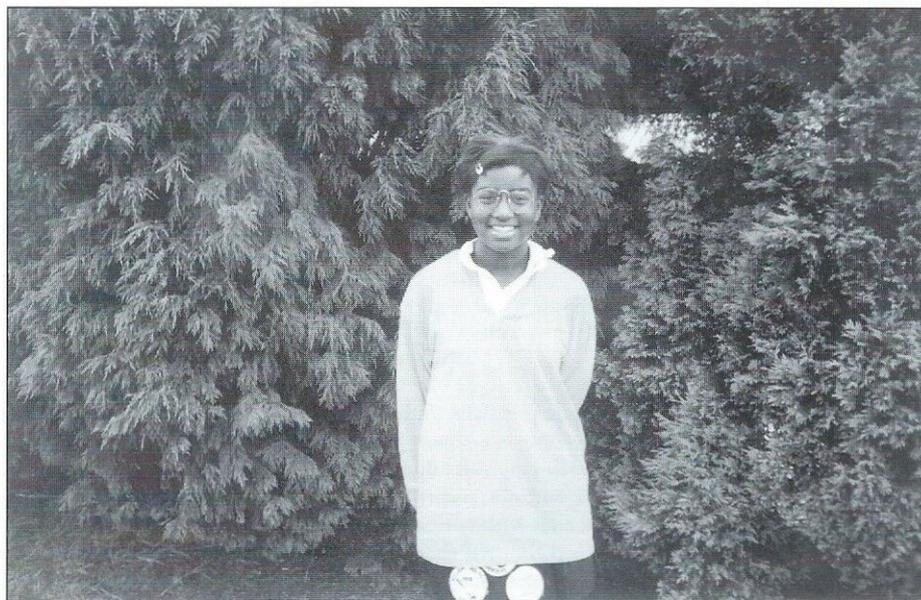


stationary illuminations traffic. However, we finally made the Pleasure Beach and it is surprising the reaction of even the most sane and sensible Sixth Formers when confronted by the variety of rides. Sujoy Jaiswal, as Head of House, led by example by managing to be left on his own at the front of the 'Big One', much to the amusement of the rest of the party. The biggest disappointment was the dreadful queue of traffic on the M55 coming home and the fact that several of the Upper Sixth, who had contributed so much to the House, and Miss Smith, were unable to attend due to ill health. Nevertheless, it was a very enjoyable trip, one that hopefully can be repeated in future and just reward for the efforts of the Upper Sixth House Prefects.

### LENT TERM

Senior Hockey KO Captain:	Louise Ives
Senior Lacrosse KO Captain:	Nick Ghazi
Senior Netball KO Captains:	Claire Babington and Christina Barnes
Senior Lacrosse League Captain:	Andrew Haslam
Junior Hockey KO Captain:	Lauren Standring
Junior Lacrosse KO Captain:	Michael Ghazi
Junior Netball KO Captain:	Carla Narnor
Play Producers:	Michael Bartlett and Christina Barnes

In what is always a busy term for House activities, this year proved no exception. JosE Camarasa, Nick Davenport, Asha de Silva, Louise Ives, James Leinhardt, Laura Leveson, Asif Majid, Matt Pimbley, Vicky Seel and Rachel Westbrook were promoted to House Prefects and took over the dinner duties from the Upper Sixth.



Carla Narnor, winner of the Fourth Year Girls' 100m, 200m and Long Jump with a new School Record, making her the best overall Middle School athlete.

By the third week of term, we were into lacrosse and hockey knockouts for the Juniors. On a dreadfully cold afternoon with a biting wind, Heywood's fortunes were mixed. In the lacrosse, Dalton took a 3-0 lead by half-time and looked too strong in most positions. However, by forceful running from our own half, David Wynter and Luke Coffey got us back into the match and we were unfortunate to lose 4-3. Every time these two lads received the ball they set off for goal and were absolutely exhausted by the end of the match. Also, Adam Harris, playing his first ever game in goal, deserves special mention. With a combination of skill, bravery and sheer good luck, Adam pulled off many excellent saves and kept us in the match to the end.

In the hockey, Heywood's girls played out a 0-0 draw with Whitworth, earned two penalty corners, and then comfortably beat Dalton 3-0 with a hat trick of goals from Carla Narnor. In the semi-final, a fortnight later against Fraser, Heywood had all the possession only to succumb to a breakaway goal late on and a 1-0 defeat. In rather a scrappy third/fourth play-off we, again, could not score against a resolute Whitworth defence and lost 2-1 on penalty corners. Colours were awarded to all players for their efforts.

The Senior knockouts followed a similar pattern to the Juniors. In the lacrosse against Whitworth, we pulled back from 5-2 down to lead 6-5 only to lose in the dying seconds 7-6. Nevertheless, the game was played in a very friendly manner and neither team really fancied its chances in the second round, although we still could have won this match instead of losing it late on. The Senior girls' hockey proved to be a little more successful. After a 2-0 defeat by a very strong Fraser team in the opening pool match, the second game against Gaskell was to decide a place in the semi-finals. In

a very tight game, Rachel Westbrook scored a tremendous goal to give us a 1-0 win. In clearing the ball from defence, she ran down the right wing, beat half the Gaskell team and cut in to score. In the semi-final against Byrom, we could not cope with the strength and pace of Sophie Stephenson who twice ran through to score. However, in the third/fourth play-off with Dalton, the team showed real determination and spirit and managed to win on penalty corners to achieve third place overall. Vicky Seel and Laura Leveson, two new Lower Sixth Formers, deserve special mention. Vicky played exceptionally well in all four matches and has real talent. What was even more impressive was the fact that she had not played any hockey for three years. Laura, at very short notice, took over in goal from Chris Barnes for the semi-final and did very well, although she did have Rachel Aldersley and Tabassum Safdar delivering crunching tackles on the opposition in front of her. Colours were awarded to the whole squad of players and Vicky and Laura were presented with theirs at the following House meeting.

The Senior League proved to be very eventful as usual. With only six Wednesday afternoons available for the fixtures and the first one used as a friendly, any bad weather would have inevitably caused problems. It was decided that the first week's results would count in the event of bad weather cancelling future weeks. Heywood, having won the trophy last year, had a strong side. With Zia Choudary in goal, a defence based on the strength and size of Andrew Haslam, Marcus Carulli, Andrew Vine and Michael Bartlett, the skills of Glynn Roberts and Matthew Whyatt in midfield and the all round running and scoring talents of Sujoy Jaiswal, we were always capable of winning matches. Sujoy proved how easy it is to beat half the opposition's team in running the length of the field only to miss the goal with his shot far too often and much to the annoyance of his team mates, although he did win several matches with superb goals. After three wins and a draw, a 2-2 result in our final match against Dalton saw us pip Fraser and Dalton. Colours were awarded to the whole squad and it was pleasing to see Daniel Bishopp, Daniel Ellis and Marc Cohen helping to make up numbers, despite having little interest or enthusiasm for the game.

When the Hewlett Cup was played towards the end of the term, having had little success in either the Senior or Junior knockouts, we knew we were going to struggle. Things were not helped when our best Upper Sixth player, Nick Ghazi, was not able to play. Only the Third Year team managed a win out of ten matches played by Heywood's five teams and only due to Gaskell's equally poor performance did we manage joint fifth. Hopefully, things will start to pick up for Heywood in the near future - they certainly cannot become much worse as far as this competition is concerned over the last few years.

The netball competitions were very successful at both levels. The Juniors won both pool matches 3-0 against Gaskell and 6-4 against Byrom despite losing Sophie Hope with a knee injury and not passing or shooting particularly well. In the semi-final against Whitworth, we struggled and were fortunate to draw 2-2 at full time. In extra time, Whitworth scored the deciding goal and our hopes of winning the trophy were over. It is very easy, with hindsight, to make judgements but the decision to leave Vanessa Cohen out of our team for the semi-final proved very costly and we must always play our strongest team if people are fit. A comfortable 6-2 victory against Fraser gave us third place and Colours were awarded to the whole squad. The Seniors, having contested the last two years' finals, knew they had a good team and the potential to reach the final despite a fairly difficult pool containing Gaskell and Byrom. An excellent team performance gave us a 5-2 win over Gaskell and an 8-8 draw with Byrom put us into a semi-final with Dalton. An easy 6-1 victory saw us into the final against a very strong Fraser side. Unfortunately, due to the timings on the two courts changing, I missed most of the final as I was supporting the Juniors in their third/fourth match and I arrived to find Heywood's Seniors being slaughtered. The strength and skill of Karen Hawcroft, Caroline Ip and Sarah Cochrane was too much and Claire Babington, who had done so well as shooter in the previous matches, was not receiving the ball at all. The result of 10-0 emphasised how one-sided the final had been but the girls had played exceptionally well to get there and Colours were awarded to all the team to acknowledge this fact.

The House Play was left in the very capable hands of Michael Bartlett and Chris Barnes and before Christmas "None the Wiser", a comedy by Anthony Booth, had been selected and cast. The play is about seven women thieves who, working in two different groups, set up at a convent and ply their trade dressed as nuns. After the usual chaos of lunchtimes, after school and weekend rehearsals, collecting props which included seven nun's habits, countless empty spirit bottles and pretend cigarettes, the play was looking very polished. Also, it was very pleasing to see the strength of having a House system - pupils from five year groups working together as a team. I am certain that Emma Cruickshank, Third Year, and Sophie Hope and Levinia Clemetson, Fourth Year, benefited greatly from working with Michael and Chris in the Upper Sixth and Laura Leveson and Vicky Seel in the Lower Sixth. On the night, the performance went superbly well and had the audience laughing loudly, particularly when Michael, dressed in drag, had his fake chest, two rather large balloons, burst by Vicky. All the cast thoroughly enjoyed the evening and in what was described as a "vintage year" the play was placed second, with Laura Leveson runner up in the best actress award. Miss Green, as adjudicator, praised every aspect of the play and said that, if it was any consolation, in any other year it would have won! As a House Master, I was absolutely delighted by the dedication and professionalism shown by all those connected with the play. Michael, as Head Boy, and Chris, as a School Prefect, had considerable other responsibilities yet still found the time and energy needed to make the play a real success and three other cast members had commitments like hockey and netball matches or practices which took up large chunks of possible rehearsal time. Behind the scenes, Matt Whyatt and Glynn Roberts did sterling work with the scenery, Louise Ives helped with the programme and painting scenery, and Sharon Becker had the considerable responsibility of prompting, although on the night she fortunately was not needed. Colours were awarded to all those involved and I was particularly pleased to present them to Sharon, as she is unable to represent the House in sporting events.

The remaining competition of the term was the Sixth Form five-a-side run by Mr Hewston. Despite being a soccer-mad House Master, he left the team of Nick Ghazi, Sujoy Jaiswal, JosE Camarasa, Anthony Pierce and Andrew Haslam in goal, with Michael Bartlett, Andrew Holden, Asif Majid and Nick Davenport in reserve, to their own devices and they won the trophy comfortably with four wins and a draw.

The term had proved rewarding for Heywood and I cannot praise highly enough the dedication, loyalty and commitment of the majority of the House. It is always very satisfying to be able to delegate responsibility to members of

the House knowing they will motivate those around them into doing their best. Similarly, I am very fortunate to have the help of Mr Gracey and Miss Smith who are always there to support the House.

### SUMMER TERM

Senior Cricket Captain:	Sujoy Jaiswal
Senior Rounders Captain:	Louise Ives
Junior Cricket Captain:	Tayyab Akhlaq
Junior Rounders Captain:	Levinia Clemetson
Athletics Captains: Senior Boys:	James Leinhardt
Senior Girls:	Rachel Westbrook
Fourth Year Girls:	Carlor Narnor
Fourth Year Boys:	David Wynter
Third Year Boys:	Neel Shah
Third Year Girls:	Danielle Baker
Tennis Captain:	Asha de Silva

The first events of the term were supposed to be the first rounds of the Senior and Junior cricket and rounders, in the first week of May, until the rain started, turning the field into a quagmire and setting the scene for the rest of the House competitions.

The Senior athletics took place prior to the exams. Heywood did very well indeed and finished 7 points behind Fraser and 2½ behind Byrom, in what was a very close finish. On the day, Daniel Bishopp was third in the boys' shot, Asha de Silva and Vicky Seel third and second respectively in the girls' high jump, Rachel Aldersley second in girls' shot, JosE Camarasa second in the boys' 800m, Daniel Ellis second in the boys' 400m, Vicky Seel second in the girls' 200m, Sujoy Jaiswal second in both the boys' 100m and 200m, Glynn Roberts first in both the boys' long jump and triple jump and Rachel Westbrook was best overall Senior athlete after winning the girls' long jump, the 800m and the 200m with a new School Record. We also have many talented Junior athletes, so Heywood were ideally placed for the second half of the competition at the end of term.

As Half Term approached, the weather finally allowed the knockouts to be played just before the Fifth Years and Upper Sixth Formers went on study leave. In the Senior cricket, Heywood started well with Sujoy Jaiswal and Asif Majid opening only for Sujoy to receive a ball that kept low and bowled him for 11. Asif continued to dominate the bowling and was out for 54. With Nick Ghazi unavailable through illness, we were always going to struggle once the opening batsmen were out and so it was very pleasing to see James Leinhardt score 31 valuable runs despite some rather unorthodox shots. Byrom, in reply to our 138 all out in 20 overs, scored 139 for 1 in 22 overs and were never really troubled, although four very difficult chances did go to hand but none was held. Ayyaz Ahmed took the single Byrom wicket and Nick Davenport deserves mention for his efforts behind the stumps. The real disappointment was the lack of organisation in the team as four players were unable to stay until the end of the match and so we had only seven players left on the field at the end of play. We must ensure everyone knows in future that cricket knockouts often run on after School.

In the first round of the Senior rounders, the girls played Whitworth and Fraser in their pool. As Fraser had already beaten Whitworth, when Heywood took a winning lead of 4-3 against Whitworth, it meant both Heywood and Fraser were through to the semi-finals and so their match became meaningless; Fraser won 8-3½. In the semi-final against Byrom I was delighted that Claire Babington, Duygu Uflaz, Rachel Aldersley and Priti Shah all came in to play, despite being on leave of absence, and so Heywood had a very strong team. Unfortunately, Fraser's girls also turned out giving them an even stronger one! An 8½-5½ win against Byrom saw Heywood in the final of the Senior rounders for the first time, against Fraser, and despite an excellent team performance, we lost 3½-1½. Colours were awarded to the whole team for their efforts. The Junior rounders proved even more rewarding than the Seniors, although like last year we tried our best to make a mess of things. In the pool matches, we were drawn with two other very strong sides, Byrom and Fraser. A very competent performance saw us win 4½-1½ against Byrom and, as we had already seen Byrom beat Fraser, anything but a heavy defeat against Fraser would put us into the semi-finals. Heywood, of course, played dreadfully and lost 5-2 and went through narrowly with Fraser on fewer rounders conceded, because Byrom and Heywood both scored 6. In the semi-final immediately before the School exams I was unable to watch, due to my Lower Sixth Form having important module exams, so the team was left in the capable hands of Miss Smith who made sure the girls were on their toes. A comfortable win 4- against Gaskell saw us in the final against Dalton. Due to lack of time, the final was reduced to seven minutes batting each and so a good start was essential. From Heywood's first hit, Danielle Baker's forceful strike caused a Dalton misfield and gave us a rounder. The rest of the girls followed suit and took so many risks that the Dalton fielders were always under pressure. A total of 10 rounders was very impressive and almost certainly sufficient a cushion to defend. Dalton managed 2 rounders in reply and the team fielded very well indeed to win the Junior rounders competition for the first time. Colours were presented to the whole team and, although it was very much a team performance, two Third Years, Emma Cruickshank and Vanessa Cohen, deserve special mention. Emma bowled particularly well and conceded very few half rounders, whilst Vanessa was probably the best out-fielder in any team. She covered an immense amount of ground, held several very difficult running catches and never misfielded. Levinia Clemetson, as Captain, collected the trophy from the Head Master in final assembly.

The Junior cricket knockout is a competition Heywood has never won in my eight years as House Master and this year's outcome was disappointing for other reasons. In the first round, Heywood bowled Dalton out for 98 in 22 overs with David Wynter 3 for 13, Edward Barker 3 for 18 and Tayyab Akhlaq 2 for 6, although we also gave away 38 extras! In

reply, Heywood reached its total easily for 1 wicket with Tayyab out for 21 and David 68 not out. In the second round against Whitworth, these two batsmen scored 47 and 51 respectively and helped us to a very pleasing total of 137-7 in 25 overs. Whitworth always struggled in reply and reached 103-8. In both matches the whole team performed as a unit, Tayyab did an excellent job as Captain and his bowlers all performed very well, including the Third Years Andrew Machin, Sefton Miller and Asmar Chaudhri. As Byrom beat us in the knockout last year, a final against them was eagerly anticipated. However, the last eight days of the term were interrupted by heavy rain and, although there was sufficient time to fit in the Junior athletics, the final was not played due to dreadful weather on the original date or the reserve date and lack of available time after that. This was a great pity because with six good bowlers and several very able batsmen, we really fancied our chances and as Byrom had a strong side, it would have been an excellent match. Colours were awarded to the whole team for their efforts and the trophy shared.

On the last Wednesday of term, the Junior athletics had to be cancelled due to torrential rain and the only hope of completing it was to use the last Friday morning. To ensure teams were complete, Mr Loveland arranged for extra House Meetings during period one and no sooner had they commenced than it started to rain. Mr Seddon decided to scrap the javelin and high jump competitions and to start with the rest whatever the weather. Fortunately, the weather improved and the resulting competition was excellent. Heywood pushed Byrom all the way and the final results for the Seniors and Juniors combined was not decided until the relays when Byrom took the trophy with 304 points to Heywood's 282½. This would have been even closer if our girls' Fourth Year 4 x 100m relay team had not been disqualified having won their race and this cost us 16 points. However, this could not detract from the many excellent performances which included Sefton Miller first in the 800m and third in the 400m for Third Year boys, Emma Cruickshank won the Third Year girls' shot, AndrE Jackson third in the Third Year boys' 200m, Neel Shah third in the Third Year boys' long jump, Andrew Machin third in the Third Year boys' discus, David Wynter second in the Fourth Year boys' 400m, 800m and long jump, Lauren Standing first in the Fourth Year girls' 800m, Levinia Clemetson first in the Fourth Year girls' shot, Michael Ghazi second in the Fourth Year boys' shot, Elisa Chui third in the Fourth Year girls' 1500m and Carla Narnor, Fourth Year won the girls' 100m, 200m and the long jump in a new record to be best overall Junior athlete. This was particularly pleasing as Rachel Westbrook had already won the award for the Seniors which gave us a superb double. It was also very pleasing on the day to see so many members of the House willingly making up numbers in relay teams and helping the House to achieve vital points. Adam Harris, Lucy Counsell, Nafisa Hanif, Vanessa Cohen, Asmar Chaudhri, Third Year, and Michael Dennett and Gareth West, Fourth Year, all earned points in lower places of individual events. Both the Third and Fourth Year boys won their 4 x 400m relays in exciting races by fielding their strongest teams and yet the 4 x 100m teams scored valuable points by not coming last despite being depleted by injuries. Colours were awarded to the team members who scored points for the House.

The remaining competition was the House tennis. Two competitions were held and the girls, represented by Laura Leveson and initially Asha de Silva, who was later replaced by Rachel Westbrook, finished runners-up to Byrom. Fourth Years Tayyab Akhlaq and AndrE Jackson represented the boys but unfortunately went out in the preliminary stages.

Other activities in the term were either administrative or social. Prior to half term, the new intake from the Second Year met with Miss Smith, Mr Gracey and myself and were given some idea what I expected of them. Rachel Westbrook and Nick Davenport also talked to them about various important aspects of being a member of the House and, as Rachel was appointed Head of House and Nick as Deputy, it gave the Second Years a chance to meet them as well. Rachel, Louise Ives and Asha de Silva were elected to the posts of temporary prefects during the exams and these were confirmed as full School Prefects from September, along with Vicky Seel. All four girls set excellent examples to those around them and fully deserved their appointments.

On the social calendar at half term, Upper Sixth House Prefects were invited on a ten pin bowling trip followed by a buffet at my home. Michael Bartlett, as Head of School, and Chris Barnes and Sujoy Jaiswal as Heads of House had done superb jobs through the year and had all represented the House brilliantly over the previous five years. Therefore, it is some relief that there is not a House ten pin bowling competition because these three, although they enjoyed the event immensely, struggled to hit the target and became experts in rolling balls into the gutters. However, all those present seemed to remain enthusiastic despite their problems. The rest of the evening was a great success. Mr Gracey demonstrated his love of food in general and Miss Smith her preference for chocolate cake. Whether it was the pressure of impending 'A' level exams or something else, it was quite amusing to see some of the School's most intelligent Upper Sixth Formers playing 'picture snap' and 'Duplo' with toys belonging to my two year old son, Christopher. However, it was a pleasure spending the evening with a group of people who had done so much for the School and House over the years. It was a pity that Shinal Patel, Zia Choudary, Vicky Ash, Daniel Harris and Marcus Carulli could not make it but Christopher found the rest of the House Prefects very entertaining and good fun to play with.

On the last day of term, whilst finalising the Junior athletics teams, Mr Gracey and Miss Smith were presented with small thank you presents by Rachel Westbrook and Louise Ives in appreciation of all their hard work in supporting Heywood and me through the year. I am particularly indebted to Miss Smith because during the Summer Term and, particularly the penultimate week of term, my wife was seriously ill and I was not in School. I did not need to worry, however, as she often took House assemblies at a moment's notice, kept the cricket and rounders people informed, organised the athletics entries and went to House Masters' meetings to represent Heywood. I am very fortunate to have such an organised, loyal and reliable deputy. Both Miss Smith and Mr Gracey are continuing as deputies and, with the introduction of House Forms, 4H will benefit greatly from having Miss Smith as Form Tutor. Mr Gracey and I are remaining in the Sixth Form but I am pleased to welcome Mrs Hampson to the House system with 3H. She is looking forward to the challenge and is eager to help the House wherever possible. Nevertheless, despite the members of staff involved with a House, it is the pupils' contributions, attitudes, loyalty and responsibility which ultimately make a good House and with the determination shown this year I have no doubt that Heywood is the best. Providing everyone does his or her utmost to succeed then the House will always be strong. Winning trophies with teams packed with School players is easy. Winning trophies when classed as underdogs, losing with grace and general good manners and sportsmanship are more important.

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## WHITWORTH HOUSE

### MICHAELMAS TERM

Heads of House:	Michael Birtwistle* and Laura Owen*
Deputy Head of House:	Shivaji D*
House Prefects:	Andrew Farrell, Ehsan Haqqani, Sarah Holder, Joel Lewis, Debra Mosley* (Joint Head of School), Rahala Noor, Tanveer Rahman*, James Taylor.
	* denotes School Prefect.

In contrast to last year, the Senior League Rugby squad was made up largely of Fifth and Lower Sixth Formers. However, Michael Birtwistle as Captain managed to sort out a team who played with great spirit and determination against much older squads. After an encouraging friendly against Heywood, the first match was against a strong Fraser team. After a poor first half, the team rallied but the damage was done and we lost comfortably. Against Byrom, the team literally led all the way until the last minute, when Byrom snatched a try under the posts to win 12-11. 'Birty' was well supported by Tanveer Rahman, Ashley Marks and all the Fifth Formers. James Beswick emerged as a capable goal-kicker and good tackler. A much weakened team then lost to Gaskell and Dalton, but this was followed by a well deserved victory against Heywood, 26 points - 14. Overall, we finished fifth but the bulk of the squad will be available again next year which augurs well for the future. Many thanks to Michael Birtwistle who was an inspiring leader and to Andrew Farrell and Tanveer Rahman who gave good support.

The House Music competition was jointly organised by Caroline Shaw and Eleanor Heynes with the support of Shivaji D. It is always difficult to organise because of a shortage of time but the team produced an excellent performance on the day. On the basis of music alone we were placed first, but were penalised for not having an ensemble and this dragged us down to a close third. The frustrating part is that we did have an ensemble but ran out of time on the day and were unable to use it. In the future, we must provide an ensemble even if it has to go on first. Debbi Mosley, Shivaji D, Sam Sallon, Claire Mattison, Caroline and Joanna Shaw, and Tim Edwards all produced performances of the highest quality. In addition, new-boy Jeffrey Wu who had only joined the School in September, surprised everyone with his self-taught skill on the piano.

In the Junior Knockout, we had a bye in the first round and then faced the strong favourites, Byrom, in the second. This was a superb game which literally went all the way to the wire. The spirit was tremendous and strong tackling, plus great support work, neutralised the powerful Byrom pack. Eventually, Byrom had one chance when after a good kick they forced a five-metre scrum. Nixon was then able to pick up and score the decisive try. However, the team stormed back and Jeffrey Wu used his pace to break clear on the left wing only to be stopped by a tremendous last-ditch cover tackle. I cannot praise the team highly enough and Mr Blight said the same. Neil Matthews was Captain and did a fine job in organising the team and then led by example on the field. He received excellent support from Paul Edisbury, Kayur Mehta, Andrew Wall, William Kent, and Arindam Shome



The Third Year Boys 4x400 metres team.

In the Senior Knockout, we played very poorly against a strong Dalton team and lost very heavily. Shivaji D was Captain and he deserved better support and commitment.

Spirits were soon restored when the Third and Fourth Year teams played very well to finish as joint winners of the Junior Sevens. The Third Years reached the final by drawing with Dalton and then beating Heywood. In the final, they overcame a strong Fraser team by 14 points - 7. William Kent was the Captain, and he set a superb example on the field with his strong running, spirit and determination. The Fourth Years gained revenge on Byrom by beating them in their group game. They then lost to a strong Heywood squad. In the third place play-off, they were losing 0-10 to Dalton but then rallied strongly to win 14 points - 10. Kayur Mehta scored two excellent tries, and it was this win that clinched first place overall. Colours were awarded to all participants.

In the Senior Sevens, we put up a much better showing than in the Knockout and finished fourth overall. The Third Seven, captained by Tanveer Rahman, beat Byrom and Gaskell to reach their group final. In the final against Dalton, they led all the way, only to lose to a breakaway try in the last minute. A feature of the team was the powerful runs of Jacob Haboubi, who perfected the art of catching the ball at the lineout and then running thirty or forty yards to score a try! Thanks go to James Silver who organised the teams but himself was unable to play because of injury.

With a very strong Fourth Year and some good Third Years, the signs were that we could do very well in the House swimming after some lean years. After the heats, Whitworth had the most qualifiers for the finals both in the individuals and relays, and hopes were high. On finals day, eight people covering all age-groups turned up just to swim in the relay finals, which was very gratifying. All the individual finalists turned up and the overall effort and successful outcome made a weary House Master very happy indeed.

In the Relay finals, three victories clinched first place. These were by the Senior and Fourth Year freestyle, and the Fourth Year Medley teams. The spirit and effort were typified by Jeremy Arnold who was asked to swim the freestyle leg in the Fourth Year Medley. This is not his best stroke, but he turned up just for this one event. He was given a lead by Joanna Shaw, Richard Fisher and Elizabeth Hyde and then put in a determined effort to hold on and secure first place.

There were some fine individual performances in the finals and once ahead, we maintained the momentum to finish comfortable winners. Andrew Wall won both the freestyle and Medley events to win the Fourth Year best swimmer award. Other individual winners were; William Kent - Third Year backstroke; Jeffrey Wu - Third Year breaststroke, and Elizabeth Hyde - Fourth Year freestyle. Richard Fisher, Timothy Edwards and Iain Gage were the other individual finalists who contributed fully to the win. As most of the swimmers are available next year, it augurs well for the future.

Jonathan Gordon did an excellent job in organising the teams for the Road Relay competition and was rewarded with a very close third place overall. William Kent won the Third Year boys' race with Robert Greenhalgh in fourth place. Paul Edisbury was sixth in the Fourth Year boys' and Joanna Shaw was the first girl home. Russell Jones and Jacob Royle were third and fourth respectively in the Fifth Year boys event. Unfortunately, we did not do so well in the Senior event, although everyone tried hard.

The term came to a successful conclusion when Whitworth won the House Debating Competition for the third successive year. Michael Birtwistle led the team last year and this time was joined by Laura Owen. They spoke against the motion 'that there is no need for a Monarchy' and both acquitted themselves very well. Michael went on to be very successful in the Observer Mace Debating competition along with Michael Bartlett of Heywood. He will be very difficult to replace next year.

Other welcome news was the award of a place at Oxford to Tanveer Rahman.

## LENT TERM

The Senior League Lacrosse team was captained by Shivaji D and was also a mainly young team. Against Gaskell, we had one of these halves in which we dominated but only managed one goal. In the second half, we tired and lost 1-4. The Byrom game was similar, but this time we took our chances and won 4-1! James Taylor was in fine form and scored two well taken goals. This was followed by a close game against Heywood, which was narrowly lost 3-5. In the final game we were well beaten by a strong Fraser team. Overall, the team showed plenty of spirit and determination and contested every game throughout.

Michael Birtwistle captained the Senior Knockout team, and he, Russell Jones and Stephen Flood were our only School players. The first round match against Heywood was a very tense affair which could have gone either way. James Taylor and Russell Jones were in good attacking form and at half-time we led 5-3. Heywood rallied in the second half and went ahead at 6-5. Then Stephen Flood led a strong fight-back, scoring the equaliser and then intercepting to set up the winner. It was a real team performance and everyone played their part.

The second round was against a strong Dalton side and we never really believed that we could win. After a poor start, the second half was closely contested and we eventually lost 4-7. It illustrates how important it is to be positive and determined at the start.

The Junior Hockey was played in extremely cold conditions, but the effort and commitment was first-class. Joanna Shaw was captain and was a tireless leader on the field. She was well supported by Preen Trivedi, Elizabeth Hyde, Peju Pearce and Miriam Mkumbwa. The team drew 0-0 with Heywood and then beat Dalton 1-0, in the pool. A mix-up in the semi-final meant that we played for the first few minutes without a goalkeeper. However, the team battled gamely and a strong Byrom team only won 1-0. We then beat Heywood 2-1 to win the third place play-off. The girls played as a team throughout and were a pleasure to support.

In the Senior Hockey, we were missing three of our best players, but for once were still able to field a full team. Everyone played their part in the pool games and we only lost narrowly both to Dalton and Byrom - two strong teams. The absentees returned for the play-offs and we beat Gaskell to place fifth overall. Caroline Shaw was a good captain and she was well supported by Dipti Trivedi, Alison Meakin and Alex Preston.

The Junior Knockout Lacrosse was similar to the Seniors in that after a bye in the first round, we played a strong Dalton squad. Once again, we started slowly and only competed fully in the second half. The final scoreline of 5-9 was also very similar. Paul Edisbury led by example on the field and Michael Robson proved to be a fine goalkeeper.

In the Junior Netball, the girls once again produced some fine performances. In the pool games, Dalton were beaten 3-2, after a 0-0 draw with Fraser. The semi-final against Heywood was extremely close and eventually went to extra time. Both teams missed chances before Peju Pearce scored to put Whitworth into the final. Unfortunately, we then played a strong Byrom team who had the School shooters and we lost 2-6. I cannot praise the girls highly enough and they were a credit to the House. Pareen Trivedi was an efficient captain whilst Joanna Shaw, Peju Pearce and Natalie Phillips were tireless foragers.

The Seniors lacked height and, although they competed well, lost all their games and finished sixth. Rahala Noor set a fine lead on the court and always encouraged her team-mates.

The organisation in the Hewlett Cup was first class and was a credit to the various captains. We competed well but suffered from a lack of School players. The highlight was the performance of the Fourth Years who reached their final before losing to Byrom. We finished a creditable fourth overall.

Probably the most difficult task of all is that of Producer of the House Play. It involves a great deal of time and effort which largely goes unseen and is often only fully appreciated by the cast. This year, Eleanor Heynes took on the role and did an excellent job with a play that posed enormous challenges, namely Ionesco's 'The Bald Prima Donna'. This is reviewed fully elsewhere, but once again the cast enjoyed itself in rehearsals and, on the night, maintained the high standards of Whitworth drama. Michael Birtwistle and James Taylor coped admirably with lines that were difficult to learn, and James was considered for Best Actor. Caroline Shaw and Eleanor were the wives who had to cope with very strange situations and did so with polished performances. It is not easy to take on a role which involves playing a member of the opposite sex. This is what Jonathan Gordon did, and his lively portrayal of the maid earned him consideration for the Best Actor award. I know that the cast was disappointed with the results but all the players will have learned greatly from the experience, and several members of staff commented favourably on their efforts. My thanks go to all the cast, and in particular to Eleanor Heynes, who never faltered and coped very well with a demanding production.

#### MIDSUMMER TERM

Rain affected the earlier rounds of the Cricket Knockouts and these eventually went ahead after Half Term. The Juniors received a bye in the first round and then played Heywood. They batted first and reached a total of 144. The bowlers did well but were unable to dislodge the School Captain, David Wynter, who hit most of the runs. Umar Suhail and Michael Robson then made useful scores but we were always behind on run rate and eventually ended about 40 runs short. Saqib Ahmad proved to be a capable Captain and kept his team motivated throughout a long, hot afternoon.

The Seniors also received a bye and then played Byrom. Shivaji D was in good form with the bat and scored a sparkling 42, in a total of 126. Byrom could never relax in its innings but gradually knocked off the runs for a comfortable victory. I was very grateful to the five Fifth and Upper Sixth Formers who came into play after they had finished their exams. Two of these were Manish Prasad and Osman Ikram who both bowled some tidy overs.

In the Rounders competitions, we were lacking strong hitters and struggled to accumulate runs. However, the girls competed well and enjoyed the competitions. The Juniors finished sixth and the Seniors fifth.

Sports Day was again split into separate sections which works well. We lacked strength and depth in the Seniors but did participate in all events. Shivaji D ran strongly to win the 400 metres and was also second in the Triple Jump. Tim Edwards was third in the Javelin as was the boys' 4 x 400 metre relay team. The end result was sixth place.

The situation was very difficult in the Middle School where we did have some useful athletes. Among the Third Year boys, William Kent was in superb form and he also demonstrated his versatility. He was first in the 1500 metres, 200 metres and Long Jump and shared the Victor Ludorum Trophy for boys. In the 4 x 400 metres relay, William started the last leg about eighty metres behind Heywood. He ran with amazing determination and almost caught the Heywood runner on the line; an outstanding performance.



William Kent wins the 1500 metres.  
(photo: D.A. Myers)



Paul Edisbury wins the 800 metres.  
(photo: D.A. Myers)



The Third Year Girls 4x100 metres team.  
(photo: D.A. Myers)



The Junior Knockout squad..  
(photo: A.M. Blight)

Paul Edisbury won the Fourth Year 800 metres and was a very close second in the 1500 metres, whilst Neil Matthews won the Shot against some powerful opposition. In the Third Year boys' events, Jeffrey Wuu was second in the 100 metres and Long Jump, and third in the Triple Jump. For the Fourth Year girls, Joanna Shaw was second in the 1500 metres, and Pareen Trivedi third in the 800 metres.

This meant that the House finished second on the day, which was an excellent performance. Overall, this moved us up to a close fifth. Thanks go to the Captains, Neil Matthews, William Kent, Joanna Shaw, Pareen Trivedi and Peju Pearce plus all the competitors.

During the term, Jonathan O'Keefe, James Silver and Caroline Shaw were appointed School Prefects. All thoroughly deserved this recognition after their excellent contribution to both House and School activities over the years.

At the end of term, Jonathan O'Keefe was appointed Joint Head of School which is a great honour for him. He is the fourth Whitworth Head of School in five years and I feel sure he will do an excellent job.

James Silver and Caroline Shaw were appointed Heads of House, and Jonathan Gordon will act as Deputy. All three are great contributors to both House and School activities and will lead by example.

I would like to express my thanks to Debbi Mosley, Michael Birtwistle, Laura Owen, Shivaji D and the rest of the House Prefects for all they have given to Whitworth over the years. It is greatly appreciated. I wish them and all other leavers every success in future.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Dr Keable for all she does on behalf of the House, not least for her wise counselling on the rare occasions when the Housemaster gets a little fractious! Her support is greatly appreciated.

D A Myers

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### JUST WORDPLAY

as painted nails scrape prison bars for rusted iron flakes,  
for rusted iron flakes to make their weary way to stonebed lakes  
a voice filtered through stars is found to be clearer than when it was found before  
and so it seems the endless reams of salty poets sent to war  
and every line begins alike while at every breath a motive mislaid  
and so it seems the tragic scene of missions meant for so much more

all inhale

a pair of eyes address the sky as with metre and rhyme the vastness of Time  
and so it seems the starsent screams of ugly hound-dogs lost at sea  
while struggling to find its rhythm in mime the moon moves the tides of the mind  
and so it seems the flaky dreams of drowning missives' poetry

Sam Burney (UMRB)

(This poem was awarded the Senior School Prize for Original Verse).

### MILES AWAY

Miles away  
Sitting under the stars  
The moon gleaming on your face  
Thinking about where you are  
Feeling cold, lost  
Miles away from anywhere.

Miles away  
Sitting under the shade of a palm tree  
The sun stretching its rays  
Over the crystal clear sea  
Whose waves bring seaweed to the shore  
Feeling sad, lonely  
Miles away from anywhere.

Iram Choudary (2R)

### WHAT IS A LADYBIRD?

What is a ladybird?  
Its wings like cellophane  
Body like a red polished mini  
Its black spots like pupils of the eye  
Its legs delicate and thin  
Its antennae waving around as it walks  
Its back glistening in the light  
As it stretches its thin legs  
It flies through the air like a hovercraft  
And the summer sun walks with it.

Iram Choudary (2R)

## THE GHOST OF THE SCHOOLROOM

"It's terrible, and at this time of year, too!" Mrs Jones talked soberly as she prepared the evening meal. She was referring to the recent murder of a local schoolboy, Reece Martin. His body had been found in the church graveyard the week before, and the entire village was devastated by the news, especially so near to Christmas.

Just then Mrs Jones's son Phillip came into the room. He was not popular with the other boys in his school, and he had been friends with Reece because they were pretty much in the same boat. Their schoolmaster disliked them both, but they had never been able to figure out why. Maybe it was something about them both, the way that Phillip or Reece never said anything much in school, and didn't seem too bothered that they weren't liked by a lot of people. They went their own way and nobody knew or cared much about what they felt.

Phillip was fourteen years old, had a shock of red hair and rather strange blue eyes, and a small, secretive mouth. He had never been liked very much wherever he went. Maybe it was because of the way he looked, the way his arms and legs seemed to drag wherever he walked. Or perhaps it was his manner; he had often been told he was abrupt and unfriendly with people he didn't know.

Just then Phillip's mother's boyfriend John walked into the kitchen. He seated himself in one of the wooden chairs around the kitchen table, and began describing the way that the man behind the bar in the pub had overcharged him, and how he had given him what for.

Phillip tuned out the voice. He had always hated John, ever since he had hit his mother the time when he had come home drunk. She seemed oblivious to anything else when he was around, and that was why Phillip tried his best not to be there when John was.

It was then that Phillip announced he was going for a walk to "clear his head", across the nearby common. His mother wasn't too happy with this, but she'd been letting a lot of things go since the death of Phillip's only friend, so she didn't think one more thing would make any difference.

It was two weeks before Christmas, and there were only three days of school left to go before the holidays. It was a day of heavy purple clouds and frequent storms, and when Phillip left the house it had just started to rain. He was seen making his way along the path towards the common by his schoolmaster, but after that he was never seen alive again. The next day his body, sodden and bloody, was found in the graveyard. There had obviously been a struggle, for Phillip was not a small boy, and in this one of Phillip's legs had been smashed on a gravestone, causing the leg to be bruised extremely badly.

After a somewhat miserable Christmas, the boys from Fallaby Grammar returned to school with heavy spirits. Phillip had always considered his school to be too old-fashioned and strict, and had once described it to his mother as a 'penal colony where the teachers were stricter than prison camp guards'.

On the first day the boys were waiting outside after the midday meal for their schoolmaster to return, as they were not permitted to go in without their teacher present. Four of the boys decided they would go inside and fetch some pencils and paper, on which to practise their grammar for the test the next lesson.

When they entered the school all was quite, until they came to the hall. Suddenly they all stopped, as though an invisible barrier had caught them all. A strange booming sound had filled the room, an eerie, echoing noise, like a drum.

"What was that?" one of the boys asked, his voice strained in an attempt to sound unafraid. Jack Dunthorpe, the leader, shook his head impatiently. "Someone's playing a trick on us." He started to walk confidently forward.

Then the footsteps were heard again; this time the boys could identify them as footsteps, heavy dragging ones, as though whoever was making them was pulling himself along with great difficulty. Backwards and forwards they went, a few paces, then a pause, then more slow thuds.

The boys did an about-face and flew to the door. Jack Dunthorpe wrenched the heavy oak door open and they staggered out into the courtyard.

They stood still for a moment, not knowing what to say to one another, nor wanting to look at each other in fear that the other boy might confirm what had just occurred.

James Goodwin approached them, and seeing them empty-handed, asked, "Where are the pens?" The boys glanced uneasily at one another, and then Jack answered, "We didn't get them. There was someone in the schoolroom."

"But there couldn't have been," James objected, "It was empty when we left and we would have seen anybody going in. We were only out here on the grass."

"There was somebody up there," Jack insisted. "They were walking about, and in a really strange way."

James laughed, "Nice try. But we're not falling for it. Look, I'll go and get the pens myself." "Don't, James!" Jack cried, but James had already started making his way towards the school.

When he entered he glanced round him as he approached the steps that led up to the chapel. He began to feel unsure of what he was doing.

Behind him there was a muttering. He swung round. Nothing. His eyes widened with fright. The muttering grew, and James recognised the words of a prayer that he said every Sunday in Church. Then came organ music, and voices all talking at once. Then all of it was gone, as suddenly as it had appeared, and only one voice remained. It sounded like the vicar, reading from something.

James looked wildly around him. He was alone in the chapel. He had no choice but to run towards the door, but something compelled him to glance behind him one more time before leaving.

He gave a sudden cry, then bolted through the door, down the steps and out into the yard, where he fell, sobbing, onto the nearby grass in front of an oak tree.

"I saw it," he babbled, "I saw it... I saw him too.... sitting there..... and his face all horrible..."

"Saw what? Saw who?" The others crowded round him, by now frightened themselves.

"Phillip Jones... I saw him sitting there by the side of his coffin.... in the chapel... he was sitting there all quiet... and he looked at me..." His voice faltered.

"Yes, go on," Jack Dunthorpe whispered.

"His face was white, and his tongue was hanging out.... he was making a funny face.... but it looked empty..... it gave me the shivers....."

"And what about the coffin?"

"It was open, the lid was up. Phil had got out of it - he was dressed just like he used to be."

A strong voice suddenly cut across James's stammering. "What is all this? What nonsense are you talking?"

The boys turned round, startled. They hadn't heard anyone coming across the grass. Their teacher stood over them, like a tower, with a stern expression on his face. "What is all this?" All the boys looked at James Goodwin.

James seemed to find difficulty speaking, "I went into the schoolroom, sir, into the chapel, and I saw the ghost of Phillip Jones."

The master went red and shouted, "Your impudence is beyond a joke! Ghost indeed! You may try to frighten your silly friends, but you won't try such tricks on me! Now, all of you come with me."

They followed the teacher into the school, all knowing that they had to pass through the chapel to get to the schoolroom. A shiver went down James's spine as they marched up the steps and through the hall, approaching the chapel door.....

"Sir," began Jack Dunthorpe.

The teacher seemed not to hear him, and he flung open the chapel door.

Phillip Jones raised his head and looked directly at the schoolmaster.

All the blood had drained away from his face, leaving it grey. He licked his lips, then froze, like a statue. The boys peered from behind him. One or two made small whimpering noises.

James Goodwin struggled to say a few words, "What did I tell you? That's Phil - and he's dead!"

That broke to spell of silence. The boys moved backwards. The teacher gave a sharp gasp. James, wanting to run away, turned, and out of the corner of his eye, saw a book sitting on one of the pews a few feet away. He grabbed it and hurled it as hard as he could at the motionless figure of Phillip Jones.

The figure disappeared. Suddenly there was no Phillip, no coffin, nothing.

The teacher wiped the sweat from his brow, swallowed hard and turned around. Considering what had just happened, he seemed extremely composed. "You are to tell no one of what you have just seen. Do you understand? No one."

The schoolmaster was optimistic. By that evening the news was all over the village, and James and his friends had become celebrities, approached from all sides for their stories of what had happened in the chapel that day.

Rumour had consumed the small village, and two days later a local policeman visited the schoolmaster and the boys whilst they were in lessons, but the teacher was unhelpful, insisting it was a trick of the light. Then he excused himself, saying he felt unwell.

When the policeman and the boys were alone, the Constable was told the full story of what had happened. He was impressed, mostly by the story of Sam Woodhep, a boy who had moved to the village a week ago to live with his aunt, and had never met Phillip. He was able to describe him in such detail that the Constable thought the stories were worth checking out.

"Did you see anything else?" he asked the boys, "Any distinguishing features by any chance?" Then Andy Broadhurst spoke up. "I think of one, sir. He had a bandage wrapped round his left hand, I think."

The Constable thanked the boys and left. He headed straight to see the woman who had prepared Phillip Jones's corpse for burial. He asked her to describe anything unusual she had noticed.

"The only thing I remember," she said, "is that he had a bandage on his left hand. I took it off before he was put in his coffin, poor lad."

The Constable was now in full belief that the boys and the schoolteacher had seen something that day, so he thought it was worth going back to see the teacher, as he was the only one who had not yet given a full account of what had happened.

The meeting never took place. The boy that the Constable had sent to the schoolteacher's house came back with the news that the teacher had left the village in haste - never to be seen or heard of in Fallaby again.

Nor was the ghost of Phillip Jones ever seen again. "He's done his work and scared off his murderer," was the opinion of the village people, "and his spirit is at rest".

Maybe Phillip Jones's spirit is at rest, or maybe he still haunts that little school in Fallaby. We can only be sure of one thing; that schoolmaster will never be at rest after what he did or what he saw that day in Fallaby Grammar School Chapel.

Julia Atherton (3J)

## TWO YELLOW EYES

Susan stepped off the train and looked about her with an air of vague apprehension. There was no doubt that Whitby was at its best at this time of year, with hardly anyone about and the sun, low over the cliffs, turning the sky the colour of blood. She turned her gaze from the cliffs and surveyed the shore, laid out like a huge table-cloth, the warm water lapping gently at the sand. Minute struggles took place as the water washed over the sand. Tug, pull, swirl, eddy, flow, tug. The whole beach was a tiny kingdom engaged in its own private affairs, too busy to notice the few people who came and went on the borders of its realm.

Someone jostled her, bringing her back to the present with a jolt. Her rucksack, precariously balanced on her shoulder, fell to the ground to spill on the platform. As she bent down to retrieve it, someone pushed her from behind and she fell awkwardly to her knees. Susan rose angrily and whirled round, thrusting back the mass of auburn hair from her face as she glared around for the culprit. But the station was deserted. Nowhere was there anyone to be seen. Embarrassed and confused, she collected her belongings under the gaze of a large, glossy Labrador. It sat, tethered to the wall by means of an iron ring set in concrete and a length of rope. It stared at her with large, yellow eyes. Susan felt distinctly disturbed under this canine scrutiny - the gaze was not hostile, but terribly penetrating.

A hearty call made her turn. A short, plump man in a tweed suit and a ruddy complexion was beckoning to her from the window of a car, in which a taller, grey-haired old woman, sat with the long-suffering air of one who spent most of her life with this man. This, then thought Susan as she approached the car, was Tom Sebastian Marsh, a.k.a., 'Uncle Tom'. As she clambered into the car, assisted by her uncle, she glanced back to where she had seen the dog with the yellow eyes. It wasn't there, only a rough gauge in the concrete, hacked, it appeared, with great haste. Of the ring there was no sign. As the rickety old car juddered away, Susan felt a slight twinge of unease - something was not quite right.

It was three days later. The time had passed uneventfully, mostly spent out shopping or watching the old television in the corner of Aunt Margaret's living room. The slow ticking of the clock was the only sound as Susan lay on the old couch that smelt of musty old mothballs. In fact, the whole room was old - as though it had been frozen many years ago and had only recently come back to life. Susan watched the clock as its hands, cast in fine brass, jerked agonisingly slowly round to seven o'clock. Susan had spent all afternoon in a state of barely-controlled excitement - they were going to the fair. Not just any old fair - the traditional fair which had come to Whitby once a year for over 50 years, and many of the stalls were the same ones that had long ago advertised to tourists of days gone; the joys of toffee, a toffee apple and many other sticky and enjoyable wares. If only the time would go faster....

And now she was there, the warm glow of braziers and flares illuminating her face. Beside her, Uncle Tom was complaining that his old bones were weary and was there no bench in this place? Susan, however, was not listening as she wandered, enchanted, past roast chestnuts, candyfloss, treacle, dart games and other delights.

As she watched, enchanted, a clown on stilts who was juggling knives, she became aware of a sudden chill in the air, an edge to the wind. She shivered and pulled her coat more firmly around herself and saw the dog, and the yellow eyes. She felt time slow down around her, felt the air take on the consistency of tar. She could not move, much less cry out. The eyes were drawing her in slowly, inevitably. They were eyes you could drown in. Then, there was a rush, a roar, and she toppled helplessly to the ground.

Susan opened her eyes. She staggered upright again and wiped the mud from her face. She stared around. The fair had changed subtly. There were the roast chestnut stall, the dart games, the clowns, but something had changed. The signs were different, yet the same. Old peeling paint had been replaced by fresh, bright colours and shapes. And people's clothes were different, too. Where before there had been shorts, sunglasses, trainers and baseball caps, there were now baggy trousers of a coarse material, thick socks drawn up to knees, cotton shirts and caps with strange peaks at the front. The crowds had changed too; tall men with top hats and silver canes walked hand-in-hand with stern-faced women in huge, elaborate shoes, skirts and hats.

Puzzled, but not too worried, Susan began to explore. Presumably, she had wandered into another part of the fair - a group of actors - the Sealed Knot maybe. But the stalls were new! That was it; the fair was young again. In sudden suspicion, she looked down and saw a raggy skirt, heavy, ugly boots and a loose shirt. Then her head snapped up again and she saw Boy. He stood, poised to run, watching her. His hair was long and greasy, and he was wearing the clothes that she had seen on all the others. He moved slowly towards her, curiosity overcoming caution.

Susan took a deep breath. "Who are ...?" she began, but got no further because Boy gave a yelp and ran for the cover of a nearby barrel. After a few seconds he poked his head over the top. "I said, who are you?" Susan snapped before he could duck back.

I'm called Boy. 's all. Boy." He replied stonily.

That's it?" Susan asked disbelievingly. "Just 'Boy'?"

Boy, nuffin else. Was wrong wiv dat?"

Well, ....." began Susan. Just then a loud shout split the air.

Oi, you! Come 'ere ya little rascal!" A cockney voice split the silence. Susan looked around for the source of the sound. Her eyes rested on a large, burly apple seller in a grubby shirt and trousers. He was red in the face and was shaking his fist in fury. He appeared to be looking at Susan. No, she thought, past her, to ... Boy!

He ran, the dirty apple clutched in one small hand, and Susan followed, panting after him. He ran, twisting and turning as he fled, the huge man in pursuit. Susan skidded to a halt and spun round to face the apple seller.

"Stop!" she yelled, "Why are you ...?" She got no further. One huge fist, like a side of ham, shoved her aside, and she fell awkwardly to the ground. As she staggered upright, she saw the boy caught by the collar and slung to the ground. The apple seller towered over him, hands clenched. Boy scrambled back and pulled a battered whistle from his neck. He blew it as hard as he could and then slung it at the man's face. He was so surprised that Boy was up and away before he had recovered. But there was no escape. Boy bolted away, tripped and fell. The man raised a fist and growled, "I'll learn scum like ya to respect me!" His hand crashed down. Boy yelled. The man raised his hand, screamed and fell. Susan saw a huge black dog snarling viciously, tearing at the man. He screamed and shouted as the dog ducked his flailing hands and lunged for his throat. He gave one last despairing shriek that became a gurgle, and then ... silence. The dog emerged from the shadows with Boy after it, blood flecking its coat and drenching its muzzle. Boy was sobbing, "Ya shouldn't 'a done that! Ya shouldn't 'a done that!" He picked up a stone and said, "I'll have to hide ya! Betta get rid o' ya rope an' that!" Boy and the dog disappeared into the night. Susan stood shock still. The eyes. The dog's eyes ... had been yellow. And then the world slowed, the air thickened and .....

..... Susan hit the mud. Uncle Tom lifted her up quickly. "Lass? You alright?" She stared at him.

"How long has it been?" she gabbled at him.

"What? You tripped an' fell. Are you sure you're alright?"

Susan looked at his worried face. "Yes ..... thanks. Yes, I'm okay .... What? How could it be .... ? The dog ..... Boy!" And then she saw. Past the old stall, with the toffee apples and the red faced man was a dog with piercing yellow eyes. And by it, sidling up to the toffee apple stall, was a young boy in jeans and a T-shirt. Oh no .....

Nicholas Barratt (3J)

## YOUNG MR BLIGHT AND THE "HULMEIAN"

When Mr. Blight was a pupil in the Sixth Form here, he had two contributions accepted by the "Hulmeian", in 1948 and 1949 respectively. The first, "Cowed", speaks for itself, and its title shows already the fondness for puns and plays on words which have characterised Mr. Blight's sense of humour from that day to this. The second, "The Eyam Plague", is a poem inspired by the well-known story of how the Great Plague of London in 1665 spread to the Derbyshire village of Eyam, and how its inhabitants chose not to flee for their lives but to stay and die, thus saving the contagion from spreading.

It is appropriate to reprint these two contributions in this, Mr. Blight's retirement year. They both show his deep love for the English countryside, which he has since passed on to so many countless Hulmeians.

### COWED

During my summer holidays, it was my custom to go down to a farm huddling beneath the limestone crags of Dovedale in Derbyshire. My day's routine consisted of many duties, some pleasant, some unpleasant, but all very laborious. The most detestable, to my way of thinking, was that of bringing in the cows for milking.

After a hard, hot day in the corn-field, with arid throat and aching limbs I descended into the little hamlet of Milldale, nestling in a hollow by the river. I crossed to the opposite bank of the Dove by that little bridge made famous in "The Compleat Angler". Then, very slowly, with my heart beating against my ribs, I struggled up the steep hillside, pausing now and again to regain my breath. Eventually, I reached the summit and perceived my quarry scattered over some quarter mile of ground feeding peacefully. At my approach the nearer beasts raised their heads and gave me that baleful look so characteristic of the cow. When I gave vent to my temper they bestirred themselves so much as to lumber off slowly towards the river. Leaving these to make their way down the hillside, I hastened to the more distant beasts, which were lying on their stomachs, chewing the grass. The first that I approached gently raised her head and looked at me through her big bleary eyes; then she slowly lowered it again, wrapped her tongue round a tuft of grass, pulled it up with a tearing sound and continued chewing. By now quite exasperated I gave vent to my feelings by belabouring the creature, who clumsily staggered to her feet and set off at a lumbering gait in pursuit of her companions. Eventually I induced the remainder of the herd to move.

My troubles, however, were not over yet, for the cows split up into groups, some making their way down while others stood eating. How I prayed for a dog, for having moved one group, I had to climb up again after another, which had recommenced feeding. Finally, I got them all to the river side and here matters became worse than ever. As I have already stated it was a hot, dry day, and on reaching the foot of the hill the cattle made straight for the water. Town-dweller as I was, I knew that it was useless to disturb them till they had quenched their thirst. But the beasts had no respect for my patience, and having

drunk their fill, they stood there with the small wavelets of the river lapping against their legs. As my shouting had no results, other than straining my vocal chords, I seized some stones and threw them, splashing the water on the far side of the beasts. This had the desired effect on the majority, but one, possessed of even less intelligence than her companions, went out on the opposite side of the river.

It will be remembered, I trust, that in order to cross the river I had had to go down to the bridge at Milldale. Imagine my chagrin therefore, when I was compelled to retrace my steps for one solitary stupid cow. Alas for my ignorance, for the least intelligent country boy would have known that a cow will never stay on her own, but soon follow the herd! This I soon discovered, for having arrived at the place where I had left her, I perceived the indolent beast calmly chewing the cud on the other bank again.

In no pleasant frame of mind I returned to Milldale, crossed the bridge and followed my charges. The cattle were now leisurely making their way to the farm where, a quarter of an hour later, I was only too pleased to be relieved of their company.

Alan M. Blight (1948)

## THE EYAM PLAGUE

The sun sinks down 'neath Eyam's hills  
And darkness cloaks the countless ills  
By innocent misadventure wrought,  
The plague from stricken London brought.

As poison in the human veins,  
Contagion spread through streets and lanes.  
To save their lives they needs must fly;  
To save their souls they chose to die.

As God the sombre scene surveys,  
The village bathed in sunset's rays,  
Is he not stirred that sinning earth  
Can to such selfless souls give birth?

Sole emblem of their deeds unknown  
A tilting, mossy, rain-worn stone,  
Which long years has the storms defied,  
Symbolic of the way they died.

The day in reverence doffs her crown,  
The trees their leafy heads bow down,  
And evening falls with bated breath  
Awed by the glory of their death.

Alan M. Blight (1949)

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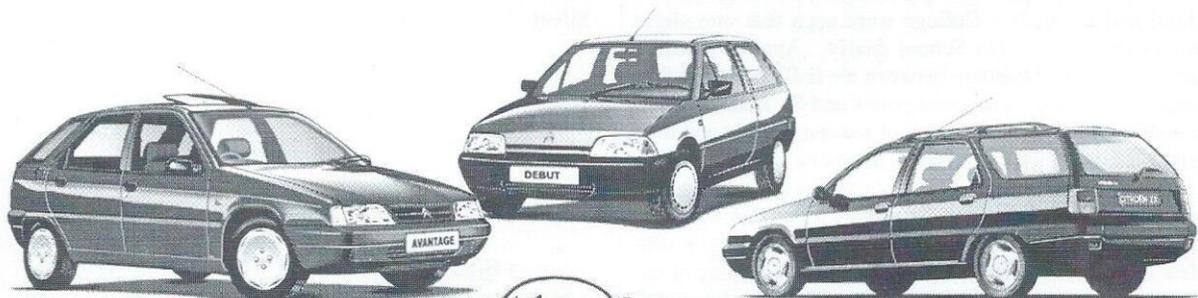
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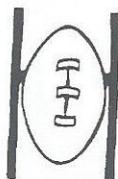


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## GAMES



## RUGBY

### 1ST XV RUGBY

Played 13, Won 3, Lost 10, Points For 191, Against 280.

v Lymm High School	L	6 - 24
v St Ambrose College	L	10 - 49
v Cheadle Hulme School	L	10 - 16
v St Bede's College	L	15 - 18
v Bury Grammar School	W	22 - 0
v Widnes Sixth Form College	L	16 - 21
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	L	10 - 30
v Manchester Grammar School	W	20 - 19
v Bolton School	L	5 - 6
v St. Mary's College, Crosby	L	5 - 34
v Stockport Grammar School	L	7 - 65
v Altrincham Grammar School	L	17 - 21
v Bramhall High School	W	19 - 6

From first glance the results of this year's 1st XV appear poor, particularly when compared with those of the last few seasons. Only a close look at the scores shows how close the side were to winning more games. The two main problems were the poor levels of fitness, especially in the forwards and the lack of any experienced back-row players. If we had a set of forwards who could have played for seventy rather than thirty five minutes and a key back-row player, then at least another four games would have been won.

The team started well in the first two games against Lymm High School and St. Ambrose College. At half-time we were ahead against Lymm and only narrowly losing to St. Ambrose. Unfortunately the team ran out of steam and were well defeated in both games.

At the start of the season it is important for any team to win a game as early as possible. Without the winning habit, those games which could go either way more often than not end in defeat. The games against Cheadle Hulme School and St. Bede's College were such that one slight error in each game cost School dearly. Against Cheadle Hulme, a misunderstanding between the half-backs at a five metre scrum gifted them seven points and St. Bede's scored the simplest of tries as the result of a missed tackle and then dropped a goal to win the game in the dying seconds.

Fortunately School got into winning ways against Bury Grammar School with four good tries from Flatman, Johnson, Gent and Robinson. This was followed by a silly defeat at Widnes where, with the best forward display of the season, we scored two excellent tries and were leading 13 - 7 with only minutes remaining. Instead of kicking two penalties, inexperienced decisions were made which resulted in running the ball back at the opposition, ultimately costing us the game.

After losing against a good King Edward side, School had to pick themselves up for Manchester Grammar. In what was without doubt the best game of the season, the team came back from 19 - 6 down with fifteen minutes remaining to score two outstanding tries, the successful

conversion of the latter by Hancock being the final kick of the game.

This excellent win was followed by the visit of Bolton. The side could not continue the rich vein of form shown the previous week, this time Hancock narrowly failing to convert the last minute try of Robinson to seal the win.

In the final four games, St. Mary's, Crosby, Stockport Grammar School and Altrincham Grammar School ended in defeat but the 1st XV managed to end the season on a high with a 19 - 6 win against Bramhall High School.

Although the results have not been too successful, the majority of the squad have trained hard and played to the best of their ability in every game. Particular thanks must go to the senior players who have made a massive contribution to School rugby over the last seven years and will be sorely missed next season. These included the ever present front-row of England, Pearson and Goodwin, the grafting second row of Haslam and Hadfield, the enthusiasm of Patel, the leadership of Flatman, the hard running and impressive tackling of Gent and Robinson and the pace and skill of Dé, Hope and Johnson. There is a lot of individual talent in this side and I only hope that these players have enjoyed their School rugby and will wish to continue playing the game after leaving School.

Next year, the 1st XV will be very inexperienced which will put a lot of pressure on Hancock who had an outstanding season at scrum half and Johnson, a natural games player who has the ability to play any position in the backs.

Finally my thanks go to parents for their loyal support and to colleagues who have covered for my absence on Saturday mornings.

The following boys also represented the School 1st XV: H Anwar, NG Arthur, MJ Dodd, TCE Edwards, DA Hufton, S Jaiswal, IM Khan, TJ Rashid, MT Royds, JTP Silver.

D J Mallinder

### 2ND XV RUGBY

Played 11, Won 5, Lost 6, Points For 143, Against 227

v Lymm High School	W	36-0
v St Ambrose College	L	10-49
v Cheadle Hulme School	W	15-3
v St Bede's College	W	15-5
v Ashton-on-Mersey High School	L	15-17
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	L	0-38
v Widnes Sixth Form College	L	0-12
v Manchester Grammar School	W	32-7
v Bolton School	W	13-12
v St Mary's College, Crosby	L	7-29
v Stockport Grammar School	L	0-55

The season had its high points, especially the fine performance away to Manchester Grammar School but on other occasions we were given a rugby lesson, particularly by St Ambrose College and Stockport Grammar School. The season was also notable for the high casualty rate which the position of captain seemed to attract. The first captain, R.Seddon, suffered a broken collar bone early in the season (thanks must be given to Dr Vine, who was spectating, for her assistance with the casualty). The second captain, L Ahern, lasted most of the season before suffering a serious hand injury, which resulted in his retirement. The third captain, S Johnson, managed to last to the end of the season. My thanks to all three for their assistance and contribution to the season.

Considering these and many other enforced changes, the team played with commendable enthusiasm and not a little skill. The games against Cheadle Hulme School and Bolton School were won by determination as much as anything else. A number of the players from the Fifth Forms made an impact which bodes well for the future. It was also particularly pleasing to welcome several U6 players into the fold, even though they had not featured in School teams in the recent past.

Players who represented the team on a regular basis include S Johnson, L Ahern, R Seddon, M Royds, J Daniel, M Dodd, M Carulli, R Strudwick, N Arthur, J Taylor, G Brocklehurst, D Johnson, R Mensah, N Ghazi, A Pierce, I Khan and M Whyatt. There were also occasional appearances from H Anwar, S Jaiswal, A Nunney, D Ellis, T Edwards, Z Anjum, A Vine, R Hanley, M Robinson, N Davenport and one very welcome contribution from M Bartlett.

D G Barnes

### U15 RUGBY

Played 14, Won 1, Lost 13, Points For 40, Against 446

v Sandbach School	L	3-38
v Lymm High School	L	0-57
v St Ambrose College	L	5-60
v Cheadle Hulme School	L	0-49
v St Bede's College	L	5-35
v Ashton -on-Mersey High School	L	20-36
v Bury Grammar School	L	0-68
v Audenshaw High School	L	0-45
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	L	7-58
v Manchester Grammar School	L	7-59
v Bolton School	L	7-41
v St Mary's College, Crosby	W	7-0
v Stockport Grammar School	L	0-71
v Bramhall High School	L	7-97

As can be seen from the results this was not a winning season, however it was not without it's successes. Apart from the one win the successes were mainly individual in nature. The squad is beset with problems and shortcomings that are a manager/coach's worst nightmare. They have a poor record from years gone by so quite naturally the players find it difficult to be enthusiastic about playing each week knowing that they are likely to be on the wrong end of yet another heavy defeat.

I am not going to dwell on our failings, the players themselves are all too well aware of their own shortcomings in playing skills and attitude towards the game and the self-will needed to improve. I would like to highlight what I consider to be the positive things.

My first aim was to ensure that we, as a squad, fulfilled all our commitments in terms of fixtures. We would play all our games and we would field a full team each week. Our opposition expect it and it is a matter of respect that we provide nothing less than our best. On every occasion bar one we did just this, and I for one count this as a success. There were other schools, Sale Grammar and Altrincham Grammar who chose not to fulfil their commitment and with it they denied us a chance of an evenly match game in which the outcome was not a foregone conclusion in the minds of our squad. I say again, I am very proud of the boys who turned out each week and gave 100% effort against all the odds. It speaks volumes about their character.

Normally I do not like to single out individuals from the squad as a whole, however, in this case I am going to make a number of exceptions. I would first like to mention a group not usually thought of in rugby terms. We are a multi-cultural school and the Asian culture does not have a tradition of participation in rugby, but Omar Ajaz, Arindam Shome, Fayaz Ahmed, Tayyab Akhlaq, Kopul Rahman and Amjad Khan all worked hard to improve in training and made invaluable contributions in matches. Omar and Arindam being quite outstanding in their efforts. These boys were supported by Christopher Lindley, Robert Watson, Neil Matthews and Ben Green who also showed the same level of commitment. However, by far the greatest effort made and influence on the squad was Richard Nixon. As can be seen from the results, Richard's efforts, encouragement and leadership were often made to no avail but he never gave up. His reward came in the respect accorded him by our opposition and in his selection for the East Cheshire team for whom he played four games before Christmas. Based on these performances he was selected for the full Cheshire squad which makes him one of the top 3 players in his position in the county. A fantastic achievement, I wish him well and hope to see him go on further in the future.

Moving to the future, this is the last time this squad will play as a year group, next year they will move on to senior games with the Sixth form. I would expect to see some in the 2nd XV while others will develop their skills by playing for their Houses. What the future will bring for all is a change and chance of some success. Finally I would like to thank Mr Mallinder for his help in coaching sessions and Mr Myers for his team managership at Lytham and to the parents who supported.

The full U15 squad was:- J Arnold, T Akhlaq, F Ahmed, O Ajaz, M Daniel, A Dignan, P Edisbury, C Edwards, J Finch, B Green, C Grimshaw, M Ghazi, J Hancock, R Jenkins, A Khan, C Lindley, N Matthews, R Nixon, M Norcliffe, K Rahman, G Sethi, R Richardson, A Shome, R Watson, G West, D Wynter.

N.P. Dunn

### U14 RUGBY

Played 15, Won 15, Drawn 0, Points For 469, Against 86

v Sandbach School	W	53-0
v Lymm High School	W	19-7
v St Ambrose College	W	12-0
v Cheadle Hulme School	W	54-0
v Sale Grammar School	W	24-12
v St Bede's College	W	34-12

v Ashton-on-Mersey High School	W 43-7
v Bury Grammar School	W 60-0
v Audenshaw High School	W 49-0
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	W 27-10
v Manchester Grammar School	W 10-7
v Bolton School	W 10-5
v St Mary's College, Crosby	W 44-0
v Stockport Grammar School	W 10-7
v Bramhall High School	W 20-19

Any rugby coach would be extremely fortunate to inherit this particular squad, containing as it does a vast wealth of talent in all positions. However, at the beginning of the season the team was far too reliant on the skills of individuals, and was a long way from playing as a cohesive unit. As the season progressed and it became obvious that one player alone could not now win matches, the team began to gel together and as a result became a force to be reckoned with.

The skill levels of the squad are currently very high, although improvement can always be made, and this allowed us to concentrate on getting the backs and forwards to work as effective units, which then complemented each other perfectly in match situations. This teamwork is a vital element of the game of rugby at all levels, and the squad's ability to absorb that fact won them a number of very close games throughout the season.

Against St Ambrose, where the score was 0-0 at half time, the team effort displayed by WHGS in the second half was the clear dividing factor between the teams. Similarly against King Edward VII, good teamwork in defence absorbed the intense pressure exerted by the opposition, allowing a well deserved victory.

The game at home against Manchester Grammar always promised to be the crunch match of the season. Both teams were very tense and very determined, and close forward play dominated throughout. The vastly improved line-out performance of WHGS proved to be a huge asset, and the team's commitment to hard tackling was always evident. MGS's early lead was quickly tied with an excellent individual try by William Kent, and the only score in the second half was Chris Harwood's heart-stopping penalty kick which won what has to be one of the best games of schoolboy rugby I have ever seen.

The now euphoric squad approached the remaining games with varying degrees of concentration, but with a mixture of good technique, teamwork and luck managed to maintain their unbeaten record. I have focused on the need for, and development of, teamwork this season, and every one of the players listed below has been a part of their continued success, with just one loss in three seasons. However, certain individuals do deserve special mention.

Thomas Chung has demonstrated on many occasions why he so aptly deserves the nick-name 'Rhino', with his quite ferocious tackling. William Kent and Joe Holland have both shown vast potential as loose forwards, whilst Dan Naylor, Chris Harwood and Ian Allison have been superb in both attack and defence. All the above, plus several others on the squad, have excellent chances for County selection next season.

The full squad consisted of: T Chung, J Byrom, A Machin (Props); I Gage, N Sharwin (Hookers); C White, A Wardle, A Harris (Second Row); J Holland, J Veitch (Flankers); W Kent (No. 8); T Gent (Scrum Half); D Naylor (Fly Half); C Harwood, I Allison (Centres); P Robinson, D Rogers, J Wu (Wings); R Hopkinson, J Murphy (Full Backs); A Pickford, L Coffey (injured).

My thanks as ever to Mr Seddon and Mr Mallinder for their help during the season, and to all the parents who regularly turned up to support the team.

A R Austen

## U13 RUGBY

Played 16, Won 12, Lost 4, Points For 413, Against 184.

v Sandbach School	L 5-7
v Lymm High School	L 0-24
v St Ambrose College	L 0-34
v Cheadle Hulme School	W 29-5
v Sale Grammar School	W 26-7
v St Bede's College	W 25-0
v Ashton-on-Mersey High School	W 41-0
v Bury Grammar School	W 52-0
v Audenshaw High School	W 29-12
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	W 19-5
v Manchester Grammar School	W 14-5
v Bolton School	W 27-12
v St Mary's College, Crosby	W 62-0
v Stockport Grammar School	W 17-15
v Altrincham Grammar School	W 55-0
v Bramhall High School	L 16-27

Following a fairly shaky start, in which the team lost the first three fixtures, the season went from strength to strength. The players worked hard at their individual and positional skills, and the whole squad worked conscientiously towards a pattern of play that we expected would bring success. The pattern was based around some strong running backs and required a good, quick supply of ball from the forwards.

It was pleasing to see the efforts made in training paying off in the important areas of ball retention, tackling and the swift transference of the ball into space. Such was the overall improvement that a run of twelve victories followed with the opposition being unable to score many points against a strong defence.

The "front five" of Anthony Green, Daniel Gall, Puya Niroomand, Robert Thompson and Alick Hyde, and later Arif Zia, formed the basis of a solid scrum although, as they progress up the School, their techniques in the line out will need to improve. This solid platform allowed the back row much freedom. John Fletcher, Sam Higgins, Daniel Robinson and James Wimbleton were sound in defence and worked hard on the training field to sort out their running angles in both attack and defence. Sometimes these players took the ball a little too far into the contact situation but generally produced a good body position to enable the support players to quickly ruck over the ball. This supply of good, quick ball was well used by Scott Griffiths, and later Brett Ramsuair, at scrum half. The plan was to quickly move the ball into the centre positions and attack from there. In this respect the position of fly half became one of rapid distribution and Paul Stonehouse carried out this task efficiently throughout the season. Once or twice Paul decided to run with the ball, but once he emerged from the bottom of the ensuing ruck, he had time to question the wisdom of some of his decisions.

Warren Dawkins and Matthew Dewsnap (who captained the team following an early injury to Scott) were the regular centre pairing. Both complemented each other in that Warren ran elusively with Matthew preferring the more direct approach. Both boys showed great

improvement during the season in attack and defence. Each must continue to work hard on decision making skills, i.e. when to pass, when to run and when to kick, as I can see them developing into a very competent unit in later years.

Julian Chapman, Brett Ramsumair or Alex Johnstone were the wingers. All were capable of scoring tries, which after all, is the primary role of a winger, but again they were sound in defence and, as the season progressed, went looking for the ball if it was not obviously going to reach them directly. Robert Booker was the last line of defence - quite literally on some occasions. If every player in the team tackled like Robert then no team would score a try against us. Courageous and technically very good he, on more than one occasion, faced any opponent, often bigger than himself, and brought him down with a textbook tackle. For the future, Robert should work hard to improve his speed (to enter the attack line) and his defensive kicking.

Several other players attended training regularly. All showed improvement and contributed greatly to the success of the team when they played. Andrew McLeod, Chris Howarth, Bill Shaw, Sam Hughes and James Meers are to be congratulated for their commitment and enthusiasm even though they could not, this year, command a regular place in the team.

Finally my thanks to Mr J Thompson (Robert's Dad) for giving his time and expertise at training. It was much easier for the squad to be able to work as separate forwards and back units before coming together for "team tactics". Mr Thompson regularly came to our after School practise sessions and Saturday games and soon developed a rapport with the squad. All the forwards benefited from his advice and progressed into a tight forward unit capable of competing with all opposition. Thank you also to the many parents who supported the team throughout the season.

I will follow with interest the progress of the squad throughout the School and expect many more good seasons to follow.

C H Seddon

## U12 RUGBY

Played 12, Won 9, Drawn 3, Lost 0, Points For 292, Against 85.

v St Bede's College	D 15 - 15
v Ashton-on-Mersey High School	W 14 - 12
v Bury Grammar School	W 42 - 0
v Audenshaw High School	W 17 - 7
v Cheadle Hulme School	W 43 - 7
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	D 12 - 12
v Manchester Grammar School	D 22 - 22
v Bolton School	W 5 - 0
v St Mary's College, Crosby	W 19 - 0
v Stockport Grammar School	W 12 - 10
v Altrincham Grammar School	W 49 - 0
v Bramhall High School	W 42 - 0

This has been a successful and exciting season for the U12 Rugby Squad, whose performances on the field have shown real ability, talent and promise. These results have been coupled with an excellent attitude, commitment and enthusiasm, to make a real potent force. The initial squad consisted of 30 boys, some of whom, although never playing a single School game all season, never lost their desire to participate and learn.

The season began with a closely contested draw against St. Bede's. Ogden-Smith, Platt and Coley scored the tries and this was a pattern that was to be repeated throughout the season. This was followed by an excellent game against Ashton-on-Mersey, where the teams were separated by Robi Dé's accurate conversions. Against Bury Grammar the team romped to victory as McKenzie scored four tries on the wing. These opening games had shown that the team were capable of playing open, attractive and expansive rugby.

A closely fought contest against Audenshaw again went in the School's favour. In this game the forwards were beginning to win good loose ball for the backs who ran very effectively. Against a weaker Cheadle Hulme side Ogden-Smith and Platt, centre and fly-half respectively, ran in 7 tries as Dé kicked 4 conversions. After this successful start the team went to Lytham to play King Edward VII and a genuinely high class schoolboy game ended, justifiably, in a draw.

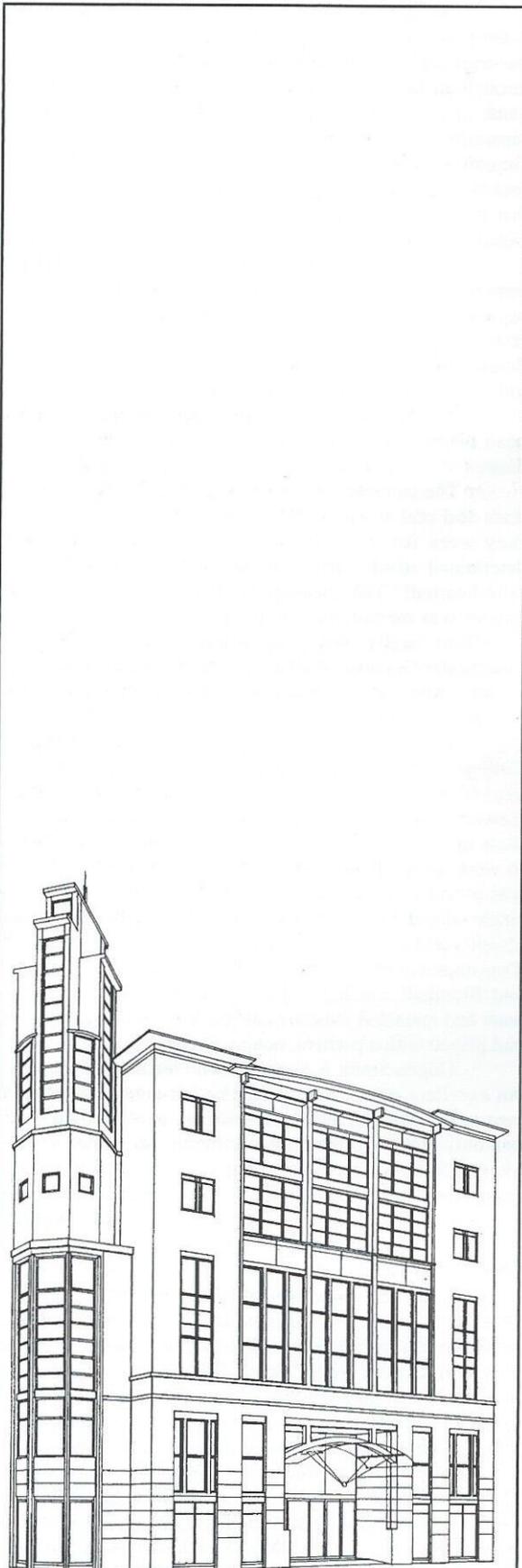
The game against King Edward VII proved that the team had real 'guts' and determination. Time and again they were forced to defend their own line against a determined attack. This was certainly not a game for the faint-hearted! The encounter with Manchester Grammar School was memorable. Both sides managed to produce excellent rugby and four minutes into injury time Manchester Grammar scored a try that levelled the scores at 22 all. Amid all the excitement the referee must have forgotten to blow his whistle!

Victories against Bolton School and St. Mary's College, Crosby ensued. In the latter game Rick Johnson proved himself to be a powerful, brave and effective forward. Omer Raja and Bilal Hussain also excelled in these two games. The fact that the forwards were beginning to work as an effective unit rather than in one's and two's was a crucial factor in the victory against Stockport. A single conversion, by Dé divided the two teams, but Ogden-Smith's and Patel's heroic tackling lingered in the mind. Two impressively comfortable victories against Altrincham and Bramhall concluded the season on a high note. The team had remained unbeaten all year and, more importantly, had played with a positive, honest and courageous attitude.

Ogden-Smith is a captain who leads from the front. An excellent runner and tackler he has a lot to live up to next year. Michael Platt's athleticism, explosive pace and aggression were often decisive factors in games, whilst Shane Coley's quick feet were often too sharp for the opposition. Andrew McIntyre also had a very good season which peaked with two tries against Manchester Grammar School. The forwards were led by Raja, Hussain and Johnson, but they received admirable support from Eldin (when he turned up on time!), Patel, Brighouse, Moosa, Ofoche, Djang and Khoshneviszadeh. Roy Chohan also proved to be very versatile. The remaining backs comprised of Sutton, Garner, Venet, Serrant, Webber and Tamkin, all of whom acquitted themselves extremely well. I would like to sincerely thank all those colleagues and parents who offered advice, help and support throughout the season.

The squad consisted of: C. Ogden-Smith (Captain), M. Al-Himdani, C. Bowmer, M. Brighouse, R. Chohan, S. Coley, R. D. K. Djang, Y. Eldin, R. Garner, B. Hussain, I. Ishfaq, R. Johnson, R. Kay, S. Khoshneviszadeh, A. McIntyre, M. McKenzie, N. Moosa, J. Oldin, J. Ofoche, S. Patel, S. Peck, M. Platt, O. Raja, S. Saeed, R. Serrant, T. Sutton, W. Tamkin, A. Venet and M. Webber.

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**LACROSSE**



**1ST X LACROSSE**

League Matches: Played 7, Won 5, Lost 2.

v Poynton B (H)	L	6 - 11
v Wilmslow A (H)	L	5 - 10
v Ashton B (H)	W	10 - 1
v Manchester University (H)	W	7 - 6
v Cheadle C (H)	W	20 - 4
v Stockport C (H)	W	12 - 7
v Boardman and Eccles B (A)	W	8 - 0

David Beesley Cup : 2nd round		
v Stockport B (A)	L	2 - 20

Under 19 League: floodlit Sunday games at Manchester University

v Stockport Grammar School	W	8 - 2
v Wilmslow	L	4 - 8
v Sale	L	3 - 9
v Timperley	L	0 - 7
v Stopfordians	L	6 - 13

It was always apparent that this season was not going to be an easy one. A decision not to field a second team was taken early, given the knowledge that a greater than usual number of leavers from the Fifth Form squad had left us seriously short of senior players. Added to this though was a late realisation that some of the squad we were hoping to have available were either unable or unwilling to support our aims to maintain this historically great strength in School sport. The main losers here were, of course, those seniors who, having played years of School lacrosse, deserved to get the very best out of their last season, and it could have happened that they too decided that the battle to keep up our proud record was going to be simply too great. Thankfully this was an attitude totally alien to the excellent seniors of this year's side, who gave, as they have always done, a full hundred per cent.

The early league games were against strong, well-organised teams and were in fact very close until last quarter desperation threw the points away. But these two disappointments proved a springboard for a recovery which produced some very good results in February and March. This could not have happened without the drive and devotion of two outstanding midfielders, the captain, Jon Flatman, and his principal team-mate of many years, Josh Robinson, who was awarded the Andy Brown Trophy as our Player of the Season.

With these two setting such a consistently fine example league results were bound to improve and many players began to realise their potential. In goal Jeff Pearson took both lucky and unlucky breaks with characteristic good humour; Mike Birtwistle quickly learned to defend within his limitations and, with Paul Beales, began to form a reliable unit which achieved real positional stability when joined by the excellent Ben Veitch. The main midfielders' pace was equalled by Dan Taylor and Dan Gent and all the midfield

were able to exceed their league opponents in sheer speed and fitness: the addition of Richard Bell added excellent skills and cheeky self-confidence. Carl Hope led the attack, converting large numbers of chances under pressure.

It was a great pity that we had to meet such strong opposition so early in the Cup, and do so with a team far below normal strength. On Sundays too the side rarely reached its full potential for long, suffering too often from a need to vary the line-up due to players' alternative commitments on a Sunday evening, not the best time to play lacrosse (or anything else) in mid-winter. We have still to make a real impact in Under 19 competition, but there is more than a slight excuse in the fact that we are, for these fixtures, more of an Under 17 side.

So an initially very worrying season developed well thanks to the honest efforts of a large number of players. The high points were the defeat of Manchester University, the only league game they lost, and the final 'shut out' achieved by a 14-year-old goalkeeper and the whole team's commendable temperament.

The team was usually selected from: Goal - Jeff Pearson, Defence - Mike Birtwistle, Paul Beales, Ben Veitch, Midfield - Jon Flatman (C), Josh Robinson, Daniel Taylor, Daniel Gent, Guy Brocklehurst, Richard Bell, Attack - Carl Hope, Nick Ghazi, Andrew Holden, Kamron Khan, James Calderbank.

This was supplemented for the Sunday fixtures by many more of Mr. Simkin's successful Under 16 side, especially Matt Robinson, Nick Gilmore, Steven Flood, John Daniels, James Higgins and Paul Murphy and also occasionally by the extremely promising James Veitch, Richard Hopkinson and Phil Robinson from the Under 14.

My thanks go to all these players, and also to Messrs Wenham, Wood and Simkin for their help and support, and especially to Mr. Andrew Veitch for his great enthusiasm and the driving force he has provided and the confidence he has inspired from the bench.

C P Langford

### U16 LACROSSE

Played 10, Won 5, Lost 5, For 60, Against 47.

v Poynton (A)	W	7-2
v Stockport Grammar School (H)	W	14-3
v Ashton (H)	L	5-9
v Poynton (A) (Juniors & Schools Cup)	W	11-3
v Heaton Mersey (A)	L	4-7
v Timperley (A)(Juniors & Schools Cup)	W	6-4
v Heaton Mersey (A)(Juniors & Schools Cup)	L	3-5
v Waconians (A)	L	1-5
v Wilmslow (A)	L	4-6
v Stockport (H)	W	5-3

The results show an average season but do not tell the full story. Owing to the fact that only a few players were involved in School rugby during the Michaelmas Term, we were able to play several matches before our season officially started. Also we managed to get some practices in during the Christmas break on the astroturf at Brooklands and hence we were better prepared than is normal when the Lent Term started. A win against Poynton was followed by an easier win against Stockport Grammar School before we had our first setback: a 9-5 defeat against a well organised Ashton side.

As normal with this age group, the main focus of attention for the season was the Juniors and Schools Cup. We

had to wait for our first round match against Poynton as snow and ice caused two postponements. When the match was eventually played, it brought one of our more convincing displays and a comfortable win. The postponements did cause problems: we could not raise a team over half-term and Timperley, our second round opponents, could not play on the following Saturday. (We managed to fit a game in on that Saturday against a strong Heaton Mersey team and lost 7-4 despite finishing up on top.) With a limited number of Saturdays left in the season, it looked as though we might have to concede the game against Timperley, but, at the last moment, managed to fit the game in on astroturf at The Firs in midweek. In an exciting game, the School finished ahead at 6-4 when the game ended, not by the customary final whistle, but when the lights went out! The win earned the School a semi-final place against Heaton Mersey. The absence of Hancock (on international duty for rugby) and two other players (in Saturday detentions) did not help the cause. The game followed a similar pattern to the first encounter: Heaton Mersey opened up a lead before the School came back strongly but Heaton Mersey held out.

The season petered out a little after that with defeats at Waconians and Wilmslow before we finished with a win at home to Stockport ( the Juniors & Schools Cup winners).

The statistics of the ten matches reflect our strengths and weaknesses. To concede less than five goals per match should ensure success in most games. However, although our defence was miserly, our attack had difficulty scoring at the other end. We averaged just six goals per game and only reached double figures twice.

This year group had no goal-keeper and three different ones were used. Mathew Robinson played, as an over age player, in most of the non-cup games. Philip Robinson played in the cup games and Michael Robson also played. All three of them found themselves well protected by an excellent defence. Stephen Flood, Nick Gilmore and Ben Veitch formed a very solid defensive trio that will probably be the First Team defence for the next two years. Stephen is very sound technically, very rarely concedes a penalty but, if he is to be faulted, he sometimes lacks a bit of aggression. Nick benefited from his experience as captain of the successful Lancashire Under 16's and was full of confidence either with or without the ball, often helping with clearing. Ben is the best pure defender but, occasionally allows his handling and his temperament to reduce his effectiveness. Very rarely did the opposition score against settled defence: most goals coming from broken play, fast breaks and man ups. John Daniels, as long stick midfield, helped with the defensive duties but was also able to make a significant contribution going forward.

Craig Baker, Richard Bell and James Higgins formed the nucleus of the midfield. Craig is an athlete and his strong running will pay bigger dividends when he learns to look up earlier to release the ball. Richard was our main play maker - he has good natural skills and a good shot. James was the workhorse, taking most of the faces and never shirking responsibility. David Hancock missed most of the season because of rugby commitments. When he did play, he showed what an influential player he could be and how he might have changed things in the semi-final. Nicky Arthur and Russell Jones also made significant contributions in midfield.

The most regular attack consisted of Rob Hanley, Paul Murphy and Matthew Naylor. Rob has got the potential to be a very good player but often allowed defenders to intimidate him so that he did not fulfil his potential. Paul shows better movement than anyone else in attack and has

reasonable handling skills in tight situations. Hence, he creates many scoring opportunities for himself. However, he must improve his finishing. Matthew has a good left hand which came into its own in man ups. He also has the potential to be an excellent feeder but must learn to discriminate between what is a good and poor cut, rather than feeding the first cutter each time.

The season as a whole was a good one but left me with a feeling of under-achievement. The defence gave the basis for success but the attack did not really develop as I would have hoped. Also the absence of key players in the Cup semi-final was frustrating. My thanks go to all the players for their efforts during the season, with particular thanks to James Higgins as a captain who led by example. I am also indebted to Andy Veitch for his help with the coaching. His enthusiasm and ability to read game situations was invaluable.

The following players represented the School : J.T. Higgins (capt.), N.G. Arthur, C.A. Baker, R.F.M. Bell, J. Daniels, S.T.R. Flood, N. Gilmore, D.T. Hancock, R.K. Hanley, R.S. Jones, W.O. Kent, P.R. Murphy, M.R. Naylor, M.E. Robinson, P.J. Robinson, M.E.C. Robson and B.H. Veitch.

A Simkin

### U15 LACROSSE

As far as results are concerned this was not a successful season for the U15 lacrosse team. We played eight and unfortunately lost them all. I therefore don't intend to list the results, however the fact that the most we scored in a single game was two (compared to an average of roughly 15 goals conceded) is an indication that we were on the end of several fairly heavy defeats.

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I would much rather concentrate on the positive aspects of the season and there was much that the players can be proud of. The fact that all the games we played were against U16 opponents meant that every game would be tough. The extra year of experience and training makes an enormous difference and this showed. However the most positive and encouraging aspect of the season was that the team never gave up. Against older opposition who are already ten goals up at half time it is all too easy to hang ones head and admit defeat. The U15's however continued to plug away, playing to the best of their ability until the final whistle in every match. This positive attitude was also seen in the practice sessions. Rather than letting the enthusiasm drop, the players continued to train throughout the season, and whilst some sessions could have been better attended, overall the attitude to training was excellent.

A particularly encouraging aspect of the U15 X is that they play as a team rather than a bunch of individuals, utilising their strengths and recognising their weaknesses. This should stand them in good stead as next year's U16 X.

Perhaps the one single characteristic of the team that has made them such a pleasure to coach is the good humour which they bring to each game. The team continued smiling in defeat, without resorting to malice and dirty play, with players working for each other and cheering one another on.

The poor results should not imply that the team lacks talent or ability. It is true that there are no 'superstars' but several individuals show promise if they continue to apply themselves and deserve particular mention. Chris Lindley proved to be a very brave shot stopper in the goal and along with the powerful Richard Nixon they should make up the defensive backbone of next year's team. Neil McLeod was the season's top scorer, making up for his lack of speed with quick handling. Adam Dignan fulfilled his role as captain admirably, leading by example.

The most improved player was Paul Edisbury who could become an excellent middie if his handling skills continue to improve at the rate they have done throughout the season.

All in all a satisfactory season. The results were not the best but there is much that the team can take encouragement from.

The following players represented the School: Jeremy Arnold, Adam Dignan, Paul Edisbury, Raymond Fu, Michael Ghazi, Ben Green, Zahoorul Haq, Chris Lindley, Matthew Ludlam, Ross Mackay, Neil McLeod, Richard Nixon, Robert Richardson, Craig Smith and Robert Watson.

T H Wenham

### U14 LACROSSE

Played 9, Won 8, Lost 1, Points For 113, Against 37

An excellent season was enjoyed by the Under 14 Lacrosse squad, the only defeat being by Timperley Lacrosse Club, unfortunately in the Cup competition. This game was very early in the School's season and was played on astroturf. Despite these setbacks, the team acquitted themselves well and benefited from the experience.

The Under 14's are a well balanced squad having pace and power throughout the team. This allowed us to work seriously on man-to-man defence and it is a credit to the players that only 37 goals were conceded all season (21 being conceded in the first three matches). It also helps to have two good goalkeepers to choose from and Michael Robson and

Philip Robinson alternated in this position with distinction. A solid defence unit selected from Joe Holland, David Rogers, Chris White, Andrew Machin or Andrew Pickford worked hard at the individual and unit skills necessary in the game. The better defenders in Lacrosse are also good ball handlers being able to cross into the attack half when required to do so. Joe and David very much enjoyed an excursion into attack and gave our game an added dimension. In midfield we were similarly blessed with strong running, athletic players. Luke Coffey, Tom Hickman, Daniel Naylor, William Kent, Richard Hopkinson, Tom Gent, Nick Sharwin and, later, Adam Race all played their part in both attack and defence. However, as with Jonathan Murphy, Anthony Edwards, Mark Brown and, later, Gary Meakin in attack, all should work hard at the individual skills of quick passing, the ability to take players on and beat them to create space for a shot and, possibly most importantly, the ability to move into space, off the ball, either to receive a pass or pull a defender out of position. James Veitch demonstrated all these skills regularly and would be my player of the season closely followed by David Rogers, Joe Holland, Philip Schofield and Richard Hopkinson.

Finally my thanks to all the players for their enthusiasm and commitment throughout the term, to Mr Wenham for his help and expertise at training, to all the parents who supported the team especially Mr Veitch and Mr Robson who contributed much valuable advice and to Mr D Marsden who refereed several games, often at short notice.

C H Seddon

### U13 LACROSSE

Played 8, Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 4.

v Stockport Grammar School 'A' (A)	L	4 - 8
v Stockport Grammar School (A) (Cup)	L	2 - 15
v Boardman and Eccles (A)	W	10 - 6
v Wilmslow (A)	D	8 - 8
v Poynton (A)	L	3 - 15
v Sale (H)	L	2 - 11
v Stockport Grammar School 'A' (A)	W	13 - 2
v Sheffield (H)	W	13 - 1

It is difficult, nowadays, unless you are big for your age and a naturally skilful games player, to face a season on a Under 13 side. It is especially difficult if you have become used to winning games, and winning them easily. And it is even more difficult if the only purpose of your game is winning! At present, with the lacrosse organisation run, quite reasonably, with clubs, not schools, in mind, there are very few Under 13 sides to play against, and therefore the opposition you face is usually a majority of Third Years, some of whom will be very big and a few of whom will be very skilful and experienced.

But this is not a recipe for a 'no win' situation; certainly not if we can avoid looking too critically at the results. Players of character at any sport will always learn more playing against the odds, and learning to control the play, to support our team-mates and to limit our individual efforts to times when they have a real chance of success is what Under 13 teams should really expect out of a season.

As a particular illustration, it is well worth emphasising how very well the team played, in differently impossible conditions, against the strong (and very big) teams from Sale and Poynton. Very large portions of these games were evenly contested: the actual results are irrelevant. The

result of the fine game against Wilmslow, hosted by the Hulmeians Lacrosse Club, superbly refereed and enjoyed by all the players, was, on the other hand, a perfect reflection of the game - however, it does not tell of the sheer guts which brought us the draw from an apparent losing situation! The final game against Sheffield, a deserved bonus after a hard season, was apparently simply an easy win - but again the result tells nothing of the weakened squad we fielded, nor the pleasure of entertaining a keen, well-organised group of players from a new club.

As a whole, our squad was a very promising group: particularly successful were goalkeeper Daniel Gall, who often had to take great pressure, Matt Dewsnap, a strong, hard, midfield who could hold his own in any company, Warren Dawkins - Player of the Season - who excelled in positional play and in turning defence into attack, and Anthony Green in the attack, who already looks ready to receive the ball when closely marked. Others also showed moments of real promise.

I cannot close without expressing my sincere thanks for their help to those parents who regularly provided transport, to Messrs Wenham and Wood for help with coaching and organisation, and finally and particularly to Mr. Iain Shaw, who transported, provided kit, coached, refereed and provided a terrific driving force for all the players.

The team was usually selected from: Goal - Daniel Gent and Michael Robson, Defence - Robert Thompson, Warren Dawkins, William Shaw and Sam McClements, Midfield - Matthew Dewsnap, Scott Griffiths, Alex Johnstone, Julian Chapman, Andrew McLeod, and Brett Ramsumair, Attack - Jamie Meers, Anthony Green, Chris Howarth and Daniel Mather.

C P Langford

### U12 LACROSSE

Played 7; Won 5, Lost 2; Goals for 49, Against 37

v Poynton (Cup) (A)	L	3 - 17
v Heaton Mersey (H)	W	11 - 4
v Sale (A)	W	8 - 7
v Timperley (H)	W	7 - 0
v Cheadle (A)	L	1 - 7
v Waconians (H)	W	7 - 2
v Stockport Grammar School (H)	W	12 - 0
6-a-sides (at Timperley) Played 4; Won 3, Lost 1		
v Mellor	L	1 - 5
v Timperley	W	3 - 0
v Nottingham	W	5 - 2
v Poynton	W	5 - 2

The Christmas holiday period saw three training sessions for First Year boys, most of whom were new to the sport of lacrosse. Unusually, three potential defenders arrived with long sticks - very useful if they could use them confidently - and a 'guest' arrived from Altrincham Grammar School with his Under 13 lacrosse-playing brother. The first three weeks of the Term saw more boys come on a regular basis to lunchtime sessions and on Saturday mornings, and much talent soon developed. The squad developed into a larger group of boys than in previous years, all of whom could handle well and much enthusiasm was shown. The regular coaching given by Mr Wood, Mr Crane and Carl Hope helped develop individual skills before a game situation was considered, and the first match was planned for the end of January.

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The first scheduled match was called off because of bad weather, and then Norbury were unable to field a team for the following weekend. Our first match, therefore, was a Cup match away to a strong Poynton side, by which time we had had no match experience. We managed to score first, but, thereafter, we dropped the ball too often whenever goalscoring chances developed, whereas the opposition made many chances in front of goals. We also tired quickly on a very heavy pitch. The final score of 3 - 17 showed a comprehensive loss, but there was much to praise about the performance, especially of Nasir Moosa in goals and Stephen Peck in attack. Our next opponents were Heaton Mersey, and they brought quite a strong squad to William Hulme's, but our squad was now feeling confident. Sixteen players had experienced a game, and our midfield looked strong, as we managed to play them in strings of three. Michael Platt and Chris Ogden-Smith looked strong going forward, but the teamwork was not sufficiently in evidence to enable us to score as many goals as we were capable of. In attack, the harassing of Ryan Garner always put Mersey under pressure, and a comfortable win resulted.

Over half term, we put a squad into a six-a-side tournament at Timperley, where the astroturf brought added complications. In the first match, we threw the ball away when we were attacking, but then looked very good in the other three matches, which were each won. Three wins in four was still not good enough to reach the semi final, but a good time was had by all.

Our first match after the holiday was on a cold day away to Sale, when new players were introduced. A tough game developed with the lead changing hand several times, before we took a three goal lead, which was just held onto at the end. Timperley then brought a young team to play at School, and we had another large squad. Kofi Djang brought strength into the defence, and Andrew McIntyre's left-handed play in attack was also sharp. However, the attacking qualities of our individuals was still not used fully, as the ball was not always passed sufficiently early, and many more goals should have been scored in the comfortable win. Our worst performance of the season came at Cheadle, when the defence was too often out of position, and the attack seldom received the ball. Our loss by only six goals was partly thanks to Nasir Moosa in goals. Our home win against Waconians was comfortable, despite absences due to illness, and our final match was at home to Stockport Grammar School. We used a squad of seventeen (including the nine year old son of the coach!), and all gained much satisfaction from the involvement in what had become a well-motivated squad. Goals came at a rate of three a quarter, with Stephen Peck scoring in the last minute to equal the season's scoring tally of Michael Platt.

At the end of the season, a group of twelve boys and two coaches went to South Wales for two days, to encourage the new teams that had arisen in Monmouth and Cardiff. Unfortunately, the opposition had insufficient players at Under 12 level, and we had to play against Under 14's. Although their stick-handling was no better than ours, their size, weight and strength were too great for our tired squad. All enjoyed their weekend away, however, thanks to the excellent hosting of Tim Harris and his family, a contact we hope we can keep for the future.

As individuals, the team had much talent. Nasir, in goals, had many excellent games, and his distribution improved as the season developed. Peter Sunderland captained the team and is a good defender, but must ensure that neither he nor the others are drawn out of position. He must command the others around him. Kofi is very strong, and, with improved handling, especially passing, he can be

very useful in the future. Ravi Gokal covers defensively from midfield and is a good handler, but he must improve his attack play. Robi Dé has natural lacrosse skills, but must also score more goals. From midfield, Michael and Chris both started to organise the team into attacking positions, and, as natural athletes, will be the basis of future teams. Stephen will score many goals in attack, especially if he cuts into position regularly instead of staying outside the attacking zone. I am pleased to see his confidence in going left-handed. Ryan Garner and Jonathan Case each work hard, but need to pass quicker and harder, and score more regularly.

This group of boys has been a pleasure to coach, and there developed a larger number of boys than usual who were good enough to be playing on a regular basis. Better use of coaching time was possible this year, thanks to the help given and time put in by Mr Crane, Mr Wenham and Carl Hope. Thanks also to the parents who helped with transport over the season.

The team was usually selected from : Nasir Moosa, Peter Sunderland, Haitham Hassan, Kofi Djang, Oliver Ludlam, Chris Ogden-Smith, Michael Platt, Robi Dé, Ravi Gokal, Shane Coley, Justin Ofoche, Jonathan Case, Stephen Peck, Ryan Garner, Andrew McIntyre.

Also played : Richard Colebrook, Tom Sutton, William Tamkin, Antony Venet, Joe Gavagan, Yasir Eldin, Simon Griffiths

M.D. Wood

## HOCKEY



### 1ST XI HOCKEY

Played 8, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 3

v Stockport Grammar School (H)	W 1-0
v Manchester High School (H)	D 0-0
v Withington Girls' School (A)	W 2-0
v Newcastle-Under-Lyme School (A)	L 0-2
v King's School, Macclesfield (H)	W 6-0
v St Bede's College (H)	W 2-0
v Withington Girls' School (H)	L 0-1
v Stockport Grammar School (A)	L 1-2

The 1st XI had a fairly even season, winning 4 of our 8 matches played. As we lost several players at the end of last season we welcomed many new team members, including Fifth Years who slotted in well and were helped along by the more experienced players.

The general play and attitude of the squad was good and confidence grew throughout the season. Players became more versatile which helped towards the end of the season when we were hit by injury and other commitments.

Caroline Ip had a superb season, dominating the centre of the pitch, feeding the ball out to the forwards yet always managing to be back in defence when needed. Different systems had to be played to accommodate new players and I congratulate the team for their co-operation and their ability to play out of position.

Two matches particularly stand out for me. Firstly, the game against King's School, Macclesfield: as we had previously had a mental block in front of goal and had not made the most of our many chances it was nice to put 6 in the back of the net and gain a convincing victory. The second being our final game against Stockport Grammar. As this was the last School match many of us would ever play we were psyched up from the start with effort and determination showing through superbly on the pitch. At half time we were 0-1 down, but soon equalized after the break. Unfortunately we gave a flick away in the final minutes and were denied a draw. However the game was enjoyed by all and it was a fitting end to the season.

We ended the season with a social night out which was enjoyed by both staff and students.

Many thanks to Miss Barlow who put a lot of effort into training and matches (even though we were cursing her at the end of fitness training!!!). Thanks also to all the players in the team, especially those 2nd XI players who stepped in, often at short notice.

Finally, good luck L6th and Fifth Years for next year, I hope you have a successful and enjoyable season, and good luck U6th who are moving on after their exams.

The following girls represented the 1st XI this year: Geraldine Brook, Sarah Cochrane, Rachel Goodwin, Karen Hawcroft, Caroline Ip, Rachael Lee, Bernadette McCurrie, Debbie Mosley, Tabassum Safdar, Caroline Shaw, Sophie Stephenson, Emma Weeden and Rachel Westbrook.

Sophie Stephenson (UPJC)  
1st XI Captain

## U15 HOCKEY

Played 11, Won 8, Drew 3, Lost 0

v Stockport Grammar School (H)	D 1-1
v King's School, Macclesfield (A)	W 2-0
v Withington Girls' School (A)	W 3-0
v Newcastle-Under-Lyme School (A)	D 0-0
v Kingsway School (A)	W 6-0
v Marple Hall School (A)	W 5-0
v St Bede's College (H)	W 2-0
v Kingsway School (H)	W 1-0
v Withington Girls' School (H)	W 3-0
v King's School, Macclesfield (H)	W 5-0
v Stockport Grammar School (H)	D 1-1

This year we had a very enjoyable and successful season. We knew we had a tough start with Stockport and Newcastle both coming early on in the season. However with two very hard fought games and some great goalkeeping by Levinia, we held both sides to a draw. These results lifted the team, helping one another and interchanging positions which gave us more variety and options on the pitch.

Our performance improved and so did our results. We went on to score a total of 29 goals which included 3 hat-

tricks, 2 from Carla Narnor and 1 from Alison Featherstone, as well as 5 other players finding the back of the net.

The pressure was on for our last match - the return against Stockport. Both teams were psyched up and looking for a victory. It turned out to be a hard game which was equally matched and resulted in a draw - slightly disappointing but we still remained undefeated - our best season yet.

Thanks to Miss Barlow for the time she has given up to coach us and to our loyal supporters who turned up for each game.

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

Lauren Standing (4J)

## U14 HOCKEY

Played 13, Won 2, Drawn 2, Lost 9

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

The Under 14's had a very enjoyable season this year with a high standard of play despite some low scores. Each match showed each player giving 100% effort and dedication.

At first we played as individuals and struggled to play as a team but gradually we improved and got to grips with working together. Another of our weaknesses was goal scoring. But due to regular practices and teaching from our coach, Miss Derby, we grasped this, with Danielle Baker, Caroline Bell and Vanessa Cohen scoring some super goals.

The scores on our matches were sometimes very close (Newcastle 4-3) and we had many narrow defeats (against Kingsway away), however good team spirit enabled us to draw against Withington and perhaps the highlight of the season was a victory against Kingsway at home.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Miss Derby, our coach, who greatly improved our team and helped us keep our high spirits up, also for turning up to each and every practice.

The following people represented the team: Danielle Baker, Caroline Bell (Captain), Vanessa Cohen, Marsha Freeman, Louise Goodwin, Kati Greenall, Georgina Laird, Elli Metcalf, Natalie Ofoche, Peju Pearce, and special thanks to Emma Cruickshank, Laurie Edwards, Vicky Lane and Rebekah Lawson who each played extremely well out of their normal position in goal.

Louise Goodwin (3L)

## U13 HOCKEY

Played 13, Won 8, Lost 1, Drawn 4.

v Stockport Grammar School (A)	L 0-10
v King's School, Macclesfield (A)	W 1-0
v Withington Girls School (H)	W 1-0
v Brookway (H)	W 1-0
v Newcastle-Under-Lyne School (A)	D 1-1
v Manchester High School (A)	W 4-1
v Kingsway School (A)	W 3-0
v Marple Hall School (A)	W 4-1
v St Bede's College (H)	D 1-1
v St Bede's College (A)	D 0-0
v Kingsway (H)	W 3-1
v King's School, Macclesfield (H)	W 3-0
v Stockport Grammar School (A)	D 1-1

We started the season badly. Without our usual goalie, Natalie Pagano, and left half, Laura Hopkinson, we lost to Stockport Grammar 10-0. Thanks to Sunita Boodhoo and Sarah Ogden who took their positions instead.

Even though we were not promptly out on time for practices, we were always on time for matches. We set our minds to win our next match against King's School, Macclesfield, and did so, with Hannah Naylor scoring our goal. The same happened in the next two matches against Withington and Brookway, winning 1-0.

Soon we were on a roll, beating Manchester High 4-1, Kingsway 3-0, Marple Hall 4-1, King's School, Macclesfield 3-0, and Kingsway 3-1.

We would like to thank the following people for giving their time up and playing in the team: Natalie Pagano, Helia Asadi, Beth Coffey, Laura Hopkinson, Hannah Naylor, Helen Fisher, Anna Robertson, Leanne Davidson, Emily Cochrane, Gemma Bookbinder, Samantha John, Sunita Boodhoo, Iram Choudary, Elisha Bailey and last but not least, Miss Matthews, our Hockey teacher.

Helia Asadi (2J)

## U12 HOCKEY

Played 9, Won 0, Drawn 1, Lost 8

v St Bede's College (A)	L 0-8
v Newcastle-Under-Lyme School (A)	L 0-2
v Kingsway School (A)	L 0-3
v Marple Hall School (A)	L 0-2
v St Bede's College (H)	L 0-3
v St Bede's College (H)	L 0-3
v Kingsway School (H)	L 0-1
v King's School, Macclesfield (H)	D 1-1
v Stockport Grammar School (A)	L 1-6

The Under 12 score sheet has not looked very impressive this season but I think most of our loyal parents who have watched several games would agree that they have improved beyond recognition over the second term. All girls were beginners and had to learn not only the rules of the game but also School rules about commitment to a team.

After a heavy defeat in their first match against St. Bedes, the team seemed not to believe in their ability to win. They played a very defensive game and never put the opposition's defence under much pressure. However, the matches became much more even as the season went on and as the girls' commitment grew. They learnt to keep to their positions and use the whole field. Holly Kent, as centre half,

did well to spread the game to both sides and our forwards really pushed the game up into the opposition's goal. Bhavini Vara was very unlucky not to score in several games. Kate Howie and Rebecca should both be congratulated as goal scorers for the team. Other valuable contributions as forwards were made by Katrina Francis, Camille Kasler and Jenna French.

Holly has been a good captain for the team setting an excellent example as a reliable, intelligent and aggressive player to a small squad of committed girls. We wish them success next season.

J.C. Knowles & P.M.Kelly

## NETBALL



### 1ST TEAM NETBALL

Although we haven't had a particularly successful season, mainly due to bad weather stopping us training and the loss of Mrs Pollard, we had several close matches (not really reflected in the score lines!) and on the whole we had a very enjoyable season as a team.

Thanks to everyone who played on the team: Chris Barnes, Bernadette McCurrie, Sarah Cochrane, Caroline Ip, Sophie Stephenson, Debra Mosley, Geraldine Brook & Claire Babington.

Sarah Cochrane (LAS)

### U15 NETBALL

Although the start of the season was very disappointing, winning none of our initial matches, our team spirit and determination to win never failed. The squad continually turned out to practices and never gave up. Eventually all our hard work paid off as we beat Bury Grammar School 9-8. This victory lifted our moral and boosted the confidence within the team which helped us to play with more determination for the rest of the short season.

The team being victorious didn't last for long as we were defeated in the following matches by Withington Girls and Newcastle-Under-Lyme. However, we were determined not to end the season on a low note, which led to another victory against Manchester High whom we beat 8-4.

Although the season was quite unsuccessful we still enjoyed playing netball as a team against other schools. We would like to thank Miss Smith for being our coach and helping us through our unsuccessful season (and for bribing us with chocolate!). We would also like to thank the following girls for their dedication to the team throughout the whole season: Levinia Clemetson, Elizabeth Hyde, Carla Namor, Anya Dearden, Alison Hawcroft, Joanna Shaw, Kim Hayden, Lauren Standring, Sophie Hope, Preen Trivedi, Nazanin Sadeghi, Stacey Khafagy and Alison Featherstone.

Alison Hawcroft (4K)

Anya Dearden (4J)

### U14 NETBALL

This year we were taken under the wing of Miss Minto and the now absent Miss Moorfield.

We have to say they tried their best with the somewhat low attendance to practices for one reason or another, it proved quite a difficult job to do!

From one glance at the results table, you can see that the thing that stands out most is the letter L, but the one W we did get, against St Bede's, was very much appreciated. All the players worked hard, putting in 101% effort, and on behalf of all of the team, we would like to say thanks to Miss Minto and Miss Moorfield for giving up their valuable spare time. Without their support and encouragement, we might not have that W!

Also thank you to Louise Goodwin and Karina Cordner for stepping in when needed, and for their loyal support at practices.

We hope to see you all next year for what will hopefully be a more successful season!

Julia Atherton (3J)  
Caroline Bell (3R)

### U13 NETBALL

We had a fairly okay year even though we lost half of our games. We all played well, with a lot of enthusiasm and we all tried our best. At the beginning of the year we lost games that we should have won, but then we gained more confidence and won a lot of games which was a relief at last.

The team consisted of Beth Coffey and Emily Cochrane as the two shooters who defended well. Gemma Bookbinder was our Wing Defence, she defended well and saved our lives many times. Adanna Opara was a good Goal Defence and got better every match she played. Anna Robertson wasn't with us for the first few matches but as soon as Miss Smith discovered her hidden talents (and

noticed how tall she was!) she was soon put on the team as Goal Keeper.

We would like to thank all those who occasionally played on the 'B' team and who filled in on the 'A' team when needed and also Miss Smith who not only coached and supported us all season but also provided the chocolate that she bribed us to win with!!!

Beth Coffey (2K)

### U12 'A' & 'B' NETBALL

As the year started Mrs. Hesp had to pick an Under 12 netball team. At first only a few girls came to the practices but we encouraged more to come. The seven girls were chosen for the team and we tried our hardest to win our matches.

Unfortunately our netball team only won one match out of thirteen. Our first match was against Bury Grammar 2nd Years and we lost 16-0 and we tried again and again but lost them all but on our last match we had a victory against Kingsway and won 7-0. One of our better matches was against Stockport Grammar, we lost 5-0 which is good considering they are a very good school. The B team, like us, were unlucky in their games, they only played against Marple Hall and Bury Grammar and lost them both.

The girls enjoyed the matches and hope to have more success next year.

'A' Team squad: Katrina Francis, Anna Rogers, Holly Kent, Rebecca Goodwin, Rachael Ablott, Danielle Moylan, Alexis Race, Rachael Moore, Marsha Beagul, Vanessa Bacchas and Laura-Jane Bulwich.

Other team players: Hayley Street, Moyosore Adunola, Kate Howie, Asha Rangrez, Heather Seddon, Nidhi Screenivas, Kathryn Tang, Priya Vedhara, Sidra Ghani, Tatiana Jiminez and Camille Kasler.

Holly Kent (1R)

### NETBALL RESULTS 1995-1996

		12A	12B	13A	13B	14A	15A	15B	16A	18A	18B
CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL	(A)			L8-10	L5-12	L2-30	L8-13			L8-22	L6-29
MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL	(H)			W12-6		L5-11	L10-17		W11-10		
WITHINGTON GIRLS SCHOOL	(H)			L8-20		L9-24	L7-8		L2-16	W15-13	
ST BEDE'S COLLEGE	(H)			L1-13	L6-9	W12-11	L5-15	L3-9	L1-27	L11-28	
CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL	(H)									L11-26	L1-51
BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL	(A)	L0-16		L6-24		L5-12	L9-17		L3-24		
NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME SCH.	(A)	L2-10		W19-11		L7-31	L15-32		L10-33	L14-51	
MARPLE HALL SCHOOL	(H)	L1-8	L0-7	L4-9		L6-16			L4-30		
BARLOW HIGH SCHOOL	(A)	L1-3		W5-2		L5-6	L3-9				
STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL	(H)	L0-5		L6-20		L7-12	L8-28		L7-41	L5-24	
CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL	(A)	L3-20		D13-13		L7-27	L6-14		L4-21	L13-42	
BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL	(H)	L1-14	L0-8	L7-12	L6-17	L1-18	W9-8		L4-12	L9-16	
STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL	(A)	L1-25		L3-17					L1-40	L6-32	
WITHINGTON GIRLS SCHOOL	(A)	L1-10		W4-3		L4-17	L1-9		L0-15	L6-13	
MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL	(A)	L5-11		W7-5		L4-10	W8-4		L3-9		
NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME SCH.	(H)	L0-24		L13-21			L7-17		L8-40	L7-22	
KINGSWAY SCHOOL	(H)	W7-0	L5-13	W9-3		L4-12			L3-11		

## CROSS COUNTRY



### CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The majority of runners represented the School at Under 12 level. We entered teams in the various local leagues.

In the Altrincham league run over four meetings at John Leigh Park we improved our team position with each performance and Shane Coley produced a strong individual effort to finish in the top ten runners. Our team position was seventh out of the ten schools represented.

In the Stockport league the competition was stronger and we struggled to maintain our standard. Ravi Gokal and Eoin Murphy produced very creditable performances but the team lacked consistency.

At the Sale Meadows Cross Country Meeting the competition was intense. James Wood performed best but too many of our team came lower down the order.

On a cold January day the Manchester Schools Championships were held at Our Lady's School. On a very hilly course, Michael Choudhary, Arfan Aslam and Edward Haslam produced their best performances but our team position was impressive. The most popular "event" of the year was the weekend at Hardraw where deep snow prevented serious running! Sledging and snowballing probably exercised the boys more than their running! The short orienteering course at Tockholes was treacherous in the packed snow preventing any remarkable times. Those who represented the Under 12's included: Michael Choudhary, James Wood, Alpesh Pankhania and Joshua Duckworth of 1J, Ravi Gokal, Mohsin Hussain and Aamir Ashraff of 1R, Edward Haslam, Eoin Murphy, Sohabe Saeed and Ishraq Ishfaq of 1K. Ashraf Jalil, Arfan Aslam, Shahid Afzal and Irfan Rauf of 1S.

Mark Brighthouse, Shane Coley, Chris Ogden-Smith and Mario McKenzie also appeared for the team.

In the Under 16 group Jake Royle showed commendable determination and his stamina and stature increased during the year. His best performances were at John Leigh Park in the Altrincham League. Jake was awarded his club colours.

In the senior age group John Cunningham continued to produce very creditable performances. He produced his best in the Altrincham League at John Leigh Park and he was awarded the Bronze Medal for his individual performance.

John was awarded the School colours for his contribution to Cross Country over the past seven years.

J H Hardy

## CRICKET



### 1ST XI CRICKET

Played 17, Won 8, Lost 3, Drawn 6

- v Bury Grammar School (40 overs match)  
WHGS 203-4 (J Flatman 74\*, S Johnson 57)  
Bury Grammar School 140-6  
Match Abandoned - Rain
- v King's School, Macclesfield  
King's 103 All Out  
WHGS 104-9  
Won by 1 wicket
- v Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield  
QEGS 152-6  
WHGS 153-5 (M Newton 59\*)  
Won by 5 wickets
- v King Edward VII School, Lytham  
WHGS 155 All Out (J Flatman 78)  
King Edward's 156-5  
Lost by 5 wickets
- v St Bede's College  
St Bede's 103 All Out  
WHGS 108-3  
Won by 7 wickets
- v Birkenhead School  
Birkenhead 195 All Out (S Kellett 5-16)  
WHGS 155-6 (A Dhir 56\*)  
Match Drawn
- v Sedbergh School  
Sedbergh 201-5 dec  
WHGS 131-9  
Match Drawn
- v King's School, Chester (40 Overs Match)  
Chester 195-9 (N Bell 6-47)  
WHGS 199-3  
Won by 7 wickets
- v Merchant Taylors', Crosby (40 Overs Match)  
WHGS 158-5 (M Newton 59)  
Merchant Taylors' 91 All Out  
Won by 67 runs
- v XL Club  
XL Club 185-8 dec  
WHGS 187-5 (A Majid 88\*)  
Won by 5 wickets
- v Manchester Grammar School (40 Overs Match)  
WHGS 130-8  
MGS 70 All Out  
Won by 60 runs

v Bradford Grammar School  
Bradford 156-9 dec  
WHGS 122 All Out  
Lost by 34 runs

v MCC  
MCC 187-5 dec  
WHGS 70 All Out  
Lost by 117 runs

v Pocklington School  
WHGS 211 All Out (C Hope 112)  
Pocklington 156 All Out (N Bell 5-42)  
Won by 55 runs

v Wellingborough School  
WHGS 200-4 dec (J Flatman 100\*)  
Wellingborough 185-6  
Match Drawn

v Magdalen College School, Oxford  
MCS 210-7 dec  
WHGS 205-8 (J Flatman 50)  
Match Drawn

v Chigwell School  
Chigwell 178 All Out  
WHGS 154-7  
Match Drawn

## AVERAGES

### BATTING

	INNS	NO	RUNS	HS	AV
J Flatman	17	3	449	100*	32.07
M Newton	15	1	371	59*	26.50
S Johnson	16	1	385	57	25.67
C Hope	15	1	348	112	24.85
A Majid	16	3	315	88*	24.23
A Dhir	9	3	111	56*	18.50
S Jaiswal	8	2	86	20*	14.33
S Kellett	12	1	140	29*	12.73
D Gent	8	3	54	27*	10.80
N Bell	11	2	92	29	10.22

	O	M	R	W	AV
S Kellett	43.2	5	171	16	10.69
N Bell	200.1	48	586	38	15.42
S Johnson	177.2	40	519	31	16.74
R Hanley	98	19	325	16	20.31
A Majid	161.1	29	551	15	36.73
M Newton	31.1	2	168	4	42.00

The 1996 season was another very successful one for the First XI. In spite of a poor spell towards the end of the term, generally the team played with great commitment and energy and continued to be very positive. Of the six drawn matches, only once was there no real chance of a result five overs from the end. It was to be hoped that the players enjoyed playing such entertaining cricket as much as I enjoyed watching them.

We experimented with different types of cricket match more than ever this year, playing four matches of 40 overs per side. Of these, we only failed to win against Bury Grammar School, and only due to the weather. One of these limited overs matches produced the season's most memorable moment, a comprehensive defeat of Manchester Grammar School. I will never forget Daniel Gent arriving at the crease with a score on 80-8 and hitting his first ball into Old Hall Lane, much to the amusement of the rest of the team who were gathered on the balcony. A magnificent bowling performance completed a very sweet victory.

Other excellent performances included a superb victory against Merchant Taylors' School, who otherwise

had an unbeaten season, and a marvellous team performance against Pocklington School on the first day of the festival.

The team's batting was consistent for most of the season, with the notable exceptions of our games against MCC and Bradford Grammar. Jonathan Flatman played solidly all season, and I was delighted when he made a deserved century against Wellingborough School. His captaincy was thoughtful and mature, and he deserves congratulations and gratitude. Carl Hope also scored a hundred during the festival, and at times during that week he looked impossible to bowl at. For example, his second fifty against Pocklington School took less than twenty deliveries. I was delighted when he won the batting prize at the festival. Miles Newton, Asif Majid and Simon Johnson also scored runs consistently, although all three are capable of having better seasons than this. Steve Kellett and Nick Bell also scored some useful runs, and Ashwin Dhir's fifty against Birkenhead showed great promise.

The bowling, however, was the real strength of the team. Nick Bell had a marvellous season, taking 38 wickets and frequently bowling well when really necessary. He

bowls with the maturity of a much older man, and thoroughly deserved to win the bowling prize at the Pocklington Festival. Simon Johnson and Asif Majid also bowled superbly, although Asif had no luck throughout the season. Robert Hanley bowled some good spells, and will take many wickets over the next two years. The surprise package in the attack was Steve Kellest, whose gentle medium-pace took 16 wickets at a rate of around one in every sixteen balls. His wickets were often invaluable to our cause.

One disappointing element of the First XI performances was the fielding. On several occasions we missed important chances and let teams 'off the hook'. This was not due to a lack of ability, but because of lapses in concentration. On at least two occasions matches were not won because of our fielding, and we must improve next year.

P R Hewston

## 2ND XI CRICKET

Played 8, Won 1, Drawn 1, Lost 6

v Bury Grammar School (A)

Lost by 4 wickets

WHGS 130 (Bell 61, Naylor 38)

Bury 131-6 (Dhir 4-34)

v King's School, Macclesfield (A)

Lost by 143 runs

King's 198-5 dec.

WHGS 55

v Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield (H)

Lost by 7 wickets

WHGS 36

QEGS 37-3

v St. Bede's College (H)

Won by 4 wickets

St. Bede's 78 (Dé 4-21)

WHGS 81-6 (Naylor 31, Dé 29)

v Birkenhead School (A)

Lost by 9 wickets

WHGS 64 (Murphy 18, Birtwistle 11 n.o.)

Birkenhead 65-1

v Sedbergh School (A)

Lost by 142 runs

Sedbergh 180-0 dec.

WHGS 38

v Merchant Taylors', Crosby (A)

Match drawn

Crosby 202-4 dec.

WHGS 136-6 (Naylor 50, Hanley 40, Murphy 21 n.o.)

v Manchester Grammar School (H)

Lost by 10 wickets

WHGS 55

MGS 59-0

The results indicate a pretty grim season with just two bright spots - a win against St. Bede's and a creditable

draw at Crosby - interspersed amongst some very heavy defeats. The team that turned out against Bury for the opening match of the season was as strong as any Second XI that I can remember in recent years. However, that match was lost and at no stage during the rest of the season did we raise such a strong team and, in many games, the team was pitifully weak. There were many reasons for this but the main one was a lack of commitment by players who wanted to pick and choose their games. A well organised student should be able to play every game without any adverse effect on examination results. Indeed, playing cricket can be positively beneficial : there are few better ways to relax and forget about revision than taking a well earned break on the cricket field.

I felt sorry for those players who did turn out regularly. They often had to play in a very weak side and had to endure some embarrassingly heavy defeats. In particular, I had great sympathy for Michael Birtwistle, the captain. Captaincy at cricket is a demanding role, even in a strong team, but, in weak team, it becomes a thankless task. My thanks, therefore, go to Michael and the other players who either turned out regularly or made up numbers, often at short notice.

The following players turned out on a regular basis : MJ Birtwistle (capt.), RM Bell, GR Brocklehurst, FH Chaudhri, S Dé, A Dhir, NB Ghazi, DT Hancock, MI Khan, R Mensah, PR Murphy and MR Naylor.

A Simkin

## U15 CRICKET

Played 9, Won 0, Drawn 3, Lost 6

v King's School, Macclesfield (H)

Lost by 116 runs

Macclesfield 144-8 declared (Wynter 4-57)

School 28

v Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield (A)

Lost by 10 wickets

School 54 all out

Wakefield 58-0

v Parrswood High School (30 overs) (H)

Lost by 54 runs

Parrswood 192-3

School 138-9 (Daniel 29, Arshad 27, Akhlaq 20)

v King Edward VII School, Lytham (H)

Lost by 4 wickets

School 114 all out (Arshad 23)

Lytham 115-6 (Akhlaq 3-20)

v St Bede's College (H)

Match Drawn

St Bede's 186 - 3 declared (Haq 3-65)

School 137-6 (Wynter 61 n.o., Ahmad 25)

v Birkenhead School (A)

Lost by 8 wickets

School 70 all out (McLeod 24 n.o.)

Birkenhead 72-2

v Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (H)  
Match drawn  
Crosby 158-8 declared (Wynter 6-35)  
School 137-9 (Akhlq 26, Haq 29)

v Bradford Grammar School  
Match drawn  
Bradford 210-4  
School 134-8

When I took over the U15's at the beginning of the Summer Term, I was keen to generate a sense of team identity and positive achievement. Clearly sensitive to my early enthusiasm, several players immediately informed me that they hadn't won a game in three years! Undeterred, we launched ourselves into what was a varied and eventful season and, although we did not manage to register a victory in our nine games, we did at least come close on one occasion and achieve three honourable draws.

Of our games lost, 28 all out against Macclesfield on the first Saturday of the season tells its own story, but here, as in other games, tight bowling early on in the opposition innings was not backed up by concentration in the field when the runs started to come. At Wakefield, we never really got going and failed to use the considerable slope to our advantage. Batting second, Wakefield had little difficulty in passing our total of 54. It was here that the first signs of poor calling and backing-up became evident. This serious defect in our batting remained until the latter stages of the season, and meant that rarely were we able to build good partnerships (and thus put pressure on the fielding side) and hence put ourselves in a strong position.

Against Parrswood in a 30-over game, we allowed Parrswood to get too many runs and, though we batted bravely, were always going to struggle with a rate of 6 plus per over. The game against Lytham revealed another of our problems - losing two or three wickets quickly in the early stages of an innings and never really gaining momentum. Here, as on other occasions, Neil McLeod and Saqib Ahmad provided rearguard resistance to save our embarrassment, but 114 on our small back square is not a realistically defensible total. The first of our three drawn games was against St. Bede's and, whilst a welcome respite from our early losses, came about in rather strange fashion. Chasing 186, we had collapsed to 36-5, at which point St. Bede's seemed to lose concentration (or interest) and proceeded to bowl a succession of rather mediocre bowlers whom David Wynter (61 n.o.) and Saqib Ahmad (25) gratefully dispatched around the ground. This is not to minimize the batsmen's performance - they took full advantage and played very sensibly - but even the boys realised that they had been let off the hook. What this game did do, however, was to instil some kind of self-belief and confidence into the team (and the manager!) and, although there was still some inconsistency in our remaining games (notably Birkenhead), our batting improved and we managed some useful partnerships.

Our best chance of victory came against Merchant Taylors', Crosby. We had them at 48-5, but again, through poor concentration in the field, we allowed them to reach 158-8 declared. In reply, our 137-9 was mainly due to a splendid seventh wicket stand between Tayyab Akhlq and Zahoorul Haq (52 not out and 26 respectively) where a good combination of boundaries and singles (at last!) made it perhaps the most exciting game to watch. Mention too must be made of David Wynter's 6-wicket haul, which was easily the best bowling performance of the season.

M.G.S. put the game out of reach in the first innings with a massive 310-5 off 35 overs, in reply to which we could only manage 134. At Bradford, we again started well but, on a small pitch, allowed Bradford to get too many easy runs through poor fielding. We had a real chance of winning this game, but with a slightly depleted side, never really looked like doing so and in the end, were forced to squeeze out a draw.

At Birkenhead, against some accurate bowling, we never got going and the team manager was somewhat relieved when we were finally bowled out for 70. Some accurate and lively bowling from David Wynter put some early pressure on Birkenhead but our modest total was eventually passed without too much trouble.

The side has a lot to learn, but has also learned a lot this season, I hope. Despite the disappointing results, there have been improvements both at a personal and team level. Apart from individual performances already mentioned, Marvin Daniel has bowled well on several occasions without due reward, but must keep the ball up. Ben Green has seen the ups and downs of a wicket-keeper's life, but has performed stoically behind the stumps and, more importantly, is willing to learn. Awais Arshad has made some useful scores, but must learn to play each ball on merit. Finally Edward Barker has captained the team conscientiously and remained equanimous, despite the pressure. He has also bowled well both in support and, in the last game, as main strike bowler. My sincere thanks go to him for his good spirits and organisation, and for putting up with my 'advice' from umpire.

The following boys have also represented the School this season:- C Edwards, R Mackay, K Mehta, R Kumar, P Edisbury, R Watson, J Arnold.

I have enjoyed taking the team and they have always been willing to learn. I wish them well for the future and look forward to following their progress in the coming years. There is plenty of potential to be realised.

A C Crane

## U14 CRICKET

Played 12, Won 4, Lost 4, Drawn 4

v Brookway High School  
1st Round, Harold Bailey Trophy,  
25 overs match  
Won by 107 runs  
WHGS 151 for 5 (Veitch 50; Naylor 44)  
Brookway 44 all out (Ullah 4 for 4; Suhail 3 for 19)

v King's School, Macclesfield  
Lost by 138 runs  
Macclesfield 192 for 3 declared (Ullah 3 for 43)  
WHGS 54 (Naylor 32)

v Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield  
Match drawn  
Wakefield 246 for 4 declared  
WHGS 51 for 6

v King Edward VII School, Lytham  
Match drawn  
Lytham 167 for 5 declared (Suhail 3 for 26)  
WHGS 71 for 9 (Hopkinson 23; Suhail 20 n.o.)

- v Brookway High School  
1st round, Manchester Cup  
25 overs match  
Won by 6 wickets  
Brookway 102 for 5 (I. Khan 3 for 13)  
WHGS 103 for 4 (21.2 overs) (Hopkinson 63)
- v St Bede's College  
Match drawn  
St Bede's 260 for 2 declared  
WHGS 244 for 1 (Hopkinson 140 n.o.; Naylor 73 n.o.)
- v Oakwood High School  
2nd round, Harold Bailey Trophy  
25 overs match  
Won by 126 runs  
WHGS 198 for 8 (innings closed) (Naylor 69; Murphy 39;  
Gent 37; Hopkinson 31)  
Oakwood 72 (Hopkinson 3 for 5)
- v Birkenhead School  
Lost by 5 runs  
Birkenhead 88 (Ullah 3 for 21)  
WHGS 83 (Nagarkar 30)
- v Manchester Grammar School  
3rd round, Harold Bailey Trophy  
40 overs match  
Lost by 9 wickets  
WHGS 81 (38.3 overs) (Hopkinson 26)  
MGS 82 for 1 (16.1 overs)
- v Wright Robinson High School  
2nd round, Manchester Cup  
25 overs match  
Won by 138 runs  
WHGS 193 for 4 (25 overs) (Hopkinson 66; Naylor 64;  
Suhail 25 n.o.)  
Wright Robinson 55 for 8 (15.4 overs)
- v Merchant Taylors', Crosby  
Match drawn  
Crosby 203 for 2 declared  
WHGS 199 for 9 (Hopkinson 83; Naylor 31; Suhail 56)
- v Manchester Grammar School  
35 overs match  
Lost by 5 wickets  
WHGS 126 for 4 (35 overs) (Hopkinson 80 n.o.)  
MGS 127 for 5 (23.2 overs)

This was a season of mixed fortunes which on balance produced more disappointment than fulfilled hopes. There had been a feeling of positive expectation during the preparatory months of January, February and March: in the indoor nets players showed promise, listened to advice and generally made a very favourable impression on observers. Particularly pleasing was the number of boys wishing to take part in School cricket; by the end of the season as many as twenty boys had represented the team. However, it is true to say that our wins were against very weak opposition and that when we had a chance to beat equally matched opponents (St Bede's, Birkenhead and Crosby) we failed.

A good team spirit is difficult to achieve: it is down largely to the character of the individual players and to the skill of the captain. Although lack of talent has nothing to do with poor team spirit, in this team there is a fair amount of talent. The most successful batsman was Richard

Hopkinson: 512 runs at an average of 73 with a top score of 140 not out. In the process he hit sixteen sixes and impressed many a good judge of school cricketers. He was capable of destroying opposing bowlers' confidence by his huge hitting and also showed at times good judgement and a cool head. Daniel Naylor also impressed with the bat, making three scores over fifty and always displayed an unmistakable flair for batting. Umar Suhail, Nikhil Nagarkar and Michael Robson all made good progress in their batting. Suhail has his bowling to look after as well, but was probably more successful this year in his batting. Nagarkar played an excellent innings against Birkenhead in which he showed real courage and determination in building the side up into a potentially winning situation. Robson showed great character whether staving off defeat or in grinding away towards an unlikely victory, but he has insufficient attacking shots. All the batsmen suffered at times from playing unwise strokes such as hitting across the line to straight balls, before they had given themselves time to settle in.

The bowling was a problem this year. No one took more than twelve wickets and all suffered from poor accuracy. We have much potential in bowling, but not one of our bowlers played consistently well this season. Kasim Ullah was closest to being reliable and as a left-arm opening bowler he has all the right qualities, but just needs a little more pace and accuracy. Suhail bowls at a good pace and knows that he has to bowl straighter if he is to take wickets. Hopkinson was reluctant to bowl fast at first but he should make the most of his size while it is an advantage; certainly he bowled well when his run up was in order and, in fact, had the best overall bowling figures (eleven wickets at an average of 16). In the spin department Naylor was disappointing, mainly for the same reason of inaccuracy that affected all the others. With Tom Gent having to confront unsuitable damp pitches for most of the School season, neither of the main spin bowlers was effective.

Only fifteen catches were held in the field in twelve matches. The cold weather in the early part of the season contributed to this fact, of course, but the team should have made much more effort to practise during lunch hours. Jonathan Murphy kept wicket well and some of the players improved on their throwing skills as well as in their general awareness of what to do in the field.

There were many players who made only small contributions to the team through no fault of their own; for example Will Kent, Saeed Khan and Andrew Machin bowled very few overs despite playing in most matches. They were able to field and bat, of course, but the team might have been more successful if they had had more opportunities to bowl in matches.

No doubt next spring all hope will be renewed. It is a reasonably good team which will win against good opposition in the future, but only when its members practise harder and show a consistently positive attitude in the field.

The following Under 14 pupils also played for the team but have not already been mentioned: P. Birdi, R. Illingworth, H. Imtiaz, M. Parekh, S. Tahir, J. Veitch. In addition, S. A. McClements, A. A. Gill and I. Khan of the Under 13's played in one match.

I should like to thank Mr Taylor for producing such good cricket wickets, and Messrs Crane, Hewston and Briggs for assisting in umpiring duties.

P M Bull

## U13 CRICKET

Played 10, Won 5, Lost 2, Drawn 3

- v King's School, Macclesfield (A)  
Lost by 60 runs  
King's 140 all out (Gill 6 for 34)  
WHGS 80 all out
- v Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield (A)  
Match Drawn  
QEGS 128 for 6  
WHGS 98 for 7
- v King Edward VII School, Lytham (H)  
Match Drawn  
WHGS 167 for 9  
Lytham 107 for 4
- v St Bede's College (H)  
Won by 99 runs  
WHGS 199 all out (McClements 68, Howarth 53)  
St Bede's 100 all out
- v Parrswood School (Manchester Schools' Cup QF)  
Won by 5 wickets  
Parrswood 85 for 4  
WHGS 87 for 5
- v Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (H)  
Won by 42 runs  
WHGS 124 all out (Khan 47, McLeod 28)  
Crosby 82 all out (Gill 3 for 11)
- v Manchester Grammar School (H)  
Match Drawn  
WHGS 134 all out  
MGS 111 for 6
- v Oakwood High School (Cup SF)  
Won by 93 runs  
WHGS 135-1 (McClements 65 n.o., Howarth 35 n.o.)  
Oakwood 42 all out (Khan 4 for 3)
- v Bradford Grammar School  
Lost by 39 runs  
Bradford 120 for 7  
WHGS 81 all out
- v Burnage High School (Manchester Schools' Cup Final)  
Won by 13 runs  
WHGS 92 all out  
Burnage 79 all out

Although the team only won one game last year, I made the comment that I looked forward to watching their progress through the School and that they should look forward to future years with optimism. The performances that they have produced this year have only gone to show that this was not misplaced confidence. The squad performed consistently well for most of the season, which was concluded on the final day of the School year when they defeated Burnage to win the Manchester Schools' Cup.

The team's first fixture was a difficult one at King's School, Macclesfield. The opposition were bowled out for 140 runs after an excellent bowling display by Amar Gill, who finished with figures of 6 for 34. Unfortunately, the team were bowled out for 80 runs and the season had begun on a losing note. The team brushed aside this defeat with a positive display against QEGS, Wakefield. After restricting the opposition to 128 for 6, the match was drawn when we showed grit and determination to reach a score of 98 for 7. A further draw against King Edward, Lytham, left the team still searching for their first win of the season. This was achieved in emphatic style against St Bede's. McClements and Howarth batted excellently, scoring 68 and 53 respectively, as the team reached a total of 199. This was beyond St Bede's, who managed to score 100 runs.

Our next fixture was a 22 over Cup game against Parrswood. After a committed bowling and fielding performance, the team were left to chase a total of 85 runs and this was achieved with the loss of 5 wickets. Success breeds confidence and the team were now beginning to play with real organisation, purpose and flair. This was displayed when the team impressively defeated Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, with an excellent all round performance. Imran Khan, who proved throughout the season that he has the ability to be a formidable cricketer, scored 47 crucial runs as the team reached a total of 124. Gill's figures of 3 for 11 proved too much for Crosby, who reached a score of 82.

A true reflection of the team's progress was their performance against MGS. On a lively wicket and against a quick and hostile attack, the team amassed a score of 134 runs. A dedicated and stoic effort in the field restricted a talented MGS side to 111 for 6 and the game ended in a draw. The worst performance of the season came after the victory against Oakwood, which guaranteed us a place in the final of the Cup. After restricting Bradford to 120 for 7, our batting order collapsed for the first time in the season, and we were all out for 81. This was a humbling experience and hopefully a learning one. The boys should remember that, although confidence is important, it should not lead to complacency or arrogance.

The final of the Manchester Schools' Cup was a real test of character. McClements, who was the side's most impressive and consistent batsman all season, was out first ball. Khan, Howarth and Booker (who played an excellent cameo innings at a crucial time) guided the side to 92 all out. A superb bowling and fielding performance led the way to victory as Burnage were bowled out for 79. Special praise should go to Ramsumair and Ali, both of whom took magnificent catches.

The boys should take real satisfaction from this year's efforts. It was pleasing to see the team win games this year, but, more importantly, their attitude and approach to the games were excellent. It would be unfair to single out individuals as this was an excellent squad performance. Many thanks to fellow colleagues and all the parents whose help, support and encouragement were valued and appreciated.

The squad consisted of: S A McClements (captain), H Al-Bayati, I Ali, R J Booker, S Bowe, A A Gill, A P Green, S J Griffiths, R Haider, C J Howarth, O F Hussain, A Johnstone, A Khalid, I Khan, D T Mather, A G McLeod, B Radnor and B M Ramsumair.

M C Gorman

## U12 CRICKET

Played 9, Won 5, Lost 2, Drawn 2

- v King's School, Macclesfield (H)  
Match Drawn
- v Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield (H)  
Lost by 5 wickets  
WHGS 82 (Raja 32)  
Wakefield 83 for 5
- v King Edward VII School, Lytham (A)  
Won by 75 runs  
WHGS 112 (Dé 49)  
Lytham 37 all out (Kay 5 for 14)
- v St Bede's College (A) (30 overs)  
Lost by 44 runs  
St Bede's 140 all out  
WHGS 96 for 8
- v Parrswood High School (H) (22 overs)  
Won by 52 runs  
WHGS 97 for 6  
Parrswood 45 all out
- v Merchant Taylors', Crosby (A)  
Match Drawn  
WHGS 109 all out (Dé 37)  
Crosby 109 for 8
- v Brookway School (H) (20 overs)  
Won by 7 wickets  
Brookway 87 for 3  
WHGS 89 for 3 (13 overs) (Peck 28 n.o.)
- v Manchester Grammar School (A)  
Won by 63 runs  
WHGS 154 Raja (63 not out)  
MGS 91 all out
- v Manchester Boys (H)  
Won by 19 runs  
WHGS 102 (Raja 30)  
Manchester Boys 83 all out (Kay 4 for 6)  
(Khan 3 for 13)

The U12's have had a successful season. Although two of the first four games were lost, the improvement throughout the term has been rapid. What has probably been most satisfying is that this has been a real team effort rather than relying on a couple of individuals which is often the case at this level. On more than one occasion the high and middle order batsmen were out cheaply only for the tail-enders to score runs and get us up to a respectable score. Likewise all the bowlers were capable of bowling tightly and taking wickets when required. This all helped to create an enthusiastic and willing squad of eighteen boys.

Bilal Hussain and Umar Khan opened the batting very maturely. Both players are technically sound in defence and are not shy in punishing any loose delivery. Ravi Gokal (captain), Rajiv Kay, and Robi Dé batted three, four and five in various permutations. They are all players of enormous potential who will score plenty of runs in future years. Omar Raja was the big hitter of the side, having the ability to recognise and defend the good ball but

punish anything short or going down the legside. His unbeaten 63 against Manchester Grammar was one of the many highlights of the season and a key factor in helping to win that particular game. Chris Ogden-Smith, Stephen Peck and Andrew McIntyre batted down the order, but all were capable of scoring runs quickly.

Bowling throughout the season has also been good. Rajiv Kay was the main wicket taker but received support from all the other bowlers particularly Bilal Hussain, Umar Khan, Robi D, Ravi Gokal and Usman Ali. Arfan Aslam and Altamash Naeem are both spinners with potential but are too inconsistent at present and therefore did not bowl many overs.

This squad of boys have been a pleasure to work with and I would like to commend them for their efforts. There is tremendous competition for places and this can only be a good thing for the team. They must all practice hard through the winter but most importantly, continue to enjoy playing the game.

Finally my thanks to Mr Hewston for his advice, Usman Ali for his Chicken Tikka and colleagues for their help with umpiring.

The following boys represented the School: U Ali, A Aslam, S Coley, R Dé, R Gokal (Capt), B Hussain, M Hussain, I Ishfaq, R Kay, U Khan, S Khoshneviszadeh, A McIntyre, A Naeem, C Ogden-Smith, S Patel, S Peck, O Raja, J Wood.

D J Mallinder

## TENNIS



## GIRLS TENNIS

### U13

Played 6, Won 3, Drawn 0, Lost 3

v Withington Girls School (A)	L 1½ - 2½
v Marple Hall School (A)	W 9-0
v St Bede's College (H)	W 4-0
v King's School, Macclesfield (H)	L 2-5
v St Andrew's (Surrey) (A)	W 9-7
v St Bede's (Sussex) (A)	L 6-12

### U14

Played 5, Won 4, Drawn 0, Lost 1

v Withington Girls School (A)	W 3-1
v St Bede's College (H)	W 6-0
v Marple Hall School (A)	W 7½-1½
v St Andrew's (Surrey) (A)	W 9-7
v St Bede's (Sussex) (A)	L 6-12

## U15

Played 3, Won 1, Drawn 0, Lost 2

v Withington Girls School (A)	L 1-3
v St Bede's College (H)	W 6-1
v Marple Hall School (A)	L 3½ - 5½

This was a disappointing season in that five of our matches were cancelled by the opposition - only one being due to the weather. However, our girls showed enthusiasm and commitment throughout the season and, on the whole, were successful in their matches.

The U15's found it hard to motivate themselves this year, mainly due to lack of matches, but they did enjoy the few that they managed to play.

The U14's had another successful season. They won their local fixtures quite convincingly but came up against tougher opposition on their tour when they faced Sixth Formers. They enjoyed the challenge and learnt from the experience of playing against stronger players.

The U13's improved this season, many benefiting from playing throughout the winter. Their most successful result was against Marple Hall, having lost to them last year they had an outright victory this year.

The season was brought to a close with a School tournament. Laura Hopkinson and Beth Coffey being the Junior School winners, Caroline Bell and Georgina Laird the Middle School winners.

The following girls represented the School: Anya Dearden, Alison Hawcroft, Katie Chesworth, Kim Hayden, Levinia Clemetson, Preen Trivedi, Sophie Hope, Caroline Bell, Louise Goodwin, Georgina Laird, Laura Berrisford, Elli Metcalf, Julia Atherton, Danielle Baker, Marsha Freeman, Helia Asadi, Beth Coffey, Laura Hopkinson, Gemma Bookbinder, Hannah Naylor, Anna Robertson, Lucy Berger, Rebecca Goodwin, Camille Kasler and Katrina Francis.

J Barlow



## ATHLETICS

### ATHLETICS SPORTS RESULTS 1996

#### FIRST FORM:

100m (Boys)	M McKenzie (1S)	13.97	S Coley (1J)	J Ofoche (1S)
100m (Girls)	B Vara (1J)	15.84	L-J Bulwich (1J)	K Francis (1S)
200m (Boys)	S Coley (1J)	28.47*	M McKenzie (1S)	M Platt (1R)
200m (Girls)	L-J Bulwich (1J)	32.97	K Francis (1S)	A Rogers (1S)
400m (Boys)	C Ogden-Smith (1K)	16.78	S Khoshneviszadeh (1R)	B Hussain (1S)
800m (Boys)	J Ofoche (1S)	2.52.40	M Platt (1R)	E Haslam (1K)
800m (Girls)	A Rogers (1S)	3.27.16	C Kasler (1S)	N Ahmed (1J)
1500m (Boys)	C Ogden-Smith (1K)	5.59.00	A Aslam (1S)	R De (1J)
1500m (Girls)	B Vara (1K)	7.03.00	C Kasler (1S)	H Kent (1R)
4 x 400m (Boys)	1J	5.47.37	1R	1K
4 x 100m (Boys)	1S	61.15	1R	1K
4 x 100m (Girls)	1J	65.53	1S	1K
Long Jump (Boys)	M Platt (1R)	4.08	E Haslam (1K)	B Hussain (1S)
Long Jump (Girls)	H Kent (1R)	3.71	N Ahmed (1J)	L-J Bulwich (1J)
Triple Jump (Boys)	T Sutton (1K)	8.99	C Ogden-Smith (1K)	S Coley (1J)
Shot (Boys)	E Haslam (1K)	7.46	T Saleem (1R)	K Djang (1J)
Shot (Girls)	K Tang (1R)	4.97	N Ahmed (1J)	S Suthar (1S)
Cricket Ball (Boys)	R Kay (1J)	49.02	R Gokal (1R)	A McIntyre (1R)
Rounders Ball (Girls)	T Jiminez (1S)	27.70	S Suthar (1S)	J French (1J)

<b>Results</b>	1st	1J	217.5 pts
	2nd	1S	196 pts
	3rd	1R	175 pts
	4th	1K	168.5 pts

**Individual Winners:** S Coley (1J) and L-J Bulwich (1J)

**SECOND FORM:**

100m (Boys)	R Ahmed (2K)	14.41	W Dawkins (2J)	J Chapman (2R)
100m (Girls)	L Hopkinson (2S)	15.88	A Opara (2K)	A Reah (2R)
200m (Boys)	S Griffiths (2J)	28.13	S Hughes (2J)	D Robinson (2S)
200m (Girls)	E Cochrane (2K)	31.23	A Reah (2R)	H Naylor (2R)
400m (Boys)	S Griffiths (2J)	1.08.13	D Mather (2J)	Z Ahmed (2S)
800m (Boys)	R Sagar (2S)	2.52.22	A Johnstone (2R)	D Mather (2J)
800m (Girls)	B Coffey (2K)	3.14.13	J Street (2J)	E Bailey (2J)
1500m (Boys)	C Howarth (2J)	5.41.00	R Sagar (2S)	A Hyde (2J)
1500m (Girls)	J Street (2J)	6.23.00	B Coffey (2K)	H Naylor (2R)
4 x 400m (Boys)	2J	5.08.53	2S	2K
4 x 100m (Boys)	2R	58.75	2K	2S
4 x 100m (Girls)	2K	67.28	2S	2J
Long Jump (Boys)	R Ahmed (2K)	4.35	D Loofe (2R)	S Hughes (2J)
Long Jump (Girls)	E Cochrane (2K)	3.85	L Hopkinson (2S)	C Davidson (2K)
Triple Jump (Boys)	B Ramsumair (2J)	8.52	A Johnstone (2R)	S Griffiths (2J)
Shot (Boys)	F Farooq (2S)	7.57	A Green (2J)	M Dewsnap (2R)
Shot (Girls)	N Pagano (2S)	6.42	A Opara (2K)	I Choudary (2R)

\* indicates new School record

<b>Results</b>	1st	2J	182.5 pts
	2nd	2K	177 pts
	3rd	2S	148 pts
	4th	2R	139.5 pts

Individual Winners: S Griffiths (2J) and E Cochrane (2K)

**THIRD FORM:**

100m (Boys)	R Hopkinson (B)	12.62	J Wu (W)	C Harwood (G)
100m (Girls)	L Edwards (G)	15.90	C Bell (B)	S Nelson (F)
200m (Boys)	W Kent (W)	28.06	A Ramzan (G)	C Harwood (G)
200m (Girls)	L Edwards (G)	31.66	N Ofoche (D)	S Nelson (F)
400m (Boys)	I Allison (D)	65.47	A Ramzan (G)	S Miller (H)
800m (Boys)	S Miller (H)	2.50.59	I Allison (D)	C Waite (F)
800m (Girls)	G Laird (D)	3.08.59	C Bell (B)	L Goodwin (F)
1500m (Boys)	W Kent (W)	5.44.08	D Wild (B)	G Kinsella (G)
1500m (Girls)	S Khan (F)	7.21.00	N Ofoche (D)	M Mkumbwa (W)
4 x 400m (Boys)	Heywood	5.07.66	Whitworth	Dalton
4 x 100m (Boys)	Gaskell	57.89	Byrom	Fraser
4 x 100m (Girls)	Gaskell	62.81*	Dalton	Whirworth
Long Jump (Boys)	W Kent (W)	4.66	J Wu (W)	N Shah (H)
Long Jump (Girls)	G Laird (D)	3.64	R Lawson (G)	J Atherton (B)
Triple Jump (Boys)	R Hopkinson (B)	10.71*	A Edwards (D)	J Wu (W)
Shot (Boys)	T Chung (B)	8.16	N Barratt (W)	S Hamid (B)
Shot (Girls)	E Cruickshank (H)	5.94	K Greenall (G)	L Berrisford (D)
Discus Boys	J Holland (B)	19.76	C White (F)	A Machin (H)

**FOURTH FORM:**

100m (Boys)	M Daniel (B)	13.38	K Rahman (D)	R Nixon (B)
100m (Girls)	C Narnor (H)	15.44	K Hayden (F)	A Featherstone (D)
200m (Boys)	R Nixon (B)	28.90	R Fisher (W)	A Jackson (H)
200m (Girls)	C Narnor (H)	32.22	A Featherstone (D)	S Nathan (G)
400m (Boys)	M Daniel (B)	61.16	D Wynter (H)	S Mills (B)
800m (Boys)	P Edisbury (W)	2.37.53	D Wynter (H)	A Malik (F)
800m (Girls)	L Standring (H)	3.28.56	A Sagar (B)	P Trivedi (W)
1500m (Girls)	S Jackson (B)	6.55.34	J Shaw (W)	E Choi (H)
1500m (Boys)	A Dignan (F)	5.29.72	P Edisbury (W)	Z Haq (B)
4 x 400m (Girls)	Heywood	4.37.53	Fraser	Whirworth
4 x 100m (Boys)	Byrom	51.88	Fraser	Heywood
4 x 100m (Girls)	Fraser	65.81	Dalton	Byrom
Long Jump (Boys)	M Daniel (B)	4.96	D Wynter (H)	A Dignan (F)
Long Jump (Girls)	C Narnor (H)	3.92*	J Shaw (W)	A Featherstone (D)
Triple Jump (Boys)	A Dignan (F)	9.70	K Rahman (D)	R Fisher (W)
				+ M Zentar (F)
Shot (Boys)	N Matthews (W)	8.52	M Ghazi (H)	A Wall (W)
Shot (Girls)	L Clemetson (H)	6.60	S Kershaw (G)	J Gregory (B)
Discus (Boys)	R Watson (B)	18.97	A Wall (W)	C Lindley (D)

\* indicates new School record

<b>Results</b>	1st	Byrom	199 pts
	2nd	Heywood	166 pts
	3rd	Whitworth	159.5 pts
	4th	Dalton & Gaskell	131 pts
	6th	Fraser	120.5 pts

Individual Winner: Yr 3 W Kent (W)  
Yr 4 C Narnor (H)

**Senior**

100m boys	11.75	D Johnson	B	S Jaiswal	H	J Flatman	D
100m girls	14.62	E Onyemem	D	B McCurrie	G	G Brook	D
200m boys	26.07	D Johnson	B	S Jaiswal	H	J Robinson	F
200m girls	31.13*	R Westbrook	H	V Seel	H	R Lee	F
400m boys	60.00	S De	W	D Ellis	H	L Hassett	F
800m girls	2-58.00	R Westbrook	H	A Bower	B	R Goodwin	F
800m boys	2-28.00	S Johnson	F	J Camarasa	H	R Bell	G
1500m boys	5-13.00	D Hancock	D	A Nunney	B	C Hope	B
High Jump girls	1-27	G Brook	D	V Seel	H	E Nicholson	B
						A DeSilva	H
High Jump boys	1-60	D Taylor	B	J Robinson	F	R Seddon	B
Long Jump girls	3-48	R Westbrook	H	S Stephenson	B	N Whiterod	D
						R Lee	F
Long Jump boys	4-75	D Johnson	B	G Roberts	H	N Kapur	D
Triple Jump boys	10-87	G Roberts	H	S De	W	J Robinson	F
Shot girls	9.05*	K Hawcroft	F	R Aldersley	H	L Crane	B
						S Johnson	D
Shot boys	10.69	R England	F	D Hufton	B	C Kan	G
Discus girls	17.71	K Hawcroft	F	E Nicholson	B	M Ankrah	F
Discus boys	32.62	S Johnson	F	L Hassett	F	T Edwards	W
Javelin boys	26.02	R England	F	C Kan	G	D Bishopp	H
4 x 400m boys	4-20.70	B		F		W	
4 x 100m girls	64.70	D		H		G	
4 x 100m boys	52.30	B		D		F	

\* Indicates new School record

**Individual Winners:** D Johnson (B), R Westbrook (H)

Results:	1st	Fraser	123.5 pts	4th	Dalton	78 pts
	2nd	Byrom	119 pts	5th	Gaskell	57 pts
	3rd	Heywood	116.5 pts	6th	Whitworth	40 pts

**OVERALL RESULT (INCLUDING 5TH AND 6TH YEAR TOTALS)**

1st	Byrom	318 pts	4th	Dalton	209 pts
2nd	Heywood	282.5 pts	5th	Whitworth	199.5 pts
3rd	Fraser	244 pts	6th	Gaskell	188 pts

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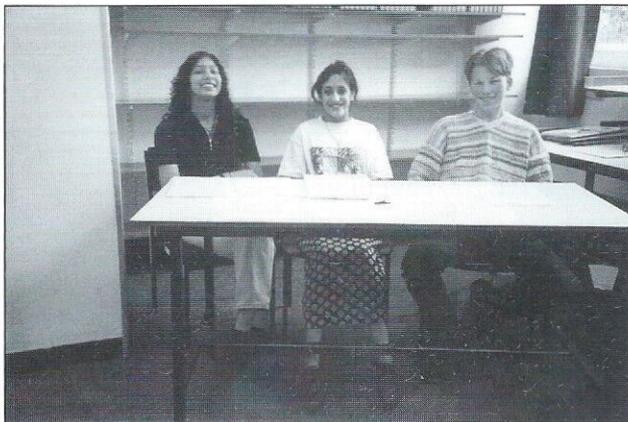
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