts.
3. Whitworth	9 pts.
4. Dalton	6 pts.
5. Gaskell	2.5 pts.
6. Heywood	1 pt.

WINNERS
BYROM

LENT TERM

SENIOR K.O. LACROSSE

Heywood 4
Whitworth 5

Whitworth 3
Byrom 6

Byrom 7
v

Winners: Byrom

Fraser 5
Dalton 4

Gaskell 8
Fraser 7

Gaskell 6

JUNIOR K.O. LACROSSE

Fraser 8
Whitworth 11

Whitworth 13
Byrom 5

Whitworth 10
v

Winners: Whitworth

Dalton 14
Heywood 6

Gaskell 6
Dalton 4

Gaskell 1

LEAGUE LACROSSE (Senior Competition) Winners: Dalton

(4th Year Competition) Joint Winners: Dalton, Heywood

HEWLETT CUP 6-A-SIDE LACROSSE:	WHITWORTH	23 pts.
	Fraser	20 pts.
	Dalton	16 pts.
	Byrom	15 pts.
	Gaskell	14 pts.
	Heywood	8 pts.

GIRLS NETBALL:

Senior Competition

Junior Competition

HEYWOOD
Gaskell
Byrom
Whitworth
Dalton
Fraser

FRASER
Byrom
Heywood
Dalton
Gaskell
Whitworth

GIRLS HOCKEY:

Senior Competition

Junior Competition

GASKELL
Dalton
Whitworth
Fraser
Byrom
Heywood

FRASER
Byrom
Heywood
Whitworth
Gaskell
Dalton

MIDSUMMER TERM

SENIOR K.O. CRICKET

Whitworth beat Byrom	Whitworth beat Fraser	Whitworth beat Dalton	Winners: Whitworth
Dalton beat Heywood	Dalton beat Gaskell		

JUNIOR K.O. CRICKET

Whitworth beat Fraser	Whitworth beat Byrom	Whitworth beat Dalton	Winners: Whitworth
Heywood beat Gaskell	Dalton beat Heywood		

GIRLS ROUNDERS (JUNIOR COMPETITION)

FRASER
Gaskell
Whitworth
Dalton
Byrom
Heywood

ROAD RELAY:

1. Gaskell	36 pts.	
2. Fraser	38 pts.	Winners: Gaskell
3. Dalton	39 pts.	
4. Whitworth	44 pts.	Fastest Senior Boy - J. Goodall (Heywood)
5. Heywood	45 pts.	
6. Byrom	47 pts.	

SWIMMING:

Individual Competition:

1. Byrom	36 pts.	Winners: Byrom	Individual Year Winners:
2. Dalton	32 pts.		3rd Year - P. Beales (B)
3. Fraser	28 pts.		4th Year - R. Garner (G)
4. Gaskell	27 pts.		5th Year - J. Howarth (D)
5. Whitworth	13 pts.		
6. Heywood	9 pts.		

RELAY COMPETITION:

1. Dalton	20 pts.	
2. Fraser	15 pts.	Winners:
3. Byrom	14 pts.	Dalton
4. Gaskell	12 pts.	
5. Whitworth	8 pts.	
6. Heywood	7 pts.	

D.M. Wood

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LACROSSE

UNDER 16 X

Played 10 Won 7 Lost 3

“Friendly” matches:

v. Stockport G.S.	W	17-1
v. Timperley	L	5-8
v. Timperley	W	11-7
v. Cheadle	L	5-8
v. Boardman & Eccles	W	14-2
v. Stockport G.S.	W	11-1

Juniors and Schools Cup

v. Cheadle Hulme	W	9-5
v. Ashton	W	19-0
v. Stockport G.S.	W	8-6
v. Timperley (Final)	L	9-11
(after extra time)		

The team won the ELU National Under 16s Tournament beating Timperley in the semi-final and Ashton in the final.

The team was usually selected from the following: Chris Gleave (captain) Mark Knowles, Jon Sills, James White, James Crawshaw, James Brocklehurst, Tyrone Berkeley, Morgan Parry, Spyros Xydeas, Danny Rowlands, Dominic Stansfield, Mark Warnes, David Slack, Peter Day, Jon Flatman.

Team coach and manager: Jay Bride.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chairman's Report

In a year when the country continued to suffer from recession, it is perhaps pleasing to note that the Association had over £15,000 available at the end of the year. This is, however, a false position, with a significant part of this cash already committed - including the purchase of a Grand Piano, which will be acquired during the summer break.

This year, events raised just under £7500, some £1500 down on last year, but these figures are a poor reflection of a Committee which has been hard-working throughout the year, organising events to generate income to satisfy a heavy programme of requests from School. We would like to meet all requests, but in the current economic climate, our ability to generate income restricts the number of projects we can support.

The Autumn Fair, organised this year by Christine Flemming, the Grand Draw and the 300 Club (which Sue Wilson continues to run despite the fact that her son is now at university) provide the major part of the Association's income. I'm sure Christine would be first to say that the Autumn Fair was a team effort - and it was - but Christine had a hard act to follow in taking over from Sally Whittle, and it is to her credit that almost £2500 was raised despite the weather, which clearly kept many people away. The last event of the year - a 60's Disco - generated almost £800 and looks like becoming our long sought after "Fourth Major". We shall certainly repeat it next year. This was again a team effort, but its success must be put down to Martin Shelmerdine's determination to make it happen. There were times when the response looked poor, but Martin as the organiser of the event made sure the tickets were sold, and quite simply it was a really good night.

I have mentioned some Committee members who took on the responsibility for organising key events, and have also mentioned the team efforts which are required to make these events successful. The "back room" teams work particularly hard - setting up, providing food and drink, and cleaning up afterwards. There is a regular team of helpers - not just Committee members - who need to be thanked for their efforts, with perhaps a special thanks to Christine Gerezdi and Mel Sherwin who seem to produce food like a magician produces rabbits out of a hat!

At the time of going to press we have not held the AGM, having decided to move it to the start of the School year, to give new parents an early chance to become involved in the Association. We do, however, expect to elect Debbie Buckley as President for the coming year. Debbie is now the longest serving member of the Committee with over 6 years' service. She has always been a willing helper at almost every event (a key "back room" player), and thoroughly deserves this recognition. It would be remiss of me to close this report without thanking Mike Peters, Brian Gregson and their staff for all the help they have provided throughout the year, and Miss Tandon, Mr. Simkin and Mr. Wood for providing the essential links between the Association and School.

As we look forward, our efforts for next year will be geared to providing a new mini-bus. Funding this project, which benefits all students, will need the support of all parents, pupils and staff, to make the events programme successful. The year ahead brings new challenges, but I am sure that with determination we can turn these to our advantage and with luck we might just break the elusive £10,000 barrier, a target we have been striving for over the last two years.

Ron Dixon, Chairman.

OLD HULMEIANS' ASSOCIATION

In September of each year the new President of the O.H.A. begins his term of office and at the A.G.M. held in School the induction of Malcolm Threlfall as the President for 1992/93 took place. During the year Malcolm has supported all branches of the Association with diligence and enthusiasm.

The affairs of the Association and School are linked in many ways and one stated aim of the Association is to support the School when major projects are undertaken. Ken Pettener (President 1991/92) was instrumental in organising financial support for the now named Zochonis Centre and Malcolm Threlfall as this year's President spent considerable time and effort in continuing to persuade members of the Association to make donations towards this project. This culminated in Malcolm Threlfall and Alan Maddocks (Chairman London Association) representing the Association when the building was opened by the Princess Royal in June this year. The main lecture theatre of the building bears a plaque to indicate the room was sponsored by members of the Association. In my report last year I stated how much the School relies on support from the O.H.A. May I once again express the School's thanks for their contributions towards the new building.

During the year the Association reunion, dinners in Manchester and in London, and the combined O.H.A. and P.A. dinner dance were held and were enjoyable functions. It was particularly pleasing to see a large number of younger members present on those occasions. I know they enjoyed meeting each other again and in some instances it was the first time they had met since they left School. I hope they will continue to use these gatherings to further their friendships.

The Lacrosse Club had a successful season with both the First and A teams gaining honours. The first team won the second division trophy and gained promotion to the first division. Further they reached the final of the Junior Flags but unfortunately they lost the final game to Rochdale. The coach, Rick Summers, can be well pleased with this team's performance. The A team had less success in the league but scored a very satisfactory and pleasing victory over Timperley to win the Lancashire Cup. The extra A team had a less successful season but I know they enjoyed their lacrosse. I am delighted that the various trophies won by the O.H.A. lacrosse teams are housed in School and are on display in the main entrance hall.

The cricketers had a less successful season playing fewer games than last year. An entry was made to the "Cricket World" competition for Old Boys' teams and the O.H.A. Cricket Club played two games in the competition against teams from Sedbergh and Warwick. A respectable score was made against Sedbergh and a lesser score against Warwick but in both games very strong opening opposition batsmen put the games out of reach. Matches against the School's First XI and Brooklands Cricket Club were drawn and lost respectively. The secretary of the O.H.A. Cricket Club says that if the section is to flourish those who have played in the past must come forward and offer their services to play for the Association.

The Rifle Section has not been able to shoot this year following the closure of the School range by the Army Authorities. The Club hopes to restart this autumn.

The Golf Section continues from strength to strength with matches again attracting players from many parts of the country. Captains Day was held at Withington Golf Club and the Ascension Day meeting took place at Chorlton Golf Club. North met South in the challenge match for the Mather Trophy and the North ran out winners at Fulford Heath Golf Club.

It is planned that the reunion in September 1993 will break new ground and tennis, cricket, lacrosse and rugby games will attract many members of the Association to return to School to meet, play and enjoy each other's company. After the sporting activity the buffet will provide the right atmosphere for all to socialise and renew friendships. Once again I shall end with the hope that I shall meet many Old Hulmeians during the coming year; a warm welcome is assured from myself and members of Staff if you return to visit the School. I look forward to meeting you again.

M. Loveland

During any twelve month period a number of members of the Association pass away but it is particularly saddening to have to report the deaths of four young men who have only recently left School: Andrew Tullock (1974/81) was diving in Loch Long in Scotland on January 10th, 1993 and failed to surface. His body was recovered a while later and a funeral and service of thanksgiving was held on February 17th, 1993; Daniel Peglion (1987/89) was a victim of a hit and run accident in Manchester and died on 15th September 1992; Neil Duckworth (1980/87) fell from a hotel balcony whilst on holiday in Greece and died on July 8th, 1993; Anthony Smith was involved in an accident whilst on holiday in Australia and died on August 27th, 1993. In many ways these young men made contributions to the life of the School and we shall remember them. To all the families of Andrew, Daniel, Neil and Anthony I extend the sincere sympathies of the School and the Association.

M. Loveland.

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