

## RELIGION

### JEWISH ASSEMBLY

This took and will continue to take place on Friday mornings' Assembly session. This occurs simultaneously with the other religion assemblies. This is now a development in the school assembly system whereby the Friday session is in a dedicated room (in this case the lecture theatre) for each religion. Also this year, along with this, on Founders Day an alternative "Celebration" was held for the Jewish students. These developments have proved highly successful. The reason why is almost entirely due to the efforts of the students themselves. In particular, Suzanne Ash (LIAC), Suzanne Nathan (LLS) and Talia Turnberg (5G) have on their own almost completely organised and ran these events. My job has merely been to "open up the room and sit and listen". If I may say so, I feel that they have achieved the right balance of secular and religious topics. Quite often they have brought about lively and informative debates amongst the students themselves. In fact they have made myself, along with more personal events this year, more aware of my own religious background.

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Jewish Assembly

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### JEWISH ASSEMBLY



Sam Sallon had organised and led the Jewish assemblies throughout 1997 which took place every Friday morning. His commitment and enthusiasm were much to be commended as the assemblies which he led were interesting and tackling. Sam's discussions and his leadership were a great example for the future leaders of Jewish Assembly to follow.

In January a new committee was set up which consisted of Suzanne Nathan, Talia Turnberg, Elise Cohen and Suzanne Ash. Each assembly was different, covering a wide range of topics. The first week of being a committee we tested the Jewish knowledge of the pupils by having a quiz based on the Jewish holidays. The following week we held a 'Friday Night' debate in which the argument was 'Should we be allowed to go out on a Friday night or should we stay at home and observe the Shabbos'. Most people agreed that we should stay at home because it is a time to be with your family and have a traditional Kiddush (when the women light the candles to welcome in the Shabbos and the father makes a blessing over the wine and challah - two knotted bread) and then following the Friday night meal (usually consisting of chicken soup, chicken, vegetables and lochen pudding - a noodle dessert with cinnamon and raisins). One week we had a discussion on all traditions which have been passed on for centuries, how they have changed and whether they will still be passed on the same way in the future. We have also covered quite serious topics such as the Torah's views of abortion. When it was Israel's Independence day in May we talked about the important dates in the history of Israel and we watched a video advertising an Israel Tour.

Every year at Founder's Day all the people who can't attend the Cathedral have had to spend two hours at School to complete some work. This year was different because the Muslim and the Jewish assemblies were given the opportunity to organise their own Founder's Day service. The Jewish assembly committee were glad to be part of organising the first ever

Jewish Founder's day at W.H.G.S. Talia and I met with youth workers who were to help us and advise us on how we could go about organising the event. The Founder's Day coincided with Israel's 50th birthday so we decided that the theme should be on Israel. The preparation for Founder's Day was essential because I wanted the pupils to enjoy the celebration and also to gain an insight to topics they may not have realised. Talia did an excellent job at ringing up all the different Kosher shop to find out the cheapest prices for bagels, cream cheese and smoked salmon (traditional Jewish foods) which she brought in on the morning. The great commitment which was put into organising the service proved it to be a huge success.

Talia, Elise and I started the Founder's Day off by reading short paragraphs about the founders of the school. I then introduced our guest speakers, Adam Kaye (an Old Hulmeian), Adam Ognoll and Sharon Banister (youth worker). After a short video of a Tour around Israel everyone was split into two groups and the main discussions were to take place. Adam Kaye led a discussion on 'the land of Israel today' and Adam Ognoll led a discussion on 'Israel in the future'. The two groups then switched over.

Thanks also to Mr.Cotton, Mr Swales and Mr Turner for all their help and support with the Jewish assemblies.

Suzanne Nathan (LLS)

## MUSLIM ASSEMBLY

This year, a larger and more formal Muslim assembly was introduced. At the beginning of the year, the Muslim assembly was relocated from room 12, in the Old Hall, to the Lecture theatre. However, due to an increase in turn out, the location of the assembly was again moved to a larger accommodation, in the dining hall.

Each assembly starts with an introduction, in which school details such as notices and detentions are read out. This is followed by a short talk, now given by one or two sixth-form students addressing topical issues affecting the Muslim world. During the last year, Affan Burki has been addressing such issues. He has done a brilliant job in organising the Muslim assembly, and we wish him well for the future. This year Zeeshan Rana has succeeded him.

The aim of the Muslim assembly is to make the students aware of current issues affecting the Muslims around the world, to increase participation in good deeds and to seek and understand knowledge about Islām. The students are encouraged to read and study different aspects of the religion and to present their findings in the assembly. These can consist of several extracts and teachings from, 'The Holy Qur'an', and other books such as the Hadith and the Sunna (the prophet Muhammed's words and actions [p.b.u.h]). They are also informed of on-coming events in the Muslim Calendar, e.g. Ramadan, the month of fasting. The students are reminded of the importance of Ramadan and also the things they are, and are not allowed to do.

At each assembly we have at least one member of staff attending. Over the last assemblies these have included Mr. Turner and Mr. Swales. They have both learned a lot from these short assemblies and have complimented the good organisation, attendance and attitude of the students.

On May 1st the Chief school inspector and several of his colleagues attended the assembly and were pleasantly surprised by the turn out and impressed by the talk given by Affan Burki. After the assembly they congratulated everyone involved in the organisation of the assembly and wished us, the best of luck for the future.

The assembly provides an atmosphere in which students can freely ask questions related to the topic on discussion and we try to explain them to the best of our knowledge, or even research out a better answer which is reminded in the next assembly. The assembly helps younger students to gain confidence and encourages them to be more involved in the assembly and Jumma (Friday prayers).

Although, the Friday prayer is just as important as the other five compulsory prayers, and this is stressed in the assembly, the need for attending Jumma is always reminded. This has naturally led to an increase in attendance and hence the relocation of the 'Jumma namaz' which now takes place in the Gymnasium hall. A Hafiz (a qualified teacher of Islam) is invited to lead the congregation and to deliver a speech before the prayer.

The prayers are organised by several students in the sixth form, and students below the sixth form help set up the mats and clean sheets which are used to pray on and also to separate the males and females during the prayer.

In the next school year, we hope that we can maintain our positive approach to religion and aim to continue the success further. Insha-Allah (God willing).

Akeel-M. Jamil & Zeeshan Nasim Rana

## SIKH/HINDU ASSEMBLY

This is a fairly recent innovation which has been most successful so far. The aim is to meet weekly to discuss matters of interest to this section of the school community. The assembly is run by a team of Sixth Formers and we hope it will continue to thrive next year.

Ms S.R. Tandon

## HOUSE NOTES

### BYROM HOUSE

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| Heads of House | Claire Lelonek*<br>Benjamin Stafford*                                                                            |
| Deputy Heads   | Omowunmi Ademosu*<br>Nicholas Gilmore                                                                            |
| House Prefects | Saqib Arshad, Richard Bowie, Adam Goldsmith, Michael Graham,<br>Richard Johnston, Matthew Roe, William Stoddart. |

\*denotes School Prefect

### MICHAELMAS TERM

We first welcome the new members of Byrom House: joining us in the Sixth Form we have Hema Gokal, Imreen Hussain, Shabnum Iqbal and Usman Mohammed. Along with these seniors are also the members of 3B who are:

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| Naima Ahmed      | Mohsin Hussain  |
| Usman Ali        | Danielle Moylan |
| Susan Barber     | John Odlin      |
| Mark Brighthouse | Sara Sadeghi    |
| Shane Coley      | Sohabe Saeed    |
| Kofi Djang       | Robert Serrant  |
| Joshua Duckworth | Sharan Suthar   |
| Ravi Gokal       | Marcus Webber   |
| Bilal Hussain    |                 |

At the same time as welcoming in the new we also think of those who are leaving, and whilst it is sad to see people go, it also brings pleasure when one looks back and remembers all the good times that they have had and created through their involvement with the house. I wish them all a very happy and successful future. Two leavers worthy of a special mention are Nic Gilmore and Richard Hopkinson; both played for England this year, Nic at Lacrosse and Richard at Rugby. We will watch the sports pages of the papers with interest for news of their further career successes. To the new Byromites we hope and wish them the same fun and good times, but it lies mainly with them as it is they who must create the memories by becoming involved now.

The Michaelmas term is always the busiest. It is the longest, so more things can be fitted in. In the two main sports of Hockey and Rugby we had good and successful teams. The junior hockey team found the competition tough but credit is due to them for keeping going until the end. The Seniors narrowly lost to Heywood in the final by two goals to nil. Many of the players looked rather fatigued having had a long game in the semi which went to extra time. We also had a problem in that nobody wanted to play goalkeeper and thanks must go to our two new girls Imreen Hussain and Shabnum Iqbal for stepping in and having a go, even though they had not played before. Well done to these two and the other girls.

The House League rugby team were rather reluctant and started each game slowly, however once warmed up they improved enormously and were in fact a good side as some of the results testify. As with most sports the right mental approach is vital and will make up for shortcomings in other areas. Heywood won the league and we finished 4th.

In the knockout competitions we had mixed fortunes. The junior side were drawn against Whitworth who had a team full of squad players and although we gave it our very best effort, we lost, but well done to all who played. We got a little further in the senior event because of a bye in the first round. We played Gaskell; it turned out to be a terrific game with Byrom just ahead all the way through the game until the last two minutes when we could not stop a powerful run from Gaskell's Hamza Anwar. He scored, which gave them a 2 point victory.

The Seven-a-side competitions were great events and we did well in both, coming second in the junior and winning the senior. The third years did particularly well in their event, winning all the games in some style. In the seniors we had fine performances from the 2nd and 3rd VII's who won their groups, and from the 1st XII who came second. A fantastic all round effort from everybody. It is particularly pleasing when a large number of people of different levels of ability come together, and everybody's efforts contribute to the final results.

The Inter House Road Run is the toughest event of the year. Running is hard physically and mentally, you are out on your own and when you get out of breath it is so easy to stop; it takes great determination to keep going. Unfortunately we did not manage a complete set of runners, the boys in the 5th Year being one short, but there were some splendid performances. No matter where you finished, if you were out there giving it your best you deserve respect.

Byroms runners and their placings out of 36 were:

**3rd Year**

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|----------------|------|---------------|------|
| Shane Coley    | 1st  | Bilal Hussain | 15th |
| Robert Serrant | 9th  | Naima Ahmed   | 30th |
| Ravi Gokal     | 13th | Susan Barber  | 35th |

**4th Year**

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|----------------|------|------------------|------|
| Rupinder Sagar | 2nd  | Omar Hussain     | 24th |
| Darren Daly    | 14th | Laura Hopkinson  | 30th |
| Imran Ali      | 20th | Gemma Litherland | 33rd |

**5th Year**

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|-------------|------|---------------|------|
| Joe Holland | 1st  | Caroline Bell | 24th |
| Daniel Wild | 2nd  | Lina Mannan   | 34th |
| Tom Hickman | 12th | No 4th Boy    | 36th |

**Sixth Form**

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|------------------|------|-----------------------|------|
| Richard Johnston | 5th  | Stephanie Jackson     | 22nd |
| Ross Mackay      | 13th | Chaminda Ranawickrema | 24th |
| Zahoorul Haq     | 17th | Amita Sagar           | 30th |

The combined total of 450 put us in 3rd place, a very good effort; congratulations to those named above.

Byrom it would seem is not an aquatic house. Ben Stafford worked hard to get a team out but was let down badly on the day of the event when a number of people simply failed to turn up. Those who did swim gave a good account but very few made it through to the finals and we came bottom in the competition.

The music entry was organised by Julia Atherton and Anya Dearden and they did an excellent job. We had an interesting and varied programme which included a number of classical pieces but also some blues, jazz and a song from a popular stage show. A new performer on clarinet was Sara Sadeghi, who played a Mozart piece excellently. It was also good to see and hear how much Darren Daly's guitar playing has come on from last year; his blues number was super. Debbie Langer sang "I dreamed a dream" from "Les Misérables" with great style. Chloe Duckworth is a very fine Saxophone player and belted out a number by Graham Lyons called "Bounce"; Julia, Anya and Samantha played a trio piece and Julia also performed a solo item, both of which were all super with a clear crisp sound. We ended our musical presentation with a group piece in which Wunmi Ademosu sang the classic "Summertime." She performed beautifully and the backing was excellent. Well done to everyone involved.

Finally in this term we had the Debating where Robert Watson and Hema Gokal teamed up to propose that they should "curb the power of the media." They were opposed by Dalton who had a good team. However such was the argument that Robert and Hema put forward that they won the vote at the end. Both spoke excellently, then dealt with questions from the floor with some style, even managing to turn Dalton's argument against them. They were well deserved winners of the competition.

**LENT TERM**

The main event of this term was the house play. We started to rehearse Gregory's Girl, however the cast was too large to organise and the play too long to perform in the time allowed. The production team decided to swap to an episode of Red Dwarf called Marooned. A full account of the performance can be found in the Drama section of this magazine but I would like to say how much hard work and effort went into this. Actors, production, set design and costumes were all terrific and each takes hours to get right but it was clear from what I saw at rehearsals and at the performance itself that everybody gained a tremendous amount and had a great time. Congratulations to Richard Nixon, Michael Graham, Rob Watson, Chaminda Ranawickrema, Julia Atherton, Nazanin Sadeghi, Hema Gokal, Omar Ajaz, Debbie Langer, Stephanie Jackson and Amita Sagar, a super team.

The sporting events of the term were Netball and Lacrosse. Again there was no house league due to a lack of time, but the knockout competitions went ahead. The netball was a carbon copy of the Hockey, in that our seniors lost out to Heywood in the final and our juniors tried hard but finished at the bottom of the pile. In the Lacrosse the juniors went out in the 1st round to Dalton while the seniors lost to Dalton in the final, both were good games but we lacked a goal scorer who could put our chances away. The Hewlett Cup provided us with our revenge, we played extremely well, but were also well organised which helped a great deal. This put us in 3 out of 5 finals of which we won 2, giving us a super victory overall.

**MIDSUMMER TERM**

This term is dominated by examinations, both school and external, therefore teams and events have to be fitted round them. This year it did make for an unusual but interesting senior Cricket Competition. We did not have enough boys available to make up a full team so Nazanin Sadeghi and Amita Sagar played. They both were fantastic and enjoyed the

experience. We eventually lost in the final to Whitworth which was rather disappointing when we had worked so hard to get there. The juniors went one better as they beat Whitworth in their final. This was a good all round performance from everybody in the team.

The rounders was a pleasure to watch, both juniors and seniors. The noise and excitement are high pitched. The juniors did a great job and for the first time did not finish bottom but were 4th. The seniors were super but I must admit both they and I are sick of getting beaten by Heywood in the finals, as it happened yet again. The girls have been quite superb in their efforts over the whole year and to lose to Heywood in every final was really bad luck.

The last event of the year is traditional, the Athletics, which is split into seniors before the exams and juniors after. Both are excellent days as there is something for everyone and it is competition in a very pure form. We had some excellent races and fine individual performances; overall the house finished 3rd which is a fine effort. Individuals worthy of mention are Nic Gilmore 2nd & 3rd in the senior 800 & 1500 metres, Joe Holland 1st & 3rd in the Javelin and Discus, Caroline Bell 3rd in the High Jump, the 4 x 100m boys Relay team 1st and Richard Hopkinson who was the individual boys winner with 1st's in 100m, Triple Jump and second in the High Jump.

In the 3rd year events Mark Brighthouse won the Discus, Marcus Webber and Niamah Ahmed were 2nd in the boys' and girls' Javelin, Kofi Djang was second in the 200 metres while Ravi Gokal had two 3rd's and a 1st in 400m, 800m and Triple Jump. However, the star of the 3rd year was Shane Coley who is a great athlete, he won the 100m, 200m and High Jump and was 3rd year individual winner. The 4th year good performances came from Ryan Lustgarten 2nd in the Javelin, Samantha John 1st and 2nd in the Long Jump and 200 metres, Laura Hopkinson 1st in 100 mtrs and Rupinder Sagar 1st in the 800mtrs.

This rounds off the reports of the year's events, however this is just an overview. The real value is in each member of the house doing something. To those who find it difficult to get involved I would say 'have a go' and to all those who did have a go, well done. I will also repeat in print my plea for everybody to become organised and responsible for themselves. I have often been criticised by Byrom teams for not having drinks at half time. My answer to this is if I did not have to spend so much time providing them with items of kit such as shirts, boots, lacrosse or hockey sticks which they should have themselves, I would then have time to provide the extras.

My personal thanks go to the Heads, Deputies and House Prefects and also to Miss Kelly, Mr Addison and Mr Swales for their help, support and encouragement.

N.P. Dunn.

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## DALTON

### House Officials 1997/8 :

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| House Deputies  | Ms S.R. Tandon, Miss R.J. Minto                                                                  |
| Heads of House  | Jennie Green, Paul Murphy                                                                        |
| School Prefects | Jennie Green, Paul Murphy, Affan Burki, Karen Vites, Nishant Agarwal                             |
| House Prefects  | David Hancock, Niki Jerath, William Laird, Alan Lee, Garth Rowlands, Ben Veitch, Nicola Whiterod |

### Michaelmas Term

The following appointments were made :

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| Rugby Captains :    | Senior Knockout                       | David Hancock  |
|                     | Senior League                         | Affan Burki    |
|                     | Junior Knockout                       | Julian Chapman |
| Hockey Captains :   | Senior                                | Karen Vites    |
|                     | Junior                                | Helia Asadi    |
| Swimming Captains : | Senior                                | William Laird  |
|                     | Junior                                | Alick Hyde     |
| Music Organisers :  | Vikram Luthra, Sajjad Riaz, Mika Tong |                |
| Debating Team :     | Vikram Luthra, Natalie Ofoche         |                |

At the beginning of the Term, we welcomed Miss Minto into the House, both as a deputy and as Form Tutor to the third years, 3D. We also had 19 pupils join the House, all having Miss Minto as Form Tutor. We also gained one new pupil in the Fourth Year and two in the Sixth Form. We hoped all of these would play their part in House activities.

House rugby was the major boys' activity during the Term, including a Senior League Competition each week. Numbers in the Senior part of the House were such that all those boys who were fit would have to play most weeks. We realised that we did not have much strength in the House, as we had many in the School squad, and there were few natural rugby players amongst those remaining. Because all expected to play, we were able to field a full team weekly, although there were frequently changes of players and positions. Our first match was against Byrom, and we managed to press forward early on. However, once we lost the ball, Affan was left alone at full back, and, unsupported, he was unable to stop Byrom scoring. Our tackling was seldom effective, and, despite tries from Kopul Rahman and William Laird, with good work from Alan Lee, we finished as losers by 10 - 40. Our second match was against Gaskell, when there were some useful individual runs by Anthony Edwards and Aneet Kapoor, but, with little back up, we again lost heavily. The third week saw us play

against an unbeaten Heywood side with several players missing through injury. We started off well, with much pressing, although the forwards were seldom strong enough to hold their own. Affan and Aneet went into the scrum to help, but this then weakened the backs. We relied upon some excellent tackling from Garth Rowlands, and, by half time, were still in the game. Tiredness crept in and we again lost heavily. Our other two League games both resulted in defeats, although we played well in both. Against Whitworth, we were ahead until ten minutes from the end, when they ran in three tries. Our best players during the season were Affan Burki, Kopul Rahman Garth Rowlands and Aneet Kapoor, although most players tried very hard. Despite losing all matches, we were never gave up. I was very pleased with the efforts shown.

In the Senior Knockout, our first match was against Gaskell. Having eight School players, we hoped that they would combine with the better League players and bring us success. Dave Hancock, as captain, would be a crucial player, but he left the field through injury, and our backs seldom received the ball early enough to make good use of it. What could have been a Dalton victory turned into a defeat by 17 - 29. Our Junior Knockout opponents were Whitworth. We had just three players from the Under 15 squad - Julian Chapman, Warren Dawkins and Alick Hyde - supported by some smaller and lighter third years. An injury to one of these left us very short but the others, together with Justin Ofoche, tackled hard, encouraged others around them and played very well. It was only two late tries for Whitworth that put the game beyond our reach, and we lost 19 - 33.

There were two rugby seven a side tournaments. The Junior competition saw both our Third and Fourth Year teams draw one of their initial two matches and win their third place play offs. Most encouraging was the work of the inexperienced Third Year players, where Justin was well supported by Simon Khoshneviszadeh, Eoin Murphy, Chris Hanford and William Tamkin. The finishing position of 3rd place was pleasing. The Ray Cox Senior seven a sides was nowhere near as pleasing. Few played to their true potential, especially the 1st team who were too careless. They lost their first game heavily to Fraser, before a close win over Gaskell. The 2nd team lost both matches, and did not score a point, while the 3rd team had one draw. Dalton finished 5th in the competition.

Miss Minto helped to supervise swimming practices for the House, and we soon realised that we had enthusiasm, but not much talent. We had two relay teams into the Final - 3rd Year and Senior Medley teams, both finishing 3rd. In the individual competition, Rachel Ablott, Natasha Juma and William Laird reached the Finals of the 3rd Year, 4th Year and Senior breast stroke events respectively. James Veitch finished 3rd in the Senior Butterfly Final. Congratulations to those, and let's hope next year we can do better.

The Road Run Competition involved six runners per year, many of whom struggled because of lack of training. Our best placed runners were Eoin Murphy 4th place in 3rd Years, and Affan Burki 8th place in the 6th Years. All those who participated tried hard, but the only way to succeed is with training and fitness.

In the girls' hockey competition, our Juniors showed an excellent spirit and determination. They were very well led by Helia Asadi and ably supported by Gemma Carolan, Iram Choudary and Katrina Francis. They had many chances in their match against Fraser, but were just unable to score the goals in the 0 - 0 draw. A comfortable 2 - 0 victory over Byrom set up a semi - final against Gaskell. We were again unable to capitalise on the attack play, and two late goals saw us lose. We finished 3rd in the competition. The Seniors did not fare as well. A group of 5th Years showed endeavour and expertise, but were not backed up by the Sixth Formers or a few other 5th Years. Of the three games played, all were narrowly lost.

We were represented in the Inter-House debate by Vikram Luthra and Natalie Ofoche. Both spent much time preparing their arguments and worked together well on the platform. Both received commendations for their performance and were in contention for the trophy, although they did not quite manage to win it. I hope they will both try again next year.

Our Music Competition entry was well organised by Vikram, Sajjad and Mika, and was based on the theme of Television, Films and Musicals. Our 'stars' were the vocal entries from Karen Vites (from Les Misérables) and Michelle Fearnley and Vikram (from Aladdin). Each of these were excellent and well rehearsed. Some of the other entries were a little under-rehearsed and did not reach the standard of which they were capable. Dalton finished 3rd, just two marks below the winning House.

## LENT TERM

The following appointments were made :

|                     |                                  |                           |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Lacrosse Captains : | Senior Knockout                  | Ben Veitch                |
|                     | Senior League                    | Affan Burki, Aneet Kapoor |
|                     | Junior Knockout                  | Warren Dawkins            |
| Netball Captains :  | Senior                           | Alison Featherstone       |
|                     | Junior                           | Iram Choudary             |
| Play Producers :    | Michelle Fearnley, Vikram Luthra |                           |

Another Term of very bad weather prevented a full lacrosse Senior League programme from being played and only two matches were able to be played. We had all the possession against Gaskell, missed many chances and conceded a goal with the last shot. Against Heywood, Aneet and Akhlaq scored regularly in a 6 - 3 victory. We had a strong team in the Senior Knockout and hoped to win the trophy again as we had in recent years. We faced Gaskell in the first round, and Dave Hancock did well at the faces, pushing us forward through midfield. James Veitch was closely marked in attack, but this enabled others to come into their own. Jonathan Murphy and Anthony Edwards played confidently, and we won 6 - 4. Against Whitworth, we totally dominated the first half, with Aneet Kapoor using the ball well from defence. Goals came regularly from our three attack players, James, Anthony and Jonathan, and we were 6 - 0 up at Half Time. We relaxed in the

second half, and substitutions and fouls disrupted our play, although the final score of 9 - 4 was comfortable. The Final, against Byrom, started very comfortably, but too many players relaxed, Chris Lindley let in goals that should not have gone in, and the scores were close with five minutes to play. However, our confident 5th Year School attack players scored the goals needed and we finished winners of the Senior Knockout.

In the first round of the Junior Knockout, we had to face Heywood without our captain, Warren, through injury, and realised that we had few School players. However, Alick, Julian and Justin were excellent, working tirelessly in midfield and were well supported by others inexperienced. It was pleasing to see others support these when they needed a rest. We were 3 - 1 up at half time, with goals from William and Alick (2), before we were pegged back to 3 - 3. However, Eoin confidently scored to restore our lead, and we finished 6 - 4 victors. The Final was a very one-sided match, and we were never in it until we scored three late goals. However, I must commend the efforts that had been put in by our strong 4th Years and by our small hard-working 3rd Years. Well done to all.

In the Hewlett Cup six a side tournament, our 1st team surprisingly lost to Gaskell and, despite a victory over Byrom, did not reach the Final. The second team was well led by Affan and Aneet and won through to their Final. Our 4th Years lacked both Alick and Julian and tried hard, but did not gain a victory. The 3rd Years had an excellent spirit for an inexperienced group of boys and won one of their games. Overall, Dalton finished a disappointing 5th position.

The Girls' netball tournament took place this Term, and the team spirit was again much in evidence amongst the Juniors. Our first round results brought us to a semi final against Heywood. Efficient defence and hard pressing attack play from Iram brought us a 3 - 2 victory and a Final against Gaskell. This, unfortunately, was lost 0 - 3. The Seniors had a first round 5 - 0 victory over Fraser, and a loss to Heywood, before facing Byrom in the semi-final. This we lost 3 - 5, and finished 4th in the competition. It was again leadership from the Sixth Years that was lacking.

The hardest work of the Term went into the Drama production, which was produced by Vikram and Michelle, the latter of whom re-wrote much of 'Cat on the Fiddle' by John Dole to give us 'Indecent Exposure'. A large cast of ten was well organised and included several who had not acted on stage previously. The main parts were played by Michelle, Jennie Green, Paul Murphy and Karen Vites, and all knitted together and contrasted each other very well. The Italian pen-pal of Mario turned out to be Maria, with hilarious consequences. Ben Green's support roles as taxi driver and burglar were excellent, and the more minor parts each had their own star performances. Jennie's Italian accent was sustained excellently and she won the Best Actress Award. Highly commended were Karen, Michelle and Alick, William and Greg. The excellent performance gave us the House Drama trophy again. Well done and just reward for the hard work.

## MIDSUMMER TERM

The following appointments were made :

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|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Cricket Captains :  | Senior Knockout | Paul Murphy                  |
|                     | Junior Knockout | Rameez Haider                |
| Rounders Captains : | Senior          | Karen Vites                  |
|                     | Junior          | Gemma Carolan, Iram Choudary |

The Senior athletics and cricket had to fit into a very short half term, and there was no time for practices. Our Senior Knockout cricket team had insufficient bowling strength against hard-hitting Heywood players, although Aneet and Paul were both steady. 131 was needed by us in 20 overs, and we were never able to punish their bowling as they had done to us. Good innings from Ben Green (54) and James Veitch (23) brought our 20 over score to 90 for 7, but we were never close to the required rate. In the Juniors, Rameez led the non-cricketers well, but we only managed 50 all out, and we lost by 7 wickets.

In the Senior Sports Day, our entry was disrupted by absences, but all who participated gave their best. Our successes were Paul Murphy (1st in 200m), Natalie Ofoche (1st in 200m, 3rd in 800m), David Hancock (2nd in 800m), Georgina Laird (2nd in High Jump), Kopul Rahman (3rd in Triple Jump), Nicola Whiterod (3rd in Discus). In the Junior section of the Sports Day, there was much enthusiasm and some good performances. The most convincing performance came from our 400m 3rd Year boys relay team who won very comfortably. There were also wins for Justin Ofoche (and one 2nd, one 3rd), Lucy Berger, Suzanne Onyemem, Julian Chapman (twice) and Rupert Wakefield. 2nd places were gained by Katrina Francis, Simon Khoshneviszadeh, Alick Hyde (and one 3rd) and 3rd places went to William Tamkin, Eoin Murphy, Sidra Ghani, Iram Choudary and Natalie Sheldon.

In the Junior rounders, Iram led the girls well, and beat Heywood to reach the semi-final where we narrowly lost to Fraser. A comfortable play-off over Byrom ensured we finished 3rd. The Seniors were excellent in their preliminary matches, with the trio of Georgina Laird, Laura Berrisford and Vicky Raynes combining well in two victories. Unfortunately, we were unable to field a team in the Final, stopping us from winning the trophy.

Overall, this was a disappointing year, with too few showing the expected commitment. We must next year build upon the enthusiasm of the Junior members of Dalton. We wish our leavers best wishes for success in the future. Next year, Dalton will have three School Prefects in Chris Lindley, Ben Green, Vikram Luthra. Congratulations to them.

M. D. Wood



# FRASER HOUSE

*Heads of House:*

Richard Longworth\*

Sarah Moore\*

*House Prefects:*

Craig Baker\*, Tim Barraclough\*, James Byrom, Michael Gale\*, Richard Ip, Christopher Johnstone, Jahanzeb Junejo, Clare Keable, Rachael Lee, Zeeshan Rana, Laura Smith and Richard Williams.

*\*denotes School Prefect*

*Captain of School Netball:*

Sarah Moore

## MICHAELMAS TERM

Six girls and twelve boys came up into Fraser this year, and here they are:



*(photo: D.M. Fisher)*

Additionally, Tahzid Ahsan, Mussadak Mirza and Salma Seedat (all L6) entered from other schools. We wish them all a successful association with the House.

Katie Chesworth and Gurpartab Sathi began their tenure on the Sixth Form Committee, managing social events and furniture respectively.

News came from Balliol that Sam Burney (Fraser House '91-'96) was doing extremely well and had consequently been awarded a James Hall Scholarship.

**House Music** was in the hands of Clare Keable and James Byrom, two stalwarts of the music scene at School, and both veterans of the House Music Competition. This year we were in a Residential Home and the "elderly ladies" were much in evidence, though not looking entirely comfortable in their rôle. After a lovely harmonious opening from Clare, Jennie Porter and Louise Goodwin on flutes and vocals (Besig's *Flying Free*) came Laura-Jane Bulwich whose courageous choice of Alanis Morissette's *Ironic* really paid off. She recorded the highest individual mark with a performance that the Adjudicator said he "enjoyed very much"! Richard Williams chose another song from Andrew Lloyd-Webber's *Cats*, the poignant *Gus the Theatre Cat*, and using a microphone this year he managed to project his voice very successfully, provoking spontaneous

smiles all round with his interpretation of a cat's singing voice! Danny Wood's classical guitar solo was also unusual and very welcome. Like so many of our musicians Danny will benefit tremendously from performing in public in this way. The traditional Fraser finale involved all those mentioned plus Camille Kasler, Laura Smith, James Wood, James Byrom, Tim Barraclough, Vicky Bramwell, Jaya Jairath, Alexis Dickson and Elisha Bailey playing a foot-tapping version of the Beatles' *When I'm Sixty-Four*, another high-scoring piece.

The **Debating Competition** didn't go our way this year, despite much preparation and a confident display by Alison Hawcroft and Katie Chesworth, who had to propose the motion *This House Believes That There Is Too Much Money in Sport*. For once the girls' powers of persuasion left the adjudicators impassive!

Excellent work from Elisha Bailey, Jenna French, and especially Camille Kasler and Hannah Naylor (Captain) brought success in the **Junior Hockey**, a single goal against Whitworth seeing us through the semis and penalty corners deciding the Final in our favour. Good, simple work in defence by Vicky Bramwell, Jaya Jairath and Rachael Moore kept Gaskell at bay, Laura-Jane Bulwich was underused on the right, Marsha Beagul supported strongly in the centre and Alexis Dickson did what she had to in goal. Surprise runners-up last year, well-deserved winners this! The entire team, including sub. Moyo Adunola, was awarded House Colours.

In the **Senior Hockey** competition the first match was lost 1-0 to Heywood but a 2-0 win against Gaskell took Rachael Lee's team into the semi-final anyway. Two short-corners to Byrom's three left us competing with Whitworth for 3rd or 4th place, and a further goal gave us third. This was another close competition where little separated the three top teams, especially on heavy pitches where goalscoring was as much a matter of luck as of skill or strength. As always it was the commitment and tirelessness of the Fraser girls which distinguished this competition.

Fraser's **Senior Rugby XV** played excellently again all season, only faltering once against Heywood when five players failed to appear. Well captained by Richard Longworth, who had a very small pool of players to choose from, the team made the difference by tackling resolutely and running at the opposition whenever possible. Richards Ip, Williams and Longworth, Arfan and Fayaz Ahmed, fifth-formers Kessr Ali, Jon Byrom and Richard Lee, and newcomers to the game Zeeshan Rana and Mussadak Mirza all made a significant contribution, as did Luc Zentar on his rare appearances.

Better than usual organisation and greater than usual commitment gave us an advantage in the **Ray Cox Seven-a-Side Tournament**, and after an extremely exciting afternoons' rugby during which Fraser's 1st VII won their group, beating winners Byrom in their final, we lay second. One of this year's highlights was the interplay between the Naylor brothers playing together as scrum- and fly-half. **Junior Sevens** are invariably less satisfactory because of the players' lesser experience, but Chris Ogden-Smith made every effort to combat this, taking the Third Form squad out for a lengthy warm-up and practice session at lunch which helped offset the underdog effect from which they were inevitably suffering. In the event their performance was really encouraging. Having gone down heavily to Gaskell and Whitworth they restored their honour by winning the play-off with Heywood, thereby contributing two valuable points to the day's total. The Fourth Form XV was having a better day of it, meanwhile. Anthony Green and Jamie Meers had led the team to two fairly comfortable wins to reach the Final, with the usual excellent support from Alex Johnstone and Brett Ramsumair. Whitworth were too strong for them, though, and they did extremely well to limit them to two tries and not to cave in under the onslaught. Third place for the House was a fair reward in the end.

The **Senior Knockout XV** moved into the final again this year with two decisive wins, then in a match more one-sided than 18-10 would suggest, beat Gaskell to win the coveted Football Shield. This successful campaign was a tribute to the strength of character and utter dedication to the task of Tim Barraclough (Captain), Mike Gale and Luke Hassett, but they had magnificent support from Craig Baker, Chris Johnstone, Amir Tabatabaei, the three Richards, Gurpartab Sathi, Chris White and Dan Naylor. A further factor was Matthew Naylor's skill and ball-sense, and it was a pleasure to see him playing rugby again and making his ever-inventive contribution.

The **Junior Knockout XV** was captained by Anthony Green and looked full of talent and promise. A bye in Round One brought us up against Gaskell and, despite an excellent performance which included three tries from third-former Chris Ogden-Smith, we could not always hold (or catch!) one of the Gaskell players (yes - Scott Griffiths) and the game was lost 25-40.

We were fated to be runners-up in several inter-House competitions this year and the **Road Race** was one such! Unlike last year everybody pulled his weight and the vast majority of our performances exceeded expectations. Results are not published elsewhere so here are Fraser's best:

|                     |                   |      |                |                 |
|---------------------|-------------------|------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Third Form:</i>  | James Wood        | 2nd  | Rajiv Kay      | 14th            |
|                     | Chris Ogden-Smith | 6th  | Camille Kasler | 21st (3rd girl) |
|                     | Jon Nelson        | 10th |                |                 |
| <i>Fourth Form:</i> | Paul Stonehouse   | 5th  | Hannah Naylor  | 21st (3rd girl) |
|                     | Daniel Wood       | 11th | Elisha Bailey  | 22nd            |
| <i>Fifth Form:</i>  | Daniel Naylor     | 8th  | Balal Rana     | 11th            |
|                     | Chris White       | 10th | Louise Goodwin | 21st (1st girl) |
| <i>Sixth Form:</i>  | Luke Hassett      | 1st  | Zeeshan Rana   | 6th             |
|                     | Tim Barraclough   | 4th  | Shazad Arshad  | 9th             |

These outstanding runs brought us up from fifth in 1996 to second this year in this tough competition.

Runners-up again - this time in the **Swimming Sports!** Some excellent results should be recorded: one first, one second and three third places in the six relays; first and third in the 3rd Form Breaststroke for James Wood and Camille Kasler, two firsts and a second (Daniel Wood) in the Individual Medleys, and Individual Trophies to James Wood and Alison Hawcroft. Thanks to James Byrom (second in the Freestyle) for his tremendous help and enthusiasm in planning the Swimming Sports for his House over five years.

- Alison Hawcroft, Gurpartab Sathi and Zeeshan Rana were nominated to perform Prefects' duties during the Trial Exam period in December;
- School Colours were awarded for rugby to the following: Michael Gale and Luke Hassett (*Full*), Tim Barraclough (*Club*), and Daniel Naylor (*Junior*);
- Jonathan and James Byrom spent a week in Spain in September working in the accreditation area at the Ryder Cup.

## LENT TERM

The Lent Term began with the excellent news that Michael Gale had been offered a place to read Medecine at Magdalene College, Cambridge. All success to him!



*Abigail's Party - the Cast  
(photo: D. M. Fisher)*

Volunteers to produce the **House Play** were legion, and finally Katie Chesworth and Ross Jenkins were chosen. Katie was keen to put on *Abigail's Party* by Mike Leigh, a play in which she had had a rôle in her first House Drama Competition. Volunteers to act were more elusive, but with the producers taking on the key husband and wife rôles, Chloë Pepall agreeing to revive her "reserved and unobtrusive" Susan, and Kim Hayden coming in to show solidarity as ever, as Angela, it remained only to coerce a boy to play Angela's unpleasant husband, Tony. Chris White was first choice but had to withdraw so Jamie Meers stepped in with a little encouragement from the rest of the cast. The result was very successful, and above all, enjoyable; both Katie and Ross were deservedly short-listed for the two Best Performances awards and the cast received House Colours in recognition of the enormous amount of time and emotional energy they expended on the project. Mr Turner's dedication to the House Plays must be acknowledged too: it is no exaggeration to say that without his involvement they might very well not take place at all. Miss Green's full adjudication appears elsewhere in the *Hulmeian*, together with Louise Goodwin's excellent freehand design for the programme - a refreshing change from the computer-generated style which has become the norm.

The House **Lacrosse** season was again ridiculously curtailed and the results of the few twenty minute games played are hardly worth recording. The Fraser squad did well to muster enthusiasm (and players) and produce some exciting moments, most especially when the opposition had the ball and merciless Mike Gale spotted them! Richard Ip was again our leading scorer, and Fayaz Ahmed, Kessr Ali, Gurpartab Sathi, Arfan Ahmed, Tim Barraclough and Richard Longworth in goal lent their usual dependable support. We finished second in the league.



Fraser Junior Lacrosse Squad: Knockout Winners 1998  
(photo: D. M. Fisher)

The **Senior Knockout X** went out, sadly, in the first round, 4-6 to Byrom. Our best players simply didn't play well enough, and for once Richard Longworth in goal was not on song, saving some very good shots but letting in two or three which he would be expected to save in a league match. Jamie Meers was in action again captaining the **Junior Lacrosse X** in the Knockout Competition. In fact he scored the first five goals in a 10-8 defeat of Whitworth, but not until we had trailed 1-5 after the first quarter. Paul Stonehouse (GK) soon got his eye in, but this did highlight the importance of a thorough pre-match warm-up for the keeper before he has to face real shots! An excellent effort from Jamie, Brett Ramsurnair, Alex Johnstone, Anthony Green, Danny Wood and Chris Ogden-Smith, but still far too much solo lacrosse and too little passing and running off the ball. The next round was over very quickly, Fraser scoring seven or eight goals in a matter of minutes against Gaskell, after which the referee mixed the teams to produce a more even game. The Final with Dalton was another one-sided affair, but an excellent performance (14-2) from the Fraser team who came away with the Junior Lacrosse Trophy without having had to exert themselves unduly since the first match.

Selection for the **Hewlett Cup** six-a-sides was badly affected by interviews, lectures and injuries, and these absences had a marked knock-on effect in weakening teams two and three as better players had to go up into the team above. This showed in the results, although Amir Tabatabaei's third team managed a good 5-0 defeat of Heywood. The third and fourth form teams were complete, however, and played with great enthusiasm, especially Rajiv Kay and Tom Sutton in addition to the Knockout "stars". The fourth-formers won all three of their games, enabling the House to retain some dignity!

At both levels our girls got off to a poor start in the **Netball** competitions, narrowly losing their two preliminary matches and with that any chance of a crack at the finals. The Junior results were disappointing since with a full team we had a real chance of success, but Laura-Jane Bulwich and Marsha Beagul were away for these matches and we were unable to compensate for their absence. Both teams won their play-off matches, though, and so thankfully we avoided the double wooden spoon.

- Several members of the House took part in the excellent *Midsummer Night's Dream* in January: Kim Hayden, Vicky Bramwell, Alexis Dickson and Jaya Jairath on the stage and Katie Chesworth, Gemma Rosenthal and Richard Longworth behind it.
- School Colours were awarded at the end of term to the following:

|         |                                                                                                                   |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Full:   | Rachael Lee ( <i>Hockey</i> ); Craig Baker ( <i>Lacrosse</i> ); Clare Keable ( <i>Music</i> )                     |
| Club:   | Alison Hawcroft and Kim Hayden ( <i>Netball</i> ); Alison and Katie Chesworth ( <i>Hockey</i> )                   |
| Junior: | Louise Goodwin ( <i>Netball</i> ); Louise and Sophie Nelson ( <i>Hockey</i> );<br>Chris White ( <i>Lacrosse</i> ) |

## MIDSUMMER TERM

Zeeshan Rana was appointed Captain of School Cricket.

Alexis Dickson captained the **Junior Rounders** team this year, and a good start against Byrom and Whitworth saw us comfortably through to the finals. Two defeats by Gaskell last year had left us trailing, but this time the girls made no mistake, and two close games with first Dalton and then Gaskell (5-3½) in the Final itself brought the girls a well-deserved trophy. All made their contribution but the trio of Marsha Beagul bowling, Laura-Jane Bulwich at backstop and Hannah at first base, with excellent all-round play from Camille Kasler, made all the difference.

The **Senior Rounders** team played quite well but unexpectedly drew the first and lost the second of their preliminary matches. Kim Hayden needed a runner and Louise Goodwin obliged, and both Katie Chesworth and Jennie Porter played really well, with Rachael Lee, Alison Hawcroft, Saima Khan, Gemma Rosenthal and Louise Lee all playing their part. The Finals were nearly abandoned again this year but the girls did play and managed for the second term running to avoid coming last!

Fraser's campaign in the **Cricket Knockouts** was brief (as usual) but not undignified. The **Junior XI**, captained by Brett Ramsumair, got off to a good start, limiting Whitworth to 119 in twenty-five overs with some effective bowling. Despite good all-round batting and a very solid innings from Rajiv Kay Fraser were all out for 95. Zeeshan Rana's **Senior XI** managed a reasonable 91 on the slow First XI square, but our bowlers did not get the breaks and Gaskell had a couple of overs in hand when they reached 92, so that was that.



Sports Day: l-r Jennie Porter, Louise Lee, Saima Khan and Louise Goodwin wait for their events.  
(photo: D. M. Fisher)

**Senior Sports Day** saw Fraser's Fifth and Sixth-Formers at their very best, with entries in every Final except two (in one of which the competitor forgot she had qualified), first and second in the two Boys Relays, and good performances from Luke Hassett, Rachael Lee, Craig Baker, Tim Barraclough, Mike Gale, Chris Johnstone, Katie Chesworth, Zeeshan Rana, Alison Hawcroft, Gurpartab Sathi, Fayaz Ahmed, Chris White, Louise Goodwin, Saima Khan and Jennie Porter; Matt and Dan Naylor were 4th and 5th in the High Jump; and despite the fact that the five other Houses all had more first places than Fraser sheer weight of numbers qualifying won us the day.

On **Junior Sports Day** there was a number of unexpectedly poor performances from proven Fraser athletes, and this was the major factor in our poor overall points total. Just as with the senior competition, few of them gained a first place (Danny Wood (Jav), Jenna French (Jav) and Marsha Beagul (HJ)) but equally points did come from a broad and varied group, which must be an encouragement for any House. Apart from the three winners, the long list of boys and girls who contributed to the Athletics Sports is:

Elisha Bailey, Vicky Bramwell, Alexis Dickson, Jaya Jairath, Hannah Naylor, Laura-Jane Bulwich, Camille Kasler, Rachael Moore, Anthony Green, Mohammed Jilani, Alex Johnstone, James Meers, Brett Ramsumair, Paul Stonehouse, Saqib Zahid, Amaan Akram, Aamir Ashraff, Yasir Eldin, Rajiv Kay, Colin Leung, James McConville, Jon Nelson, Chris Ogden-Smith, Tom Sutton and James Wood.

For the House the highlight of the afternoon was undoubtedly the record-breaking win in the Third Form Girls 4 x 100m Relay (62.74secs). This really was a rousing performance from Camille, Laura-Jane, Marsha and Jenna, four of only six girls in the House. However all this effort was not enough, and a mediocre showing in the Relays brought our total down to a mere nine points below Heywood. When the dust had settled we learned with pleasure that Marsha Beagul had won the Individual Girls Trophy in her age-group.

We lose an excellent and distinctive group of Upper Sixth-Formers this year. Not only have they been consistently successful in inter-House events over the years but they have been quiet, confident and affable, and have always functioned

as a cohesive unit. Our joint Heads of House Sarah Moore and Richard Longworth have done a difficult and sometimes ill-defined job very well. Richard has played the fullest possible part in House activities and seems to have relished his rôle. Sarah has always been loyal and dependable, and had it not been for illness she would doubtless have made her habitual impact on girls games. I must thank them and their supporting House Prefects, whose status seems often to bring little reward. Those who throw themselves into the job with enthusiasm do benefit, however, and I hope they will all take something away with them from their last year in Fraser. Good luck to you all, and please come back and see us.

- Jaya Jairath, James Meers and Brett Ramsumair were selected (from eight who were recommended) to be Fifth Form Representatives for 1998-99;
- Of the several Lower Sixth-Formers recommended as temporary School Prefects, Katie Chesworth, Alison Hawcroft, Mussadak Mirza, Zeeshan Rana and Gurpartab Sathi were appointed, and Katie and Gurpartab will be Heads of House from September;
- In addition to these five Arfan Ahmed, Shazad Arshad, Kim Hayden and Salma Seedat were invited to take part in a Leadership Training Course in June;
- Thanks to Miss Matthews for her continued support. In September she moves sideways into Whitworth while we are delighted to welcome Miss Raw as our new Deputy;
- Full School Colours were awarded to Zeeshan Rana and Matthew Naylor (Cricket) and Junior Colours to Hannah Naylor (Tennis) and Daniel Naylor and Brett Ramsumair (Cricket). Congratulations to them all.

D.M.Fisher

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## GASKELL HOUSE REPORT

Welcome to all the new members of Gaskell House.

Join in and enjoy yourselves and at the end of five years you will have many happy memories. All Middle School members of Gaskell House are placed in tutor groups - 3G, 4G and 5G. As the group and Form Tutor stay together for three years they develop a close alliance to one another, get used to working together and hopefully develop a less selfish view on life. The Form Tutor plays a crucial role in the development of the pupils and Gaskell House is very grateful to Mr Gorman, Miss Derby and Mrs Worthington for the countless hours they have spent counselling the pupils. As Honorary Deputy Head of House, Mrs Hesp always finds the time and patience to be part of the numerous activities we are involved in through the year. Though the influence they have on the character development of the pupils is immeasurable, it is irreplaceable. It is thanks to the dedication of these people that Gaskell remains an active, happy group of people.

The Rugby season was unsuccessful. The House Rugby team started well by defeating Byrom and Dalton and losing narrowly to Heywood. However success led to the promotion of Chris Edwards and Phil Robinson to the squad, leaving only 17 'players' to choose from. With three very reluctant participants the team was understrength and struggled in the remaining games. Kasim Ullah, David Rogers, Stephen Johnston, Fady Youssef, Geoff Kinsella and Mark Brown were always present and made great efforts to overcome the numbers handicap. The last game against Heywood was eleven players against a squad of seventeen. Several players simply let their friends down by failing to turn up. However the reliable eleven showed excellent spirit and determination to eventually lose 36-16 - probably the bravest effort of the year. Chris Edwards fully deserved his promotion to the School Squad, but his determination, organisation and reliability were greatly missed. It is to be hoped others follow his honest example. David Melmoth who led from the front and he was greatly helped by Ashish, Iffy, Stephen, Neil and Fady.

The senior knockout team had Hamza, Robert Hanley and John Daniels, all in their last year, making a huge effort to go out successfully. By defeating Heywood 35-7 and Dalton 29-17 Gaskell reached the final of the senior knockout.

In the final Hamza, John and Robert set a high example of commitment and desire for the rest of the players to emulate. However it was to lead to disappointment as weak tackling allowed Fraser to score two tries. The score was pulled back to 15-5 but an obscure line-out infringement resulted in a penalty for Fraser. Despite a late try Fraser were victorious 18-10. Fraser deserved the victory after a close game played in the usual full blooded manner.

The Junior knockout team were unable to overcome the loss of Scott Griffiths and Omer Raja and virtually gave the game to Whitworth in the first half. However there was a big improvement in the second half though Chris Howarth still managed two breakaway tries for Fraser. There is a need for a leader in 3G - someone who is prepared to organise people and take on some responsibility. Any volunteers?

The cultural side of Gaskell House was illustrated by the victorious House music team. A History of Music from Renaissance to Rock including the world famous Gaskettes provided the vehicle to show our musical talent. Rebecca Goodwin, David Freeman, Stephen Johnston, John Daniels, Elli Metcalfe, Kati Greenall and our own Jazz Band were all superbly organised by Kati into an entertaining set that fully deserved the judges' praise. Cultural success at last!

Though the teams were enthusiastic the Junior seven-a-side tournament proved to be a disappointment. Both third and fourth year teams won one game but then lost the match for third and fourth place. The result was Gaskell fifth overall. I am sure we can improve on this.

The senior seven-a-side teams were poorly organised. It was with a last minute scramble that three teams were able to turn out. The second team won one game - our only success. Considering the players that were available this was a massive underachievement - caused by a poor attitude.

Thankfully the world renowned Gaskell girls came to the rescue. The very successful and noisy 'Juniors' easily qualified for the hockey semi-finals. They defeated Dalton 2-0 but then failed to score in the final - losing by two short corners to one. Bring in Extra Time!!!! The team played very well but perhaps Laura (6 goals) and Rebecca (1 goal) deserve a special mention, though the goalkeeping kit is a very effective way to keep Sunita quiet. Unfortunately the senior girls could not mirror this success and only gained fifth place thanks to a goal from Elli Metcalfe in the game for last place!

The road race allows plenty of people the opportunity to take part in an activity; it also produces the longest list of excuses - simply to avoid running for 15 minutes. Thankfully Gaskell produced a good performance but it is time everybody took part. The swimming competition showed the strength in the third and fourth years - with a victory and two second places in the relay races.



Best relay (4 x 100m) team in WHGS.

John Daniels was the senior team winning the backstroke and gaining fourth place in the freestyle final. Sadly rugby injuries managed to weaken our team for the finals, but Jonathan Case, Robert Thompson, Laura Alexander-Williams, Ryan Garner and Anna Robertson all collected points in the finals to gain fourth place overall.

The House debating competition saw Suzanne Kershaw and Suzanne Nathan opposing the view that 'Too much money is involved in sport'. Suzanne Kershaw spent hours re-writing speeches but both presented a very strong case to the audience.

The Senior Lacrosse League was badly hit by the weather and other events - it will be interesting to see how the football evolves next year. The Hewlett Cup was a successful event with participation from virtually everyone. The first team, fourth year team and third year team all reached finals - but lost them all! As a result Gaskell were third just one point behind second place. The Senior knockout team lost 6-4 to Dalton. Despite scoring first, going behind and then fighting back, we could have won if we had more self belief and better shooting. Phil Robinson, John Daniels and Robert Hanley were the scorers. The Junior lacrosse team lost in the first round though the Junior Netball Team continued their run of success. The Juniors also had success on Sports Day. They produced a tremendous team effort remembering that sixth place in the final was good enough to gain a point. With individual wins from Messrs Loofe, Aslam and Goodkin, and the ladies Anna Rogers, Sunita Boodhoo, Adanna Opara and Laura Alexander-Williams. Robert Thompson, Bhavini Vara and Scott Griffiths all won two events with Robert producing the most courageous run of the day by leading the 1500 m all the way to the finish despite the desperate efforts of the rest of the field. Unfortunately there were too many exceptional performances

to mention, though the fact that virtually everybody took part is encouraging. The Juniors won their event but the seniors were disappointing. Laurie Edwards won the 100 metres in fine style and also led the 4 x 100 m team to success with Elli Metcalfe, Carys Edwards and Rebekah Lawson. Hamza, Stacey and Ashish won field events but not enough people took part.

New School records were set in the 100m and 200m by Scott Griffiths, Sunita in the Javelin, Adanna in the Shot and Laura in the High Jump - well done fourth form athletes. The extra points gained pushed Gaskell up to second overall - a great improvement.

The Junior rounders team came second overall thanks to some mighty blows from Adanna. The seniors were less successful though they did make a great effort, the highlight being six rounders scored by Elli while only Talia and Elli were left to bat. Exhaustion won in the end though Talia should have recovered by September.



The Junior cricket team were quickly removed from the action though the seniors were more determined. Robert Hanley was an excellent captain and kept the team on their toes throughout. Neil McLeod removed Matthew Naylor 3rd ball and Hamza removed Daniel Naylor for 36. Kasim also bowled well to restrict Fraser to 91 from 20 overs. Gaskell got off to a good start with Ashish using his legs to save his bat from incurring any damage. Hamza then decided he wanted to go home for his tea and therefore launched the ball to various parts of the ground - all with excellent timing. His quickfire 31 allowed Robert Hanley and Neil McLeod to see Gaskell home with Robert ending up on 55 not out. Sadly the semi-final was rained off and then had to be played when the fifth and upper sixth were in an examination. Lecia Endlar, Suzanne Nathan and Jane Balderstone played their first game of cricket and Dalton were six wickets down when we finally succumbed.

Jane Balderstone and Suzanne Nathan did a magnificent job producing a very successful play. A large cast from all age groups provided excellent entertainment. Carys produced another superb performance in her fifth House Play - we are starting to run out of Edwards now - though there are many promising performers on the way up. Suzanne Nathan provides a report on the play.

The House play has to be the hardest and most stressful event which takes place. This year's play was called 'A Day For Killing Daffodils' written by Lynn Bain and mainly about a struggling "single mum" drama teacher, Liz Boyle (acted by Carys Edwards) at a rough and tumble inner city School who faces a dilemma - how to control the kids. Should Liz succumb to her colleagues' advice and use the "darling little belt", or stick to her moral beliefs that corporal punishment is wrong? A School inspection is approaching and Liz is worried that her career and sanity hang in the balance. The producers, Suzanne Nathan and Jane Balderstone, were proud of producing the largest cast. Jane chose this play because she knew that it was a potential winner in several respects. Unfortunately on the night the play was not a winner although everyone who took part should be extremely proud. Bhavini Vara and Nicola Endlar created a powerful visual impact in the opening scene in the kitchen. Hours before the play everyone worked hard on decorating a realistic School setting which caught the audience eyes right from when the curtains opened with Mark (acted by Chris Edwards nominated for best actor) and Bill (Owen Edwards). Chris captured the character of the slow, naïve, gentle giant to perfection (although her was acting a character similar to himself). Jane played the part of Betty who was a teacher also experiencing several problems. Laurie Edwards, who played the character of Jane Forsyth, was a natural because she acted so well. Ian Breen was the nasty Head Master who tried to convince Liz into using the belt. Nicola Endlar, Talia Turnberg and Elli Metcalfe were excellent School rebels. All the scenes which involved large groups were lively. The School children consisted of Suzanne Nathan, Anna Rogers, Sunita Boodhoo, Rebecca Goodwin, David Melmoth and Alexis Race. Many people helped backstage; many thanks to them all and Messrs Gorman, Turner and Veevers for their support. Once again Miss Tandon and Dr Keable spent hours applying make-up and calming nerves - Thank You.

In conclusion thanks to all the pupils who have joined in a great range of activities - I hope they can look back with a smile. Messrs Gorman, Derby, Worthington and Hesp all give a lot of time and effort to support the pupils and their all round efforts can be appreciated by looking at the examination results and detention books. May we wish Heads of House David Melmoth and Carys Edwards and all the leavers all the best for the future and hope they can reflect happily on their activities at School.

H N Veevers

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## HEYWOOD HOUSE

### Michaelmas Term

#### Appointments

Heads of House: Priti Shah & Glynn Roberts

Deputy Heads of House: James Higgins & Rachel Aldersley

The year began with Tabassum Safdar and Matthew Whyatt, both Heywood, being appointed as Heads of School. Priti Shah and James Higgins joined them as School Prefects. Glynn Roberts, Matthew Kay and Waseem Khan were promoted to School Prefects later in the term. These seven Upper Sixth formers were made House Prefects along with Rachel Aldersley, Ayyaz Ahmad, Kurtis Lannon, Alex McArthur, Jaime Stockberger and Duygu Uflaz. The first House assembly saw the awarding of House Colours, from the Summer term, to Wendy Choy and Ryan Horsley-Frost, for athletics, along with the appointments of captains/organisers for the various activities. These were: senior:- rugby- Matt Whyatt; hockey-Tabassum Safdar; league rugby and swimming-Glynn Roberts: juniors:- hockey-Leanne Davidson; rugby- Matt Dewsnap. House music- Dan Coghill and Lauren Standing, debating-Matthew Kay and road race- Waseem Khan and Priti Shah.

The rugby knockouts were both over very quickly. The seniors managed to keep Gaskell to 7-7 at half-time, after a try from Matt Whyatt and conversion by David Wynter, but gave away two unfortunate tries in the second-half and lost 35-7. The juniors came from behind, once more against Gaskell, through tries from Matt Dewsnap, Imran Khan and Edward Haslam and two conversions by Matt, to equalise with the last kick of the match. Unfortunately, we lost in extra time. The most pleasing aspect of both these matches was the team spirit shown and tremendous commitment.

In the House music Heywood were represented by Dan Coghill, Levinia Clemetson, Carla Narmor, Graeme Laycock, Adam Harris, Ben Hassan, Beth Coffey, Andrew McIntyre and John Bracchi with a diverse yet interesting programme. We were placed fifth and Dan, Graeme and Adam were awarded merit certificates after excellent performances.

Swimming had for so long been the event where Heywood had tried to avoid coming last. This year we qualified in all six relays and twelve out of fifteen individual events. Two firsts, a second and two fourth places gave us second overall in the relays. Jenny Street twice, Hayley Street twice, Glynn Roberts, James Higgins and Chris Ruan won events, Neel Shah, Andrew McIntyre and Raymond Chui came second and a third place for André Jackson meant Heywood had won the individual swimming trophy. Also, sisters



Sisters Jenny and Hayley Street.  
Winners of the best swimmer  
awards for years four and three  
respectively.

Jenny and Hayley Street shared the best swimmer awards for the fourth and third years respectively. The sevens tournaments were rather unsuccessful. The seniors won two, drew one and lost a final yet still managed to finish third. The juniors, unfortunately, lost all of their pool games and finished last. All the teams deserved credit for their efforts.



Heywood's victorious senior hockey team. Back row (L-R); Emma Cruickshank, Sophie Hope, Danny Baker, Carla Narnor, Rachel Aldersley, Duygu Uflaz, Lauren Standing. Front row; Suzanne Ash, Vanessa Cohen, Levinia Clemetson, Tabassum Sa'dar.

In the hockey knockouts the juniors lost to a very strong Gaskell side and, despite drawing with Whitworth, lost on penalty corners. In the fifth/sixth play-off Heywood outplayed Byrom and were awarded fifth place by two penalty corners. The seniors are a very strong and talented team, with many squad players. They beat Gaskell 4-0 and Fraser 1-0 in the pool matches and after winning 2-0 against Whitworth in the semi-final beat Byrom 2-0 to retain their trophy. The whole team played as a unit and did exceptionally well to win without conceding a goal.

The debating saw Matthew Kay and Graeme Laycock opposing voluntary euthanasia. On the day both spoke very well, they were placed second and Graeme was highly commended.

Over the term the House league in rugby saw Heywood record several emphatic wins. In the fifth match against Byrom two late tries and conversions, from captain Glynn Roberts, gave us the narrowest of victories 28-24. A further victory ensured we maintained our 100% record and enabled Glynn to pass 100 points, although he would be the first to admit that the excellent all round performances of the other players contributed largely to his success and the winning of the trophy.



Heywood's victorious senior league rugby squad (L-R); Neil Whitehead, Graeme Laycock, Tayyab Akhlaq, Adam Cooke, Asmar Chaudhry, Qasim Mahmood, Alex McArthur, Ben Hassan, Glynn Roberts (with ball), Matthew Kay, Andrew Machin (hidden), Neel Shah, André Jackson, Adam Harris, Zurqab Razaq, Ayyaz Ahmad and Kurtis Lannon.

The last event of the term was the road race. Successes were: Jenny Street in the fourth year was the fastest girl overall, Asmar Chaudhry was fourth in the fifth year race, Daniel Booth seventh in the fourth year and Edward Haslam seventh in the third year race; giving an overall position of fifth.

During the term House Colours were awarded for the first time to the following:- Andrew McIntyre, John Bracchi, Alex Oxberry, Hayley Street, Chris Ruan, Stephen Pearce, Peter Sunderland, Raymond Chui, Edward Haslam, Ashraf Jalil and Selene Pang of the third year and Omar Sheik of the fourth year.

Over the period of the mock exams Lauren Standring and Edward Barker were asked to be acting Heads of House and Suzanne Ash, André Jackson and Levinia Clemetson were elected to the Lower Sixth duty rota.

In the half-term holiday the Upper Sixth House Prefects went to Blackpool, for a meal and time on the Pleasure Beach, as reward for their commitment to the House over the years. What seemed rather surprising, but quite flattering, was the decision of the students to stay with the staff on the funfair. With hindsight I should have realised that Miss Smith was certain to go on all the scariest attractions and they were just following her example. However, a good time was had by all.

## LENT TERM

The term began with the appointments of Tayyab Akhlaq, Suzanne Ash, Edward Barker, Elisa Chui, Levinia Clemetson, Dan Coghill, Elise Cohen, Sophie Hope, André Jackson, Akeel Jamil, Carla Narnor, Zurqab Razaq, Lauren Standring and David Wynter as House Prefects. In the first House assembly the captains/organisers were selected. These were: seniors:- netball- Levinia Clemetson; lacrosse-James Higgins; league lacrosse- Matt Whyatt; juniors:- lacrosse-Sam McClements; netball- Beth Coffey. House Play Producer- Emma Cruickshank.

The junior lacrosse knockout saw Heywood drawn against Dalton. In a closely fought match Dalton were pushed hard for their 6-4 win and the Heywood team did themselves proud with their commitment. The seniors came up against a very strong Byrom side who eventually won 8-4. The senior league only managed one fixture because of repeated bad weather and unplayable pitches. The Hewlett Cup produced only one win from the senior first team and a draw for the third years. Not surprisingly we came last.

The netball proved to be more rewarding. The juniors beat Whitworth 4-0 and Byrom 5-1 to play Dalton in the semi-final. For the Byrom game, at my suggestion, we had changed shooters. However, this probably led to our downfall against Dalton because too many of our passes went astray and we missed too many shots, losing 3-2. In the third/fourth play-off we comfortably beat Whitworth 7-0. Colours were awarded to all the players and Vanessa Bacchas and Christie Okpe received them for the first time. The seniors won both pool matches 7-0 against Dalton and, despite playing very poorly, 3-2 against Fraser. The team played very well indeed and overpowered Gaskell 4-1 in the semi-final and Byrom 6-3 to win the trophy.

For the House play we chose a comedy, called "The Show Must Go On" by Stella Wyn James, which had six female characters. With a lot of last minute preparation the cast knew their lines, had ridiculous props and costumes and had the required improvised set. As first play on stage it went very well and was warmly received by the audience who found several parts hilarious. Leanne Davidson and Vanessa Cohen did remarkably well in their first House play and were ably supported by Emma, Levinia Clemetson, Carla Narnor and Rachel Aldersley. It was disappointing not to make the first three but Emma's was amongst the best female performances. The strength of the House play competition is very pleasing to see and, without doubt, Mr Turner does an immense amount of work on behalf of the Houses to ensure things run smoothly and deserves special mention.

## SUMMER TERM

At the first House assembly Levinia Clemetson and André Jackson were appointed acting Heads of House and the team captains were decided. The following appointments were made: Seniors:-athletics- Carla Narnor and André Jackson; rounders- Lauren Standring; cricket- Tayyab Akhlaq. Juniors:- athletics- Daniel Booth and Andrea Reah; rounders- Jenny Street; cricket-Aamar Gill.

The cricket knockouts proved most unrewarding for quite different reasons. The seniors scored 130-3 declared, in 18 overs, against Dalton with David Wynter scoring 67. In reply Dalton were 70-5 with 3 overs left and no further batsmen. Due to the amount of rain the first round had been postponed so the second round would only fit into a very busy calendar in the middle of the G.C.E. and G.C.S.E. exams. As a result Heywood lost 5 fifth years and 3 Upper Sixth. Our team of 10, which included 4 girls and no David Wynter, restricted Whitworth to 101-7. Unfortunately, Heywood were all out for 22. With a full side we really felt we had a very good chance of winning the competition. However, at least we managed to field a side and the girls all seemed to enjoy themselves. The junior knockout, after a bye in the first round, saw us play Byrom and we conspired to beat ourselves. Whilst we were batting Mr Simkin as umpire had to remind the rest of the team to keep score. In total he reckoned Heywood's score of 157-4 should have been some 50 runs more. Also, Aamar Gill had 96 runs against his name in the score-book when clearly he had scored more than a 100. In reply Byrom reached 158-7 without too much trouble. Our own stupidity had not only cost Aamar a century but also a place in a final we could have won!

The pool matches for the junior rounders were very close. Both matches could have been won if our fielding had been stronger. As it was we lost 5-4½ to Dalton and drew 5½ all with Gaskell. In the fifth/sixth play-off we beat Whitworth 2-1. The seniors also made too many mistakes in their first pool match and lost 7½ - 6½ to Byrom. In the second match they really dominated and restricted Whitworth to ½ a rounder. Heywood quickly passed this to qualify for the semi-final against Dalton. On the day, Dalton were unable to raise a team so we were given a bye to the final with Byrom. Heywood batted first and always maintained an advantage. The girls fielded brilliantly and when Carla Narnor caught Anya Dearden early in their second innings we were never going to lose. A final score of 9½ - 7 meant the Heywood senior girls, Rachel Aldersley,

Tabassum Safdar, Priti Shah, Duygu Uflaz, Suzanne Ash, Elisa Chui, Levinia Clemetson, Sophie Hope, Carla Narnor, Lauren Standring, Danny Baker, Vanessa Cohen and Emma Cruickshank had won all three of the seniors girls' House competitions.

The final sporting event of the year was the junior athletics. The senior competition had taken place before half-term and Heywood were second to Fraser by 109 ½ to 105 ½. Successes on the day were: Sefton Miller first in high jump and fifth in 200m; Rachel Aldersley first in discus and sixth in shot; Glynn Roberts first in long jump and fifth in triple jump; Danny Baker second in 200m and third in 100m; Adam Cooke second in shot and third in high jump; Levinia Clemetson third in shot and Carla Narnor retained the best senior girl athlete trophy with firsts in the high jump and long jump and second in the 100m. When the junior competition took place Heywood's third and fourth years did the House proud by scoring points in 31 of 38 events and in 6 of these two competitors. By the afternoon it was obvious that the relays were going to decide the eventual winner. Two fifth places followed by a disqualification looked as though we would once more miss out. However, in the last three relays we came second, first and first to take fourth place in the juniors but first place overall. Successes on the day included: Year 3:-Andrew McIntyre first in long jump, second in 100m and fifth in triple jump; Selene Pang third in 1500m and fifth in 800m; Edward Haslam third in shot and fifth in 100m; Christie Okpe third in 200m; Hayley Street third in long jump; Raymond Chui third in javelin. Year 4:- Andrea Reah second in long jump and 100m; Matt Dewsnap second in 100m and third in 200m; John Sharp-Little third in shot; Jenny Street took a minute off the previous record in winning the 1500m and came second in the shot and Beth Coffey who won the 800m with a new record, won the 200m and came third in the javelin to win the best girl athlete trophy. Colours were awarded to all competitors and included for the first time Huseyin Uflaz, Joe Gavagan, Aysha Rangrez and Irfan Rauf.



Carla Narnor, best senior girl athlete.



Beth Coffey, best junior girl athlete.

Just prior to half-term I met the new intake and they were spoken to by four of the Lower Sixth who told them what life in Heywood is like and what to expect.

In the Whit holiday the House Prefects went to Pizza-Hut for lunch, followed by ten-pin bowling, as a sort of leaving do. Rachel Aldersley, being an England bowler, won easily but several of us also bowled well and had an enjoyable afternoon. At the end of the term I appointed Lauren Standring and André Jackson as Heads of House with Suzanne Ash and Levinia Clemetson as deputies. Also, Leanne Davidson, Matt Dewsnap and Seb Bowe were made fifth year representatives.

To accommodate the prep school on site it was necessary to collect in all the locker keys so that the lockers could be moved to different areas around the school. From September 4H will be in room 34 with Mr Wise for registration, 3H will be in room 38 with Miss Collier and 5H in room N. Miss Raw is staying as 5H's form tutor but is becoming a Deputy for Fraser House. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her help in running various House activities and trips. Similarly I would like to thank my Deputies Miss Smith and Mr Gracey for their support in running the House- they certainly make my job a lot easier and are always there to step in at a moment's notice.

L. Sharp

## WHITWORTH HOUSE

|                        |                                                                                               |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Heads of House:        | Ben Kent* and Dipti Trivedi*                                                                  |
| Deputy Heads of House: | Stephen Flood* and Alison Meakin*                                                             |
| House Prefects:        | James Beswick, Alexandra Preston, Jacob Haboubi, Manish Prasad, Jacob Royle, Daniel Durrance* |
|                        | * denotes School Prefects                                                                     |

### MICHAELMAS TERM

In the Senior League Rugby the squad had some elusive runners in Stephen Flood and Daniel Durrance, but lacked size in the forwards and always struggled for quality possession. Stephen Flood proved to be a very capable Captain who was well supported by Daniel Durrance and James Beswick in the backs, whilst Sam Sallon and Jacob Royle worked tirelessly in the forwards. Wins came against Dalton and Gaskell which resulted in joint third overall.

In the Senior Knockout Rugby, Fraser secured a comfortable victory in the first round due to their strong pack of forwards. However, the team were disappointed with their overall performance and must learn to be focused right from the start. In complete contrast, the Junior Knockout squad completely dominated the competition and were convincing winners. Firstly, Byrom were beaten 38 - 0, then Dalton 35 - 19, and then Gaskell 45 - 7 in the final. The team was strong in all departments and was a good mix of both Fourth and Third Year boys. John Fletcher was an excellent Captain who led by example, and Chris Howarth was a devastating runner in the backs scoring many tries. Daniel Robinson, Puya Niroomand, and Arif Zia spearheaded a powerful pack but essentially it was a team performance.



The victorious Junior Knockout Squad.

In the Junior Sevens competition, the Fourth Year squad eventually beat Fraser in the final by 12 pts - 0, but were hard pushed to beat a spirited Dalton team in the pool game. Once again, John Fletcher and Chris Howarth were outstanding but received excellent support from the rest of the team. The Third Years comfortably beat Gaskell and Fraser to reach the final against Byrom. They then gave up two quick tries and even though they dominated the rest of the game, Byrom held on to win 12 - 7. However, Whitworth were comfortable overall winners and this has maintained our excellent record in recent years.

The Senior Sevens squads all gave a good account of themselves and finished fourth overall.

As we had won the Swimming Finals for the last two years, it was always going to be difficult to maintain this excellent record. Once again, a large number of boys and girls took part in the qualifying heats and several moved through to the finals. The finals began with the Relay's competition and Whitworth teams gained two first places, two seconds, and one fourth to become overall winners. This was very satisfying as seven swimmers stayed behind after School simply to swim in the relay squads. The Fourth Years won both the Squadron and Medley finals, the Seniors were second in both the Squadron and Medley, and the Third Years were fourth in the Squadron.

In the Individual competition we placed third overall, and Daniel Mather won both the Breaststroke and Individual Medley finals and was awarded the trophy for the best Fourth Year swimmer. John Fletcher was placed second in the Fourth Year freestyle, Matthew Royle second in the Fourth Year Breaststroke, and Iain Gage second in the Senior Individual Medley.

The House Music is always difficult to shape and organise, and this year Joanna Shaw managed to put together an excellent performance. She received full support from all the musicians but Jeffrey Wu and Gemma Bookbinder deserve a particular mention. Jeffrey and Gemma combined to produce some superb duets with Jeffrey supervising the musical side and Gemma once again providing some remarkable vocals. Overall we finished second, one point behind Gaskell!

Certificates of Merit were awarded to Gemma Bookbinder - vocals, Sam Sallon - piano and vocals, and Robi DÇ - saxophone. Thanks must go to all the musicians for some superb performances.

In the Junior Hockey the team played with great spirit and determination, pushing the stronger teams all the way. In the qualifying games, Gaskell had to work very hard for a 2 - 0 victory and then we drew 1 - 1 with Heywood.

In the semi-finals, a strong Fraser team only managed to gain a victory by one goal. The girls then drew with Dalton 0 - 0, and were placed fourth overall on the basis of short corners. Gemma Bookbinder was an excellent Captain, who was a tireless worker on the field. She received strong support from Holly Kent, Helen Fisher, and Roxanne Scott.

The situation in the Senior Hockey was remarkably similar to that for the Juniors. In the qualifying games, Dalton were beaten 2 - 0, and they then lost to a powerful Byrom squad by the same score. In the semi-finals we played very well against the eventual winners, Heywood, before going down 2 - 0. They were then unlucky to lose by the last shot of the match against Fraser, to finally finish a creditable fourth. Dipti Trivedi was an excellent Captain, whilst Joanne Shaw, Marsha Freeman and Miriam Mkumbwa were tremendous workers in midfield.

The House then went on to repeat last year's success in the Road Run. This was a fitting tribute to Tim Edwards as this was the last House Competition he took part in before his tragic death last year. This competition demands strength in every year group but also relies upon effort and determination. Chris Howarth was a convincing winner of the Fourth Year race with Rashed Ahmed in third place. William Kent was third in the Fifth Year, with Paul Edisbury and Jacob Royle second and third respectively in the Senior Race. Joanna Shaw was the first girl home in the Senior race. Whitworth's full placings were as follows:-

|              |                                                              |                                                              |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Third Form:  | Ishraq Ishfaq 5th<br>Shoyab Patel 8th<br>Holly Kent 20th     | Rachel Ng 25th<br>Nasir Moosa 26th<br>Roy Chohan 27th        |
| Fourth Form: | Chris Howarth 1st<br>Rashed Ahmed 3rd<br>John Fletcher 10th  | Daniel Mather 12th<br>Helen Fisher 28th<br>Sara Wolfson 31st |
| Fifth Form:  | William Kent 3rd<br>Robert Greenhalgh 5th<br>Umar Suhail 9th | Jeffrey Wu 14th<br>Miriam Mkumbwa 23rd<br>Jemma Cohen 26th   |
| Sixth Form:  | Paul Edisbury 2nd<br>Jacob Royle 3rd<br>Ben Kent 9th         | Stephen Flood 12th<br>Joanna Shaw 21st<br>Dipti Trivedi 23rd |

Jacob Haboubi and Peju Pearce maintained the excellent traditions of House Debating when they took part in the Debating Competition. They proposed the motion for "The Legalisation of Voluntary Euthanasia", and were both highly commended. Peju was also very successful in the Manchester Public Speaking Competition, reaching the Finals in which she acquitted herself well. Joanna Shaw was similarly successful in the Observer Mace Debating Competition along with Sajjad Riaz of Dalton.

## LENT TERM

The Senior League Lacrosse was captained by Ben Kent but was highly disrupted by bad weather and only two twenty minute games were possible. The first was a loss to Heywood, the second a draw with Byrom.

In the Senior Knockout Lacrosse, we received a bye in the first round and then met a strong Dalton squad. The fates were against us when our regular goalie, Jacob Haboubi, was unavailable and our key player, Will Kent, was injured and could hardly play. Stephen Flood and Paul Edisbury worked very hard but were unable to prevent a defeat by 9 goals to 4.

The Junior Knockout resulted in a titanic struggle against Fraser in the first round. Chris Howarth and Daniel Mather were both in excellent form and kept the team in the lead for most of the match. Then Fraser rallied and scored three late goals to win 10-8. They then went on to win the final easily. This was a case of what might have been if only.....!

Jacob Royle then ran well in the Greater Manchester Schools Cross Country Championships and was selected to represent the County in an Inter-school event. This was a just reward for all the hard work Jacob has put into School Cross Country and I was delighted for him.

Once again, in the Netball Competition we lacked height and School shooters. Both the Seniors and Juniors played well but real success continues to evade us. Helen Fisher did a good job as captain of the Junior team and Pareen Trivedi captained the Seniors.

This was followed by a superb performance in the Hewlett Cup Lacrosse Competition in which the House finished second behind Byrom. The first team had a full complement of players this time and produced some fine play to beat Heywood and Fraser in the pool and then defeat Gaskell in the final. This was a fine reward for Stephen Flood who has been a mainstay of House Lacrosse. The third team were captained by Jacob Royle and they showed tremendous spirit to reach the final and defeat Byrom. The second team drew one game with Gaskell to earn a valuable point. The support for the House was typified by Jonathan Mills who volunteered to play in goal for the second team even though he had never played there. Likewise with Robert Greenhalgh for the third team.

As all House Masters know, producing the House play is one of the most difficult tasks of all. This year, Joanna Shaw and Louise Simon co-produced 'As Good As New', about an unusual family involved in taxidermy! The small cast

comprised Miriam Mkumbwa, Peju Pearce, Oli Taiwo, William Shaw and Matthew Booth. On the night, they produced a well-acted, vibrant and flowing performance that was thoroughly enjoyed by an appreciative audience. A full review is given elsewhere but I would like to express my thanks to all the cast, the stage staff and to both producers. I am sure that both Joanna and Louise gained a great deal of satisfaction from the experience and I can assure them that their efforts were fully appreciated.

### MIDSUMMER TERM

In both Rounders competitions the girls were very positive in their approach but were unable to score enough rounders due to a lack of powerful hitters. Maria Ahmed was captain of the Juniors and Preen Trivedi the Seniors.

In the Senior Cricket Knockout we exceeded all expectations by reaching the final and beating Byrom in a close finish. After a bye in the first round, the team then comfortably defeated a weakened Heywood team. Manish Prasad scored 31 and Paul Edisbury 20. The final was put back several times and was a poor game which nevertheless was very tense. After bowling out Byrom cheaply our batsmen struggled to score runs and eventually it was the non-cricketers who steered the team to victory. I would particularly like to thank all the Upper Sixth Formers who turned in to play after their exams, ensuring that we had full teams and helping to clinch a deserved win. Paul Edisbury as captain did an excellent job in the field.

Fate was not kind to us in the Junior Cricket. After convincing wins against Gaskell and Fraser we were under strength for the final against Byrom. Daniel Mather was playing for the 1st XI and Robi DÇ was on a Music outing. Both are good all-rounders whose talents were severely missed. Byrom batted first, reaching a good total and then disaster occurred when Chris Howarth, the key batsman, was out in the first over. After that the team were never really in the hunt and Byrom were deserved winners. Chris Howarth, the captain, was outstanding throughout and received strong support from Mather and Dé.

In the Senior Section of Sports Day there were some fine performances from both boys and girls. Jacob Royle was first in the 1500 metres with Paul Edisbury second. Then Paul won the 800 metres and Joanna Shaw was a runaway winner of the girls 800 metres. There were several seconds and thirds which placed the house a very close fourth.

On the main Sports Day the Juniors performed very strongly and the House finished second on the day. Overall, we placed a close fourth again. Chris Howarth set a record in the Fourth Year Triple Jump, Shoyab Patel was first in the Third Year Javelin and Holly Kent first in the Third Year Long Jump. The Fourth Year boys were convincing winners of the 4 x 400 metres relay. Holly Kent was also second in both the 100 and 200 metres, similarly with Shoyab Patel in the Javelin and High Jump.



Jacob Royle wins Senior 1500 metres from Paul Edbury.

The efforts of Kathryn Tang on the games field were rewarded when she received the award for the most improved girls' games player in the Junior School.

At the end of term, Paul Edisbury, Richard Fisher, Joanna Shaw and Preen Trivedi were appointed School Prefects. Joanna Shaw was then appointed Joint Head of School which is a great honour for her and she will do an excellent job. Paul Edisbury and Preen Trivedi were also appointed Heads of House with Richard Fisher and Louise Simon as their Deputies.

I would like to express my thanks to Ben Kent, Dipti Trivedi and all the outgoing House Prefects for all they have done over the years. I wish them and all other leavers every success in the future.

Thanks must also go to the Form Tutors - Mr G Jones, Mr C Cotton and Mr C Seddon. Due to internal promotion, Mr G Jones leaves his post of House Deputy and we wish him well in his new post. Miss Matthews is to replace him as one of the House Deputies and she will be a great asset and we wish her an enjoyable stay. Once again, Dr Keable has been a keen supporter of all House activities and I am very grateful for all her efforts on behalf of the House.

D A Myers

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### HAIKUS

A dull and dust night,  
People singing joyful songs,  
Church bells start to ring.

A summer meadow,  
Birds are singing to each other,  
Horses graze by the trees.

Katherine Veitch (1J)

### "FAMILY BUSINESS"

The letter came on Monday, delivered by a smiling postman. It was received by Mum as it came through the door, and from that moment, the day was ruined.

I crawled out from under the sheets like some nocturnal slug, and, blinking against the light, staggered into the bathroom. Downstairs I heard the letter flap rattle and squeak. Mum was always going on at Dad to fix it. I stared into the mirror, and a ghastly face glared back at me. I groaned and stumped back to my bedroom. I heard Mum's footsteps in the hall. I opened the curtains, shuddered and lurched to my wardrobe. Papers rustled downstairs. I put the radio on, then winced as the volume, on high from last night, sent thumping waves of pain through my tender head! Groaning, I flicked the radio off and reached for my socks, as Mum's scream pierced the silence.

I stumbled down the stairs, through the hall, and burst into the kitchen still in my boxer shorts and dressing gown. My parents were frozen in a tableau I will never forget. Dad was slumped in the old wicker chair in the corner, his head clasped in his hands, bowed like a monk at prayer. He didn't look up as I came in. A knife, laden with the marmalade Mum had made, lay on the floor by his feet. Mum was standing by the table, shuddering and sobbing. Her shoulders heaved as she gasped for breath. Her face, I saw, was screwed up with grief, and tears were running down her face in streams. Clutched in her trembling fingers was a sheet of paper. I saw typed, official paragraphs. Beneath them, looking out of place, was a handwritten passage.

Slowly, so as almost to creep to preserve the silence, I walked over to Mum, and gently touched her shoulder. She jumped, obviously not having heard me enter. Her eyes, seeing me at last, focused on my hand, then she turned away again.

"Oh Nick," she sobbed through her tears, reaching blindly for my hand. I grasped her fingers in mine and waited for her to carry on.

"Oh Nick," she repeated.

"I'm here Mum," I replied, squeezing her hand again.

"It's ..... I can't ..... oh God!" She dissolved into a fresh fit of sobbing. Awkwardly, as if I were the parent and she the child, I hugged her and made little comforting noises.

Slowly she stopped shaking, but still did not raise her head to look at me.

"Mum," I said, "Mum, what is it?"

For a second she raised her eyes to meet mine, and I almost recoiled from her. Normally she has nice eyes, my Mum, a sort of light green. Normally, now they seemed to be two discs of blackness. Not eyes any more, but holes cut through a fabric, showing a glimpse of a world beyond. I felt I could drown in those eyes.

She turned sharply away, but I had seen. Seen her ..... loss? "Mum," I repeated, "What happened?" As I spoke, I gently reached for the letter in her hand. She jerked it away.

"No. You shouldn't know. Needn't know."

Her words stung me like spears. Here she was, on the edge of a breakdown, and didn't I need to know why?

I felt an unreasonable anger rise deep inside me.

She continued to look away from me.

"Mum?" I said softly, "What is it?" She bit her lip, stared out of the window, at her feet, anywhere but at me.

"Mum!" I yelled, finally losing my patience, "Tell me what happened!"

"No!" she shouted. I stepped back, stunned. The outburst seemed to jerk Dad from his trance. He clambered to his feet. He seemed years older as he crossed the room and took Mum in his arms.

"Sue," she said softly, "Sue. He should know, love, he and Tom ... are ... were ... he should know."

Mum seemed to convulse at the mention of my brother's name. I knew then that some thing very terrible had happened, and that this was more serious than I had at first thought. I felt the sharp prick of tears in my eyes. A paper

rustled. I looked down. At that moment, with the detachment people in a crisis feel, I noticed how the dust, caught in the sunbeams, danced and flickered. How unbelievably, amazingly hot the sun must be. The blistering heat, carried through space, through the clouds, the sky. To this kitchen in Wilmslow, to the silent drama here. To where it shone on my father's hand, as he held out the letter.

And here I was, standing in the Macclesfield Armed Forces Recruitment Centre. The buzz of traffic outside the window was matched by the humming in my head.

"Dear Mr & Mrs Smith, my sincerest condolences ...."

I tried desperately not to think about it.

"on the unfortunate ...."

I glared at recruitment posters, read the words, but the humming increased in pitch.

"and tragic ...."

No! I got up quickly and paced up and down like a caged tiger, intent on stopping the words from ...

"death of your son."

Oh God. I slumped down into my chair. The man behind the counter gave me a funny look.

"shot on the morning of ..."

Why couldn't I stop the words from coming back to ... "a sniper. Felt no pain...."

How could they know? He might have hurt inside. Besides, would they have told us if they knew he had been in pain? No. Of course not. That would have upset us. Couldn't have that now, could we? I gave a bitter snort, earning another look from the official.

"Nicholas Smith?" he said. He was smartly dressed in a spotless uniform, projecting an image of efficient cleanliness. He was, of course, clean shaven.

I followed him into a side room, where an officer, complete with medals, was sitting at a small desk. He looked up as I entered, and motioned for me to sit.

"Mr Smith," he said, "Ah yes, you applied in ... June last year, did you not?"

"Yes" I said, and cleared my throat, "yes, I did." I still could not believe I was doing this.

"Yes" said the officer "And now we have a vacancy for you. As lance corporal. There is now an opening in the 12th Light Infantry Regiment now serving in Bosnia."

"...sniper....felt no pain....tragic...."

"Yes," I said again. I couldn't help thinking who had created that vacancy. Had he just been posted to another regiment? I hoped so. I hated the idea that Mr & Mrs Blank might even now be grieving over their son's death, just so I could enter as a lance corporal.

"Well then, unless you wish to reconsider. No? No, right then," he said, suddenly all business, "You leave for preliminary training on Thursday, the eighth. Next week." The rest of the interview became a blur of forms, signatures and documents. It was raining when I finally left the office. I slouched through the rain to the station, and sat in a troubled silence all the way home. I felt somehow doomed. It was late when I got back to the house. I let myself in with the spare key, having left my own one in my jacket upstairs. Dad was in the front room watching TV. He didn't seem to have heard me come in. From the light in the window, I judged that Mum was upstairs in her room. I heaved myself into an armchair next to Dad. He didn't react. On the TV a nature programme was showing a leopard stalking a zebra. Dad turned to face me. "Where have you been" he asked, his voice tired.

"I...." I started. On the screens, the leopard shied away. "Hmmm?" The leopard tensed.

"Nick?" And sprang. The television crackled off. I looked at his large, strained face. Tom's death had hit him hard. I could tell, even though he wasn't showing it like Mum did. His eyes seemed shrunken into his skull, his skin stretched too lightly around his cheeks and forehead.

"I went ... out," I said lamely, playing for time to think. How could I tell them, after this morning? They never knew I had applied last year. How could I explain it was this morning that had made up my mind? My A levels were only just good enough to get me into university, and besides, I had my own reasons. In some mad way I wanted to avenge Tom, to kill the sods who had killed my brother, my only sibling. But I knew I could not tell them just like that. I needed time to think. But I couldn't think.

There was a noise in the doorway and there stood Mum, in her dressing gown. She looked tired and her eyes were puffed up and red. She simply stood there, looking at me. Dad gave me a quizzical look.

"I've been ... to the Recruitment Centre."

The look on my mother's face made me hate myself but I plunged on.

"I'm going to join the army." They said nothing. For one second there was total silence. I could hear cars going past on the road at the end of our road. The silence hung on a strand of spider silk, then snapped. Mum began to cry, in great gulping sobs. Dad just looked at me in bewildered shock, then his face sagged and he nodded bitterly.

"I knew it. I bloody knew it." He hauled himself up and stumped out, pushing past Mum. I looked at the floor. Mum was still wailing, tears streaming down her face. I didn't know what to do. She just stood there, crying her eyes out, until I eased past her and went upstairs, opened the door to my room, and flung myself on the bed.

I awoke to the sound of arguing. A look at the clock told me it was ten past nine in the morning. I had gone to sleep fully clothed. I had one second of pure calm, then the memories hit like glass hammers, shattering into razor shards in my soul. I winced. I heard Mum's high, shrill protests, against the steady backdrop of Dad's reasonable remarks, soft, but charged with anger. I lay listening for a while, then swung my legs out of bed and went downstairs.

Mum and Dad were in the kitchen, and I had a sudden recollection of the scene the day the letter came. It was only yesterday it had arrived, but it seemed a lifetime ago. They both stopped talking when they saw me and looked slightly embarrassed, like children caught fighting hauled up in front of the headmaster. Dad turned away from me and began to pour his tea. I stood awkwardly in the doorway, feeling like an alien. Mum stared glassy-eyed at me for a second, then she walked up to me and said, "You don't mean it. Not after ... You mustn't. It's throwing away all your chances. You could have been someone!" The words tumbled out. Then Dad turned, slowly, to face me.

"Let him be, Sue," he said quietly, never taking his eyes off me. I stared. Was he on my side? Mum began to cry and he turned away.

"Dad?" I said, my surprise showing in my voice.

"If you want to go, I can't stop you," he said, turning to face me again, "but it's stupid Nick. You're rushing into it." "I'm not!" I protested. "I've thought it through. I must." I was amazed I got the words out so clearly. "And I can't stay here." Mum gasped and grabbed me to her, held me tight. Through her tears she wailed, "Why? Don't you love us anymore? Why are you leaving? Nick! Don't!"

I didn't hear any more. I just gently prised myself away from her and walked out. I would stay in a hotel until Thursday, using my savings. There was nothing of much value in my room. Just memories.

I looked back as I left. Mum was slumped on the floor, weeping bitterly, and Dad was standing there watching me go, nodding slightly to himself. "Geoff! Don't let him go! Stop him!" I closed the door on the rest of her words. I walked down the familiar pathway, gravel scrunching under my feet. I opened the gate, stepped out, closed it and walked away.

Nick Barratt (5W)

## THE DARE

Jade looked up from her desk and saw Mike walk in. He was wearing a red jacket with a large black 'X' in the centre. "That's funny", she thought. "I've never seen him in a jacket like that one before." It was true. Mike always wore leather, making him look even more attractive than Brad Pitt. Jade had always liked Mike's looks, but that didn't stop her from hating his guts. He was a big-headed, loud-mouthed jerk, who was always trying to put females down.

"Hi, Jade, great legs!"

"Mike, you are the greatest pig ever!" shouted Jade, along with a few other girls. Mike did a short twirl, modelling his new jacket. Jade knew he wanted someone to ask about it but she certainly would not.

"I love your jacket, Mike," came a comment from the back of the room. Jade knew without turning around that the comment came from Chantelle, the class 'bimbo'.

"Thanks," said Mike. "But I'll tell you now that none of you women could ever get one of these because you're too soft." This sparked off anger inside Jade. "Oh, yeah, and why not?" she asked.

"Well, because you have to be tough and manly to get one, and it's obvious that girls can't be. Anyway this jacket is an exclusive 'Club X' jacket and it takes a lot of guts - male guts that is, to get one."

Even though Jade had no desire to be in such clubs, she was determined to get in, if only to put Mike down.

"So Mike," she said. "What if I wanted to try for this club, what would I do?"

"Jade, come on, you wouldn't get in so why bother trying, you'll only embarrass yourself."

"I want to do it Mike," retorted Jade. "And I won't lose!" After quite a bit of arguing like this, Mike finally agreed to give Jade a chance to get into 'Club X'. Jade was to meet Mike at his house at seven that evening.

She arrived promptly and was let in to his large mansion.

"You have to be sworn in," Mike said to her. "That means you can't tell a soul about what happens here, OK?"

"Yeah," she said. "Just get on with it, will you?"

"Right, well here are the rules. Prospective club members all have to perform dares depending upon whose name comes out of this hat. Anyone can choose the dare, but because I'm leader I get the final say."

"Oh, great," thought Jade. "He's leader." But she wasn't going to back out now. Looking round, she saw there were only two more people there, and they were both boys. She needed to prove that women were as good as men.

"Tonight," continued Mike, "all your names will be put in, and whoever is chosen will have to do a dare I choose."

Jade watched his hand go inside the hat, and pull out a card bearing her name.

"Lucky Jade, I have a special dare for you." Jade could see the gleam in his eyes and knew it meant trouble. "You have to set the caretaker's garage on fire."

Jade was horrified. Set the caretaker's garage on fire. That was a stupid, not to mention illegal dare. She would never do anything so foolish and dangerous. Her worries were obvious on her face, and Mike saw them. Inside, he was secretly happy. If she backed down, Mike would be able to tease her forever. To Jade, Mike's thoughts became obvious. She knew that if she backed down she would never prove that women were equal to men. This dare was as absurd as 'Club X', but she would never back down now. However stupid she thought the dare was, she would have to go ahead and do it.

"Ok," she said. "I accept."

Walking up to the caretaker's house was the biggest ordeal ever for Jade, but finally they were there.

"Right Jade, here's the matches."

With a shaky hand, Jade took the matches and walked through the gate. The night was cool, but Jade felt hot and she could feel the sweat on her forehead. Every step she took seemed to her like a bomb exploding, and she was sure the caretaker would hear her. She made it to the garage without triggering off any security lights, but felt no reassurance.

"I'll just get this over with," she thought.

She lit the match and was about to throw it in when the door to the caretaker's house opened. "Oh no," she thought. It appeared the caretaker was coming this way. The match was burning in her hand and without hesitation; Jade

threw it into the garage, turned round and ran. She could hear the caretaker's shouts of "Who's there?" but she just ran blindly on, until she was out of the house grounds, and standing at the end of the street. Here she stopped to catch her breath, and looking back, saw the garage in flames.

She felt awful. How could she have done such a terrible thing? She looked ahead and saw Mike and the other boys running and so she went after them. Five minutes later they were at Mike's house.

"Great job, Jade," said Mike. "I must say women are nearly as good as men." And so saying he took off his jacket and gave it to her.

"To an official member of 'Club X'."

Jade took the jacket from him, but instead of feeling happy, she felt terrible. The dare had not been worth it, but now it was too late to change anything.

She looked at the matches in her hand and the jacket in her lap. Without a word, she went into the kitchen and burned the jacket in the sink. Leaving the ashes, she walked out of Mike's house, away from three bewildered and shocked boys.

"Never again," she vowed. "I will never go this far to prove a point."

By Ateeq Farooq (3K)

## THE THEORY

"I was sweating like a damn pig when I finally woke up. I don't know where the hell the dream came from but it sure as hell lasted a long time... Well, it didn't really last a long time. When I say it didn't last a long time I know it didn't but it seemed as if it did.."

"I thought you said you could remember the dream perfectly," said Dr Fredrickson with a slightly tired air.

"I can, I can. The easiest way to explain it was that it didn't last a long time or a short time, it was as if there were no time at all. I saw thousands of colours and shapes. They had their own, very, very intricate detail yet they seemed to come together to form one staggeringly enormous whole. They were moving, in fact they were moving from one place to another without any time passing, but there wasn't any time to pass anyway. I'm sorry, I...I just can't put into words what I saw." "It's OK Tom, you've done great. I'll get a word in with Hendricks" (a psychologist who worked at the hospital. This hospital, unlike most others, had a department to help mentally ill patients as well as physically ill or injured people. It was supposedly a new experiment to try and link the treatment of all of a person's health problems) "and see if he has a few minutes free some time."

"Thanks Al, I just wanna get it straight in my head. I've not been able to stop thinking about this damn dream," he trailed off with his head in his hands.

"You want another coffee?"

"Yeah thanks."

They both had coffees and talked about troubling patients before they returned to their wards.

Dr Tom Harrison had been specialising as a heart surgeon for two years. He was an excellent surgeon. He had always moved ahead faster than the other students had. In his final year of medical school at Einstein, he revolutionised the triple bypass procedure reducing the average operation time by 40%. Everyone knew he was gifted and he knew they knew it but he didn't let it show.

Dr Allan Fredrickson was in his second year of surgery. He was a good surgeon whom everyone liked. He would take the blame for the loss of a patient when it was his fault and place blame where it was due, when it was due. He always exploded when he lost a patient, really exploded. After Fredrickson had gone through twenty something mugs in various storms of rage, the hospital bought a set of plastic mugs.

There were only two men who knew what was going on at the hospital. Only two men who really knew what was going on. The first was a Dr Ronald Drumond. He was the Head of the Brain Department, BD as the staff at the hospital knew it. He wasn't promoted to be head of the department like the heads of all other departments in the massive Boston hospital. He was drafted in from another hospital, somewhere in Los Angeles. The second was a Mr Theodore Wilkinson. He was a member of the board at the hospital, the chairman actually. His was again an unexpected appointment. He was drafted in from some management-consulting agency in New York that no one had heard of.

The hospital that Al and Tom worked at funded a lot of research work. The money came from here and there. "Here" being local businesses and rich investors looking for a tax write-off and "there" being a mysterious source from somewhere deep, very deep inside the government.

One field, rather obscure normally, had a very large budget. This was that of the brain. Constant research was being done to understand as much as possible about the human brain.

The subconscious and dreams were particularly well studied in the department. It was well known by all psychologists in the area that this was the place to refer any patients with any particularly troubling or baffling dreams. They were even reimbursed by the hospital for any fees they would have lost from not treating the patients themselves.

All of the patients sent to the hospital were treated with top quality care. Very few of the patients sent to the hospital served any use to the real purpose of that hospital.

Of all the patients sent to or who came directly to the hospital with complaints or inquiries most were immediately planned to be gotten rid of as quickly as possible. A few were put down to be sent to some of the more experienced psychologists. Of those very few were sent to Dr Ronald Drumond, the head of the department.

After Dr Harrison talked to Dr Hendricks, he was one of the people sent to Dr Drumond.

"Hello doctor," said Dr Drumond extending his hand and using the same smile he used to reassure all of his patients.

"Dr Drumond, I must thank you for making time to see me. I know how busy you are," said Dr Harrison, meeting the extended hand and shaking it firmly.

"Dr Hendricks thought I should see you and what I've heard of your case has interested me greatly."

Dr Hendricks and Dr Drumond went over the dream together in great detail over that and a few more visits. After the third and fourth visit Dr Drumond decided that he had discovered the missing dreamer. The last dream needed to move to the next phase of "Project Theory".

After the end of one of the sessions Dr Drumond said with just the slightest hesitation "I think I want to move our sessions to a better equipped lab. Meet me tomorrow at say eleven outside the main entrance to the hospital and we'll go to the research lab."

"Which lab is that? I don't know of any labs better equipped than those we have here"

"Oh there's a lab. I'll see you tomorrow doctor."

"I can't just take a day off..."

"Don't worry about that. Mr Wilkinson will take care of that." "Mr Wilkinson. What does the head of board have to do with this?"

"I'm sorry Doctor, but I have a pressing schedule. I'll see you tomorrow."

"Thank you Doctor" said Dr Harrison with an air of uncertainty. Dr Harrison was waiting outside the main entrance of the hospital at 10.45am. It was a sunny day and people were walking around in their summer clothes.

A mother was busy trying to control her three young children. He was thinking of how he wouldn't have a job if those children or children like them stopped getting run over or attacked by their drunken fathers. Or stopped having heart attacks at the age of forty because of all the high cholesterol fast food they were most likely eating, when from behind the open window of dark Mercedes a man in black, expensive suit said:

"Dr Harrison."

"Yes."

"Could you accompany me please? I'm here to bring you to Dr Drumond's lab," the man said very matter of factly.

"What's a lab doing hiring chauffeur driven cars?" asked the doctor very suspiciously.

"Everything will be explained, sir."

"OK."

He got in the car. The driver didn't say anything and whenever Dr Hendricks asked anything he would say that everything would be explained or that they would arrive shortly.

The windows were all blackened in the back and the unnamed driver put up a screen blocking the view to the front as they were just getting out of the city. The locks clicked down in perfect unison and a sweet smelling white gas drifted up from the floors.

Soon Dr Harrison drifted down into a slump in the seat. "Doctor, Doctor, ah you're awake. Please allow me to apologise for our methods but our.... forceful manner was unavoidable." "What," he asked groggily. Soon he came to his senses, "What the hell's going on? What kind of lab is this?" he was shouting at the top of his voice by the time he finished the sentence. The room within which Dr Harrison was restrained was the size of a school hall. It was all white with a lot of unidentifiable equipment and computer stations. No one was working in the room. There didn't appear to be any lab technicians such as you would associate with a lab like this one. There were only about ten suited men including the driver there. The man talking to him seemed to have an air of leadership about him. You could tell he was in charge.

"I am John Andrews. This is a government lab. What I'm about to tell you is classified top secret by the Pentagon. You will not be allowed to tell anyone about this until the project is made public when there won't be a person on this entire earth who hasn't heard of "Project Theory." He said this very calmly. "Yes." Dr Harrison thought it was a joke at first. A trick being played on him by people from work. As he listened he soon realised it wasn't.

"For the past fifteen years the government has been working in unison with astro-physicists, quantum physicists, specialists in the theory of relativity and many scientists attempting to discover a grand unified theory. If we could discover a grand unified theory it would combine all physics into one pure theory. We would understand everything about everything. We'd have unlimited clean, safe, power, cures for all diseases and the power to genetically engineer superior beings, much smarter and stronger than current man. Maybe even time travel. We'll be able to do anything within the laws of physics. None of us can even start to imagine what we're going to be able to do. World peace will be inevitable though. That would seem certain. With energy and food being plentiful seeing as food growing and animal raising will surely be revolutionised. Well I think you get the idea of the gravity of this operation."

"Yes. I do But how do I fit into this?" Dr Harrison asked. "You are or rather your dream is the key to our discovering the grand unified theory. There have been four people before you with dreams very similar to yours. But not the same. Each one of the dreams held parts of the theory. The theory is in fact encoded as the theory defines everything. If we knew how we could extract the entire theory from a single atom or from the make-up of an entire planet or galaxy, or even from the growth patterns of a houseplant. The theory regulates all of these things but it is virtually impossible to discover the theory by studying them." The suited man seemed to be trying hard to keep calm. You could almost smell his excitement at being so close to discover the theory.

"Or you could extract it from the brain patterns of a person."

"We could indeed. Ever since one of our scientists thought of this we involved a psychiatrist. I believe you know him, Dr Ronald Drumond. Someone who had been researching the dreaming patterns of humans. We determined a dream similar to yours would be the easiest to decipher. So we injected money into a hospital, yours as a matter of fact, to search for useable dreams. We had to give money to research topics which is why your hospital funds so many doctors' research. We also set up links between the hospital and local psychiatrists.

We needed the help of a member on the board for this so we used certain methods and drafted Mr Theodore Wilkinson into the hospital..."

"You just decided who you wanted to be the head of the board and he was."

"In a matter of speaking. Moving on, we found four candidates with virtually perfect dreams but as with everything else in the cosmos that would be virtually impossible. We needed a key to decipher the dreams. The board of a jig-saw puzzle into which we could slot all the pieces or a dream to which we could tie the other dreams together. The science behind this even I don't fully understand but basically your dream is that key. Our computers here will be able to analyse the other dreams when yours is put into the network as well. If you have no objection we will start the procedure."

Two men in white lab coats came in and led the doctor into another room branching off from that room.

He was sat down in what looked like an electric chair. Electrodes were put on his head, neck and chest. Before he could react he felt a small prick in his arm and then felt very sleepy....

Almost immediately he was reliving the dream. As if it was for the first time. It ended virtually as soon as it started but he experienced every thing he did the first time. He woke and felt he had been asleep for hours.

He couldn't remember where he was for a few moments or anything about anything. The electrodes sent an electrical impulse into his head and he remembered everything.

"Oh, oh my God." The doctor was making short sharp breaths, "I see, I see everything. It's so.... It's, It's" he was staring, staring very intensely into space.

"Doctor, Doctor. Quickly Beta 19 shock!" shouted a lab technician.

Another shock flowed through the electrodes and then he slumped back in the chair. His eyes lost the light they had had.

"I could see everything, I understood," he said vacantly. All the data from the dream was collected and fed into the network of fifty five super computers. They were calculating the data from all five dreams making trillions of calculations every second. All the lab workers and scientists in the multi-storey underground lab sat for hours; no one spoke.

After five hours the main computer screen read:

***Calculations complete. All data have been successfully analysed. Please stand by.***

An equation started to appear on the screen. Twenty seconds later the entire equation was there to be seen. It was about a page long. Prints were made of it and the scientists grabbed copies from the printers as if they were the cure to a plague sweeping the earth.

You could hear gasps of astonished men and women. They started huddling together and going over the equation. After a few minutes the leader of the physicists announced simply "We've done it, We've really done it".

The theory was tested on the computer and all known theories fit into it. The theory of relativity and the Quantum theory had been joined which Einstein could not achieve after devoting his life to their joining. Now it had to be put to use.

In a few days after it was completely analysed, an announcement was made to the world that America had discovered a grand unified theory.

The same day they announced their new method of power. It used what scientists called cosmic rays. Rays which were everywhere in the universe and could supply infinite amounts of energy as the cosmos is infinitely large. They didn't bother trying to explain the science behind the power but three hours later the lab used its enormous factory to build a prototype to harness this energy. They were successful and demonstrated it by powering the whole British power grid with the machine.

A conference of nations was set up. America agreed to share the theory with the world. Each country set up massive teams of researchers to develop the work of the scientists at the lab. People danced in the streets all around the world as information flooded the world media.

Discoveries were made by the hour. The list of cured diseases grew by the minute. People thought they were in a dream. Practically no one could understand or believe what they were hearing.

Religious leaders called it a miracle. Each claimed it for their god or gods but no great quarrels erupted. Those were still to come.

During the week after the discovery of the grand unified theory, more discoveries had been then than in the past 100 years. About a week after the discovery one of the scientists requested a meeting with the President of the USA, Bill Clinton to discuss one of his discoveries.

"Mr President, thank you for this meeting sir."

"I'm very busy, Dr Jenkins."

"Yes sir, of course. I'm part of our development team and I was running tests when it came to my attention that there was no space in the equation for a god. I tested what I saw and eventually proved there is no supernatural power controlling anything. I thought I should consult you about this as it could potentially cause a major international incident."

"It could be indeed, doctor. Are you absolutely positive about this?"

"It's been confirmed by every other researcher at our lab sir"

"Thank you for bringing this to my attention."

The President announced this in an address to the world. The reaction to this was not immediate but many people voiced their views. This included American TV Christian preacher, Father Lawrence.

"We must not allow these scientists to play God. If they want to burn eternally in the fires of hell, let them, but do not let them draw you into their sinful pit of modern science!" he said with the same conviction he delivered all of his sermons to millions of people. "We must unite against these threats to our religion and all religions of our earth. I implore all the world's religious leaders, unite against this threat."

Threats started to pour into the President to retract his statement saying there is no God or war would break out. Asia, Africa and South America united under Father Lawrence asking the President to retract his statement.

A new cult or religion or following developed round the world. They were willing to throw down their religions and believe the theory. They called themselves "The Followers of the Great Theory" or simply "The Followers." It spread through the world. An astro-physicist emerged as the leader of the followers, John Tybult. People who wouldn't announce that they still followed their religions were considered followers. The followers didn't pressurise people to join their group. Many people saw the benefits the theory had brought to the earth and felt compelled almost to honour the theory as if it were a god.

The Followers and Believers, led by Father Lawrence and John Tybult, both tensed their backs. These were smart people, they knew what the result of a world war would be. It was like the period before the Great War, The First World War. Everyone was making allies, preparing and willing to fight to defend their beliefs.

Tybult was a fiery character. He couldn't look beyond someone disagreeing with him. First you dealt with them, then you thought about dealing with them.

Father Lawrence settled the situation. He was willing to make peace with the followers and respect their beliefs if they would respect his. The heads of state of many nations gave Tybult a gentle push to accept this offer. He did.

The Earth breathed a giant sign of relief. After the minor conflict an era of calm enveloped the Earth. After two great movements had formed religious wars seemed to end. The religious leaders got to talk and see each other's point of view. Many nations didn't feel the need to expand. As new methods of growing food and cures for diseases were discovered, the people of the earth discovered a better quality of life. People looked at their lives and saw they shouldn't be wasted. There was so much to learn about life and the universe, that they shouldn't waste their time with drugs and video games. Many discoveries may have been made about the laws that govern the cosmos, but the people of earth discovered more about themselves.

Daniel Goodkin (3G)

## GAMES



## RUGBY

### 1ST XV RUGBY

Played 13 Won 6 Lost 7 Points for 236, against 314

|                                                |   |       |
|------------------------------------------------|---|-------|
| v Sandbach School                              | W | 22-10 |
| v Lymm High School                             | L | 21-28 |
| v Cheadle Hulme School                         | L | 24-17 |
| v St Bedes                                     | W | 35-19 |
| v Bury Grammar School                          | W | 17-8  |
| v Widnes 6th Form College                      | W | 19-18 |
| v Kind Edward's School, Lytham                 | L | 30-10 |
| v Manchester Grammar School                    | L | 48-8  |
| v St Edward's School, Oxford                   | L | 73-3  |
| (Tour Match)                                   |   |       |
| v Bolton Grammar School                        | L | 13-20 |
| v Stockport Grammar School                     | L | 15-30 |
| v Bramhall High School                         | W | 35-5  |
| v St Leonard's School, Buenos Aires, Argentina | W | 21-0  |

I had looked forward to the arrival of this season since my appointment as a teacher at William Hulme's. I have been involved in coaching rugby for five years but had never had my 'own' team before. I arrived rather apprehensively at the beginning of September to organise three pre-season training sessions and after some time assessing the standard of players realised that there were many improvements we could make to the squad.

I have enjoyed watching most games this season, particularly those against Sandbach, Widnes, Stockport, the Argentinians and my particular favourite, our tour game in Oxford. I have highlighted these games because throughout them we played with commitment, passion and aggression. Our performances against St. Edward's and St Leonard's were outstanding. We tackled throughout, we played with spirit and commitment and I believe every player enjoyed these games. Unfortunately, we have let ourselves down on many occasions. Our performance against Cheadle Hulme was diabolical and that against Bolton was only slightly better. We proved on many occasions that we possess all the attributes to become a competitive team; skill, intelligence, aggression, discipline and spirit. Unfortunately we are not consistent enough and have lost many games because of this.

I was bitterly disappointed after our game against Manchester Grammar. I did not expect us to win this match but firmly believe that we were not able to play rugby against them. I am loath to question any refereeing decisions but still cannot accept many decisions given during this game. I thank each of our players for their discipline during this fixture.

Michael Gale, Hamza Anwar, Luke Hassett, William Kent, Luke Coffey, Richard Nixon and Daniel Naylor are worth a special mention. Every one of these players trained enthusiastically. They listened to advice,



worked hard on their fitness and subsequently performed consistently well. They are not necessarily the best players in the team but if we had another ten similar to them we would produce outstanding sides. A player's attitude is vital and I call upon next year's squad to commit themselves fully to their team.

Benjamin Veitch was presented with the 'Tim Edwards Memorial Trophy', donated in memory of the late Tim Edwards, whom we shall always remember with deep affection. This new award is presented to a player who has shown absolute dedication to 1st XV rugby. Truly a 'Player of the Year'.

Next season will be difficult, we have very few Upper Sixth players but a strong lower sixth and fifth year. Richard Nixon will be the 1st XV captain. It will be a long season with the introduction of a second term and the July tour to Canada. Next season training will be organised differently, the 1st and 2nd team will not always train together, therefore I will have more time to identify areas we can improve on. I appeal to all players to set themselves high standards and achieve the best they can.

I wish to thank all the players for their efforts this year and wish the leavers every success in their chosen futures. I offer many congratulations to those players who represented Cheshire; David Hancock and Daniel Naylor, and a special mention to Richard Hopkinson for his achievement of playing for England Under 16's. I am sorry to see Richard leave as he has played with maturity and determination. I wish him every success at his new school but remind him that if he becomes homesick we can find him a place in our team. I thank John Daniels for his captaincy and general support throughout the season.

Finally I wish to express my thanks to Dr Barnes, Miss Matthews, Mr Seddon, Mr Booker, Mr Gorman and Adam for their help which was greatly appreciated, as well as the many parents and staff who support school rugby. 'Mr Jones, please stop shouting from the grassy bank!!!'

A J Mackenzie

## CAPTAINS REPORT

The squad had endured a difficult 1996 season with only one win. Many of the same players returned and brought a competitive edge to games. This was particularly apparent amongst the forwards where six upper sixth players held key positions throughout the season.

My front row partner, Michael Gale survived many head injuries to complete a season where he performed consistently throughout. Tim Barraclough was the incumbent hooker; his game thrived on fitness and mobility. He fought closely for his place with Nick Sharwin whose accuracy in the lineout skills and excellent fitness ensured quality possession was won.

The back row was small but aggressive. Ben Veitch always played well, never missing a tackle. William Kent's performances were outstanding throughout the season; he is fit, skilful and physically powerful. A small blot on his copybook was noted after a bit of 'handbags' with the Oxford Giant! Joe Holland and later Ricahrd Nixon competed for the position of blindside flanker. A little too much extra-curricular involvement from the former and subsequent long discussions with the referee drew Joe's 1st team season to an early finish. He is a player with great potential but must learn to play rugby for eighty minutes.

I know very little about back play but it did appear that this year we scored a few tries outside the hands of the

scrum half! Luke coffey played most of the season in this position. His partnership with Daniel Naylor has plenty of potential; fortunately they have two more years together. David Hancock, Robert Hanley and Matthew Whyatt shared the centre position but unfortunately they were never all fit and therefore we could never play our strongest team. The wingers were Ben Green, Paul Edisbury, Jeff Wu, Paul Murphy, Saquib Arshad and James Higgins. I know nothing about their game except that I am probably faster than most! I am definitely not as quick as our Full Back Richard Hopkinson who performed superbly but trained disastrously. Good luck with your England career, Richard! Mr Mackenzie arrived with a difficult job to do. He had to turn around a losing side and select players he knew very little about. Mr Mackenzie breathed life into the side with his enthusiasm and knowledge for rugby. Regular fitness training was participated in, practices were organised to develop ball handling as well as contact skills. Training was usually good fun!

Mr Mackenzie took us on tour to Oxford where we learned a great deal about rugby. The game was extremely physical and fast but we were competitive throughout, even though the score line suggests otherwise. We were allowed to develop our social skills, another part of rugby, during a quiet stroll around Oxford city centre in the evening! Hosting the Argentinians was a cultural experience. Their Latin temperament was apparent during a great home victory. Their coach's passions even outdid Mr Mackenzie's particularly during a second half 'flair up' where their coach was quite clearly seen exchanging a few pleasantries with Ben Veitch.

Mr Mackenzie has given up a lot of his time this year and has shown total commitment as our coach. He has been preparing for next year constantly with weekly training sessions for the new members to the squad. I thank him and all the players for their efforts this year and wish school rugby every success in the future.

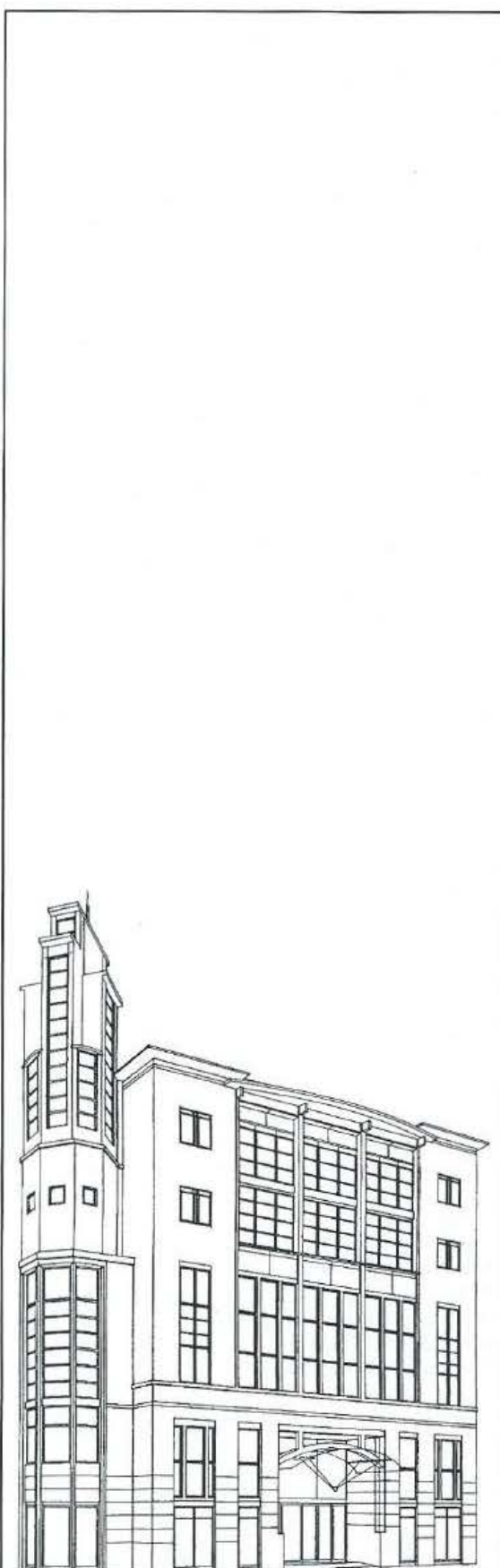
John Daniels (USMW)

## 2ND XV RUGBY

Played 9, Won 2, Lost 7, Points for 152, Against 229

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| v Sandbach School                | W 69 - 14 |
| v Lymm High School               | L 7 - 22  |
| v Cheadle Hulme School           | L 7 - 17  |
| v St Bede's College              | W 20 - 17 |
| v Widnes Sixth Form College      | L 15 - 19 |
| v King Edward VII School, Lytham | L 7 - 43  |
| v Manchester Grammar School      | L 17 - 43 |
| v Bolton School                  | L 5 - 25  |
| v Stockport School               | L 5 - 29  |

The season started promisingly with an easy and stylish win over Sandbach followed three matches later by a very close fought victory over St Bede's, which was achieved as the result of a very determined effort. There were also good performances against Lymm, Cheadle Hulme and Widnes, even though they did not end in victory. Unfortunately the season then fell away somewhat, largely as a result of injuries and the promotion of the better players to the first team. The two matches against King Edward's and Manchester Grammar were lost in a very disappointing



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manner with very little sign of the skills learned in practice being used in the match performance against an excellent Stockport team, with the result in doubt until well into the second half.

Judged by results alone, this was not a very successful season. The second team, however, did serve its purpose in giving younger boys a chance to mature into the senior players for the future, and it also allowed older boys, some of whom had not played previously for the School, an opportunity to develop an interest in the game. Thanks are due to all those who turned out on Saturday mornings to play, support and referee.

D.G. Barnes.

### U15 RUGBY

Played 13, Won 6, Lost 7, Points for 294, Against 272

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| v Lymm High         | L 5-7   |
| v Cheadle Hulme     | L 20-22 |
| v Sale Grammar      | W 39-10 |
| v St Bede's College | W 54-5  |
| v Hartfield High    | W 26-15 |

(Daily Mail Cup Cheshire)

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| v Bury Grammar                | W 36-7  |
| v Audenshaw High              | W 33-7  |
| v King Edward VII, Lytham     | W 38-20 |
| v Manchester Grammar          | L 15-26 |
| v King's School, Macclesfield | L 7-22  |

(Daily Mail Cup Cheshire)

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| v Bolton School     | L 14-15 |
| v Stockport Grammar | L 0-58  |
| v Bramhall High     | L 7-58  |

The U15 age group is often a turning point. It is the stage where individuals stop dominating games because of their advanced physical development. Smaller players who have developed good technique and skill start to use it to good effect. Also teams become more knowledgeable about the game and start to work together in a very organised and disciplined manner. This does not mean that you can cancel out individual flair and when put into a team with pace, direction and organisation it is still very difficult to contain.

There is no doubt that we have players in this squad with pace and some are also developing power. There are of course some who need to work on their all-round physical fitness; as a starting point you should be able to run around the field without stopping and be able to do 10 good press-ups. The runners would be the key to any successes, however there were two problems. Firstly getting the ball to the runners and secondly the directions they ran once they had the ball. The strong forwards tended to run away from their support which was not quick enough to keep up. They became isolated and the opposition generally dispossessed them. In the backs the fast men ran across the field which reduces space and makes it easier for defences. These technical errors can be ironed out on the training field, however you have to approach practice with the correct attitude. Too many of the squad did not have the required approach. Practice for

them was a time, firstly, to be avoided if at all possible. If this was not possible it then became a time to fool about and deliberately try to throw a spanner into the works, so that someone would get things wrong. You could then all laugh at him. You cannot hope to develop skill and understanding with this sort of attitude towards practice.

Analysis of the results is interesting. Although we lost more games than we won, we scored more points than we conceded. Many of the teams we play are more experienced, as they play rugby for two terms. This experience shows in close tight games where the result is in doubt usually until the last quarter of the game. We lost a number of games by narrow margins. In these games, if we had had a deeper understanding and a greater mental toughness which experience brings, I am sure we would have dealt with the situations differently. As it was, we often contributed to our own downfall by doing things which put us under more pressure; our basic skills broke down at key times in vital areas of the field.

To finish off I should mention that Scott Griffiths was selected to play for East Cheshire representative team and he is to be congratulated. Sadly he was injured playing for them, which was a blow for him personally as it prevented him from going on to the full Cheshire squad, but it was also a great blow to the School team. Scott was awarded Junior Colours for his achievement.

The following represented the School at rugby: H Al-Bayati, R Ahmed, R Booker, J Chapman, W Dawkins, M Dewsnap, J Fletcher, D Gall, A Green, S Griffiths, S Hughes, C Howarth, S Higgins, A Hyde, D Mather, J Meers, P Niroomand, B Ramsumair, D Robinson, P Stonehouse, R Thompson, D Wood and A Zia.

Mr. N. P. Dunn

#### U14 RUGBY 1997 - 98

Played 13, Won 8, Lost 5, Drawn 0, For 364, Against 218

|                      |      |       |
|----------------------|------|-------|
| v Sandbach           | Won  | 4-22  |
| v Lymm High          | Lost | 12-14 |
| v Cheadle Hulme      | Won  | 52-12 |
| v Sale Grammar       | Won  | 42-7  |
| v St Bede's College  | Lost | 24-32 |
| Ashton on Mersey     | Won  | 31-12 |
| v Bury Grammar       | Won  | 4-5   |
| v Audenshaw High     | Won  | 41-7  |
| v King Edward VII    | Won  | 33-10 |
| v Manchester Grammar | Lost | 0-41  |
| v Bolton School      | Lost | 5-17  |
| v Stockport Grammar  | Lost | 19-27 |
| v Bramhall High      | Won  | 22-12 |

As is all too often the case at U14 level, the beginning of the season saw a reliance in the team on the skills of individuals, and there was a long way to go before the squad started 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 far more effective force on the field of play.

The skill levels of this squad are currently high, although there is always room for improvement. However,

it is again at this level that the players have to realise that the game is becoming far more demanding, and therefore a greater degree of effort and concentration is required at training in order to be effective during matches.

The season got off to a good start against Sandbach, but this perhaps resulted in a touch of complacency when faced with Lymm a week later. In a close game which could have gone either way, Lymm's discipline and unit play saw them come out the victors. Cheadle Hulme and Sale gave the squad the opportunity to begin to work together, but poor tackling and lack of determination then saw a victory thrown away at St. Bede's.

This was followed by a string of four good matches, showing that both forwards and backs were developing their individual and unit skills. Handling in the backs improved dramatically, while in the forwards the support play and technical skills came on by leaps & bounds. Unfortunately the match against M.G.S. brought the team down to earth very rapidly, as the well drilled, hard tackling and extremely talented visitors showed us the value of playing twice as much rugby in a year.

The losing streak continued after half term with two closely contested and hard fought games against Bolton and Stockport. However, at no time during these matches could I fault the effort and determination of the players, although at times the skills seemed to desert us!

A final game against Bramhall allowed us to finish the season on a high note, but not before the team had been forced to demonstrate clearly how much they had progressed during the season in order to overcome a very determined opposition.

As I stressed at the beginning of this report, the key aspect at this level of play is perhaps developing teamwork amongst the players. As such, all those who represented the school have played an important part. However, certain individuals deserve mention for maintaining their effort and contribution during the season.

Simon Khoshneviszadeh and Robert Serrant made a solid second row, while Nasir Moosa and Roy Chohan could always be relied on to go forward with the ball. John Bracchi and Matthew Booth deserve a lot of credit for the huge improvements made in their play this year.

Chris Ogden-Smith, Michael Platt and Ravi Gokal all provided solid defence and quick attack in the backs, while Shane Coley's darting runs and nimble footwork helped him to avoid many tackles. In a new position for him, Justin Ofoche at full back provided not only strong tackling but also an injection of pace into the line in the best Mallinder style!

Overall, however, the player of the year was Robi Dé, whose commitment throughout the year to the squad was exemplary. He worked tirelessly at scrum half to provide good ball for the backs, while constantly driving his forwards to work harder.

The entire squad consisted of:-

Forwards: O Raja, J Bracchi, K Djang, S Patel, A Pankhania, R Serrant, S Khoshneviszadeh, D Goodkin, N Moosa, R Chohan, M Booth, B Hussain, M Choudhury, M Brighouse, R Kay, E Haslam.

Backs: R Dé, M Platt, C Ogden-Smith, R Gokal, A McIntyre, S Coley, M Webber, J Ofoche, W Tamkin, H Uflaz.

A. R. Austen

## U13 RUGBY

Played 13, Won 6, Lost 7, Points for 257, Against 252

|                                  |   |         |
|----------------------------------|---|---------|
| v Sandbach School                | L | 12 - 35 |
| v Lymm H.S.                      | L | 7 - 25  |
| v Cheadle Hulme School           | W | 40 - 0  |
| v Sale Grammar School            | W | 26 - 10 |
| v St Bede's College              | L | 12 - 15 |
| v Ashton on Mersey High School   | L | 20 - 31 |
| v Bury Grammar School            | W | 44 - 0  |
| v Audenshaw High School          | W | 29 - 17 |
| v King Edward VII School, Lytham | L | 14 - 24 |
| v Bolton School                  | W | 19 - 10 |
| v Stockport Grammar School       | L | 3 - 25  |
| v Altrincham Grammar School      | W | 26 - 12 |
| v Bramhall High School           | L | 5 - 47  |

Throughout the season the team battled well, often against bigger, more skilful opposition. The XV always had a grasp of the basic skills but lacked the "fine tuning" required to dominate a game. However as the season progressed it became apparent that a number of boys, those who were playing a Sedgley Park R.U.F.C. and other clubs, were beginning to show signs of rapid development and a more constructive pattern of play developed.

As is often the case at this age group some players took the ball a little too far into the contact situation and this made the re-cycling difficult. Some of our attack failed because of this and all the boys must understand that Rugby is a team game with each player required to play his part for the good of the XV. Some teams are fortunate in having one or two big, fast players who can win junior games on their own. We did not have such a player and really needed an all-round effort. With this in mind I think our best game was against a very large Bolton team in very difficult, wet conditions. The forwards worked hard to produce good quality possession which was well used by the threequarters. Our defence was sound and we emerged deserving winners.

This group of players has the potential to improve each season although this will require a positive attitude regularly to attend training sessions and work hard in them. The introduction of rugby matches into the Lent term will help to "level the playing field" but it is the desire of the players to improve which is crucial.

My thanks, as always, go to those parents who supported the School during the season.

C.H. Seddon

The squad consisted of:

(Backs) A. Smith, J. Amara, P. Keenlyside, S. Lancashire, A. Adams, C. Booker, T. Bannister, N. Patchen, A. Ademosey, O. Hylton.

(Forwards) P. Nowroozi, J. Darlington, S. Knight, T. Moses, A. Anwar, N. Travis, U. Khana, J. Chung, A. Cetrillo, A. Ayodola.

## U12 RUGBY

Played 9, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 4, Points for 96, Against 149

|                                  |   |         |
|----------------------------------|---|---------|
| v St Bede's College              | D | 5 - 5   |
| v Ashton on Mersey High School   | W | 5 - 0   |
| v Audenshaw High School          | W | 17 - 5  |
| v King Edward VII School, Lytham | L | 10 - 34 |
| v Manchester Grammar School      | L | 5 - 37  |
| v Bolton School                  | L | 0 - 34  |
| v Stockport Grammar School       | L | 10 - 22 |
| v Altrincham Grammar School      | W | 10 - 7  |
| v Bramhall High School           | W | 34 - 5  |

It is often unfortunate that most teams are judged too much by results rather than attitude, commitment and progress made. A simple analysis of results on the field would indicate that the U12 team have had a reasonable season. In terms of enthusiasm, willingness to listen and learn and actual development, they have had a very successful one. The squad consisted of 28 boys, some of whom, although playing only once, never lost their desire to participate and learn.

The season began in an unorthodox manner. The squad arrived at School for Saturday morning training only to discover that St Bede's had arrived to play a game. Not exactly the start that I had envisaged! A closely contested game ensued and Yarbo's try meant that the spoils were deservedly shared. The next fixture brought the team's first victory and revealed their true spirit. The team had to defend rigorously for most of the game and it was a piece of dazzling skill and athleticism from Asgill that sealed the game. Collecting the ball in his own third of the field he embarked upon a wonderful run that led to a memorable try.

A comfortable victory against Audenshaw, with two tries from Asgill and one from the uncompromising Khaliq Ahmad, meant that we entered the fixture against King Edward in confident mood. This fixture, however, along with the following three against Manchester Grammar School, Bolton School and Stockport Grammar School, proved to be rather sobering experiences. The opponents in these four games were generally bigger, quicker and stronger. Some of our boys, having never played rugby before joining the School, lacked the necessary know-how and experience necessary to survive in such circumstances. They will, however, have learned valuable lessons from these games.

The game against Manchester Grammar School was a lesson in life as well as rugby. In the first half the team was swamped by an impressive outfit and trailed 32-0 at the interval. It was at this point that the spirit and mettle of the team was put to the test. The wind at the top of the mountain always blows the strongest - ask David Beckham! The team responded with a wonderful, herculean effort in the second half which was drawn 5 - 5.

The season ended with two consecutive victories against Altrincham and Bramhall and, in some ways, the season had rotated and come full circle. It would be wrong to pick out too many individuals because this was definitely a squad effort. Alex Adams captained the side and at scrum-half led from the front. Dzikoh Asgill was a live-wire at fly-half and should develop into a very good player. Gedal's electrifying pace and Stephen's strength, aggression and superb tackling meant that we had two very competent wingers. Always remember to run forward though Khairie! The forwards should be pleased that they performed with much more cohesiveness at the season progressed. Murtagh, Egeli and Birch led from the front, Haydar was always tenacious, Analoui determined, Yarbo quick and elusive and Clarke willing.

On a personal note I would like to thank Mr Hewston whose time, effort and commitment were invaluable. He was at virtually every practice and refereed every game. It was obvious that the boys respected and appreciated the time and effort that he gave to them. It will be disappointing if we do not work together again next year. Thank you also to Mr Mackenzie and all the parents who offered help and support - often in appalling conditions.

The squad consisted of the following: A.G. Adams (Captain), K. Ahmad, A. Ali, B.D. Analoui, D.E. Asgill, P.J. Birch, J.R.G. Clarke, T.J. Egeli, S. Elhami, E. Etadafe, C. Flanagan, K. Gedal, I. Gill, G. Haydar, S. Hudda, N.C.A. Inniss, D.D. Knight, Z.I. McKenzie, S. Modha, E. Murtagh, K. Mukadam, M.R. Sharpe, I. Sheikh, C.J. Stephens, M. Trivedi, L. Wall, D.M. Wright and B. Yarbo.

M.C. Gorman.

## HOCKEY



### 1ST XI HOCKEY

Played 7, Won 2, Drew 2, Lost 3

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| v Stockport Grammar School (H)    | W 4-0 |
| v Withington Girls' School (H)    | W 1-0 |
| v Newcastle Under Lyme School (H) | L 2-3 |
| v Newcastle Under Lyme School (A) | L 0-1 |
| v Sale Grammar School (H)         | D 1-1 |
| v Withington Girls' School (H)    | D 1-1 |
| v Stockport Grammar School (A)    | L 0-4 |

We had a good start to the season; there were many new players on the squad which meant you had to prove yourself in order to earn your place on the team. Competition for places meant more determination from the players and this showed in our opening matches. It had been a long time since we had beaten Stockport Grammar, but beating them 4-0 in our first match gave us great confidence and meant the training had all been worthwhile. However, as the season progressed the levels of determination and commitment started to decrease and this began to show in our match results. Although one or two had given up, there were still others who were very committed and turned up to training week in week out no matter what the weather was doing.

Although we lost to Newcastle, we played our best hockey in these matches. We were very unlucky to come away without a victory but great goalkeeping from both sides made it a very close, competitive game and a game which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The last game of the season was slightly different. The three senior teams all had several players missing so we used it as a development game which meant some of the fourth years got their first

insight into 1st XI hockey. With virtually no team practice the fourth years slotted in well which shows great promise for next year.

A really big thank you to the fifth years and the dedicated sixth formers who turned up to practices on time and every time. Thank you to Miss Barlow who gave her time and 'stuck' with us even though some of us didn't deserve it. Also, thanks go to our loyal group of parents who came and supported us no matter how far we travelled. Finally, good luck to next year's squad; there will be many talented players joining the squad from the fourth year, which is going to mean competition for places will be even tougher.

Some players who deserve an extra mention for their skill, determination and commitment are Caroline Bell, out top goal scorer, Georgina Laird, who became very difficult to get past at the back, Oli Taiwo who proved to be outstanding in goal, especially in the Manchester and District Tournament, Lauren Standring who controlled the game from centre midfield and Alison Hawcroft, who provided endless crosses from the right wing.

The following girls represented the team: Levinia Clemetson, Oli Taiwo, Tabassum Safdar, Katie Chesworth, Georgina Laird, Lauren Standring, Anya Dearden, Rachael Lee, Elli Metcalfe, Laurie Edwards, Alison Hawcroft, Jo Shaw, Carla Narnor, Caroline Bell and Rebekah Lawson.

Tabassum Safdar (UMRB)  
1st XI Captain

I would like to add my thanks to those girls who turned up to training, even though they didn't have many matches. My congratulations also go to Caroline Bell, her first season in the 1st XI, but she became the target player up front as she shows excellent skill in getting around tricky defence. She was 100% committed and is keen to learn and listen to advice. She was a worthy winner of the 'Player Of The Year' award.

Miss. J. Barlow

### U15 HOCKEY

Played 8 Won 8 Drew 0 Lost 2

|                            |      |     |
|----------------------------|------|-----|
| v Kingsway (H)             | won  | 3-0 |
| v Stockport (H)            | lost | 1-2 |
| v Withington (H)           | won  | 2-0 |
| v Marple Hall (H)          | won  | 6-0 |
| v Newcastle-Under-Lyme (H) | won  | 3-1 |
| v Cheshire Hulme (A)       | lost | 0-2 |
| v Sale Grammar (H)         | won  | 4-0 |
| v Withington (H)           | won  | 3-0 |

#### County Tournament

|                     |      |     |
|---------------------|------|-----|
| v Stockport Grammar | drew | 0-0 |
| v Bury Grammar      | drew | 0-0 |
| v Bramhall          | drew | 0-0 |

#### Quarter-finals

|              |      |     |
|--------------|------|-----|
| v Priestnall | lost | 0-2 |
|--------------|------|-----|

This year we had a very enjoyable and successful season. We knew we would meet strong opposition early on so early practices were necessary. Unfortunately, after a

closely fought game, Stockport still managed to get the better of us. However, this just made us even more determined in the next few games. Having played in virtually the same positions for four or five years, we now know one another's games, strong areas and weaker areas, which has enabled us to play better as a team, work for one another, bring in set moves and inter change where necessary.

Our performance improved as did our results. We went on to score 22 goals and only conceded 5. I would like to congratulate Hannah and Leanne for their two hatricks. Also congratulations to Adanna, who has improved tremendously this season and gave us great confidence at the back.

We had a good run at the County Tournament, but unfortunately had difficulty finding the net. I would like to thank Mr Fisher for taking us to the tournament - hopefully we'll score a few goals there next year.

I would like to thank Laura Hopkinson who captained the team, although she couldn't play in every match due to injury, it was good to see her on the side line supporting us.

Also we would like to thank Miss Barlow who coached us, giving up two lunchtimes a week and her Saturday mornings for matches. Thanks also to our loyal supporters, it really does encourage us to hear you shouting from the sidelines.

One final thank you to the following team members:- Sunita Boodhoo, Samantha John, Adanna Opara, Anna Robertson, Helia Asadi, Gemma Bookbinder, Laura Hopkinson, Helen Fisher, Beth Coffey, Hannah Nayler, Leanne Davidson and Iram Choudary.

Beth Coffey (4H)

I would like to congratulate Beth Coffey on winning 'Player of the year' award. Beth's skills have improved tremendously this year and she always gives 100% on the pitch. She made an excellent appearance in the first XI at the end of the season and will be pushing for a permanent place in the team next year.

Miss J Barlow

#### U14 HOCKEY

This season has been a huge improvement on last year. We have won more matches and really come together as a team. The team consisted of Selene Pang, Lucy Berger, Alexis Race, Anna Rogers, Bhavini Vara, Camille Kasler, Kathryn Tang, Rebecca Goodwin, Kate Howie, Holly Kent and Katrina Francis. Other people who also played in some matches were Suzanne Onyemem, Laura-Jane Bulwich, Sharon Suthar and Vanessa Bacchas.

We would not have been able to play as well as we did if it were not for our goal keeper Selene who filled in half way through the year. She soon got used to the kit, which always found a way of falling off in the middle of a match, and played really well. We played particularly well against Newcastle Under Lyme, winning 3 - 2 with Kathryn's brilliant hat trick. Another match we were proud of was against Cheadle Hulme; it was our first ever match on Astroturf and we beat them 2 - 1 just at the last minute.

After losing several matches our spirits rose when we drew with Stockport Grammar and we continued to win matches from then on. Goals have been scored from Camille who finally got her aim right and from Kathryn who always seemed to be getting goals.

Finally I would like to thank everyone for turning up even if they were a little late sometimes, our loyal gang of supporters who followed us everywhere and the biggest of all these goes to Miss Raw who trained us whatever the weather and despite the moans that we were running round the field again and other such complaints. She must have liked us, because she took us bowling where we had some touching moments (you know what I mean Vanessa!) and other fun and I know we will become even better next year and will win even more matches.

Holly Kent (3W)

#### U13 HOCKEY

Played 10    Won 5    Drew 0    Lost 5

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| v Stockport Grammar (H)               | Lost 0-6 |
| v Marple Hall (H)                     | Won 1-0  |
| v The King's School, Macclesfield (H) | Won 2-0  |
| v Newcastle-Under-Lyme (H)            | Won 2-0  |
| v Marple Hall (H)                     | Won 2-0  |
| v Newcastle-Under-Lyme (A)            | Lost 0-2 |
| v Cheadle Hulme (A)                   | Lost 0-1 |
| v Sale Grammar (H)                    | Lost 1-2 |
| v Withington (A)                      | Won 3-2  |
| v Stockport Grammar (A)               | Lost 0-5 |

This is our second year playing together as a team. The year started off with great spirit and a lot of determination, despite the fact that our first match was against our toughest competitors, Stockport Grammar.

We have a strong team, but we also have strong opposition. We battled hard against Marple Hall in our second match and managed to win 1-0. I think this second match built up our confidence and gave us hope for the future, especially as we then went on to win our next three games. The girls worked well with each other and many improved on their stick work and skills, which was a confidence boost for the whole team.

However, things seemed to slip and unfortunately we only won one out of the next five games. This one win was a close match against Withington ending in a 3-2 victory for us. All the team played well, the backs worked hard, the halves moved the ball around and the forwards attacked well. We played as a team with great pace and a good defence right up to the final whistle.

Our final match was against Stockport Grammar. All players worked hard, but unfortunately we didn't get a goal and lost 0-5. After the match Mrs Bates commented "I've never seen you play with such determination. It doesn't matter that you didn't win, you played together as a team and you never gave up". On the whole we had a balanced year with 4 wins and 5 defeats. I would like to give a big THANK YOU on behalf of the team to Miss Barlow and Mrs Bates. Miss Barlow coached us well at the beginning of the year but because of commitments to other teams, Mrs Bates took over half way through and encouraged and coached us to the end of the season.

Also well done and thank you to the following team members: Carolyn Hegg, Kate Maddock, Danielle Ashley, Cornelia Bremer, Elaine Tang, Nneka Opara, Mareshah Sheriife, Leela Dé, Ozadeh Solati, Rebecca Choudry, Ceegay Verley, Kristie Tierney and Syeda Siddique. I would like to take this opportunity to say, the squad will be back, stronger than ever, next year.

Mareshah Sheriife (2K) Captain

I would like to congratulate Mareshah on winning the 'Player of the year' award. She has been an excellent captain, both on and off the pitch and fully deserves this award.

Miss J. Barlow

## U12 HOCKEY

For the U12 hockey team this first season has been a learning experience. Not only have the girls learnt a new sport, but they have learnt to represent their school and conduct themselves accordingly. The team shows great promise for the future.

Although the fixture programme was restricted by the appalling weather, the First Years have managed to develop a talented squad of players and play on a variety of different surfaces. The girls started the season off well with a match against Newcastle-u-Lyme and despite scoring first were beaten. We were given a lesson in close control by their Left Wing who scored some excellent goals. We bounced back however with a superb performance against Sale. We completely controlled the match with excellent midfield work by Ehi Okpe, Ashley Gilbody and Thembi Watt. Ehi from 1S has the makings of an impressive Right Half, Thembi from 1J tackles and passes with control and Ashley is inventive and talented at Centre Half.

What was most impressive was the clinical finishing by Martellique Yates, Nicole Plummer, Prya Boodhoo and Nardene Scott. Martellique of 1R is developing into an excellent Centre Forward. She possesses the confidence and awareness to dominate the penalty circle and proves an exciting prospect. Nicole from 1K has been our top goal scorer this season with six goals in nine games. Right from the first match she has shown confidence and commitment. Prya from 1J is enthusiastic and positive. She always tries her best and her team play is encouraging. Nardene from 1K is the ultimate team player. She is sensible and assured on the ball.

Our last matches were something of a disappointment but the girls learnt a lot from them. Against Withington we should have won but gave away an early goal and missed too many golden chances. We were outplayed by a talented and skilful Stockport side for the final match of the season, however we never gave up and battled hard particularly in defence.

Our Backs have had a very pleasing season. Simone Walters of 1R has shown assurance and skill in tackling and Tamara Brown of 1J has played with real style. Player of the Year captain Korinna Steele of 1K has consistently shown class in all matches. She is talented in all areas of the game and is also an exciting prospect for the future. I must also mention Tanya Lee Ritchie and Lucy Jensen both of 1K. Tanya is proving to be a very able

goalkeeper and she performed particularly well against Stockport to keep their score down. Lucy has played in goal and in defence with equal relish and is a tough battler. Other members of the squad; Laura Dodson, Kristina Stuss, Sonia Chohan, Anisah Ashraf and Sukhanya Ghafori-Kanno have played their part with enthusiasm and dedication.

Personally I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching the team. Many thanks to all our supporters and I am already looking forward to next season!

Miss L. C. Derby

## NETBALL



### U16 NETBALL

Played 9, Won 0, Lost 8, Drew 1.

The school's U16 netball team, whilst not the most successful in terms of winning matches, would beat any team on grit and determination, team spirit and all-round sportswomanship! Over the past few years they have stayed together as a team with one or two newcomers who have gelled very well and as a squad they have been a delight to work with.

As far as the season goes it was fairly typical. A draw against Manchester High on a very wet Saturday morning was the start of it. At the end of the season, after getting lost at least three times, the coach driver finally got us to Newcastle-under-Lyme School. There we played four quarters of 15 minutes each (twice as long as we were used to). We didn't score any goals in the first quarter but what a cheer in the second when we finally sunk one! The girls played tremendously well for the whole hour, never faltering in their efforts, keeping their heads up. Okay so we lost 6 - 44 at full time but it's the manner of the girls in defeat that was so important. At the end of the season we had a Player of the Year Award and it was said at the time this team are a credit to the school and to themselves and that the younger players could learn a lot about commitment and team-spirit from our U16's. It was therefore very difficult to single out one individual for the award but I think the rest of the team will agree that as team captain Caroline Bell fully deserves it.

Many thanks must go to Mrs Pollard who coached and encouraged right up to her maternity leave and to the following girls who represented the school so admirably: Caroline Bell, Rebekah Lawson, Georgina Laird, Ollie Taiwo, Louise Goodwin, Elli Metcalfe, Laurie Edwards, Laura Berrisford, Vicky Raines, Natalie Ofoche and Julia Atherton.

Miss J.F. Smith.

## U15 NETBALL

Played 14, Won 5, Lost 9, Drew 0.

The U15 Netball season this year went quite well. Despite suffering a few embarrassing losses to schools such as Stockport Grammar and Newcastle-under-Lyme, on the whole our results were reasonable. A loss of the first match of the season made us work hard and practise. We were determined to win our next few matches. Our hard work paid off when we beat Manchester High and Kingsway School.

Towards the end of the season, nearly the whole team started to slacken a bit, not giving 100% effort and full concentration at practices. However, this was not reflected in the way we played our games, we always tried and played our best. The team consisted of: Anna Robertson, Adanna Opara, Hannah Naylor, Gemma Carolan, Beth Coffey. We didn't have a permanent goal shooter but Laura Hopkinson, Natalie Sheldon and Iram Chaudry took the position in turns. Leanne Davidson was also happy to play centre when Hannah was injured.

We would like to thank Miss Minto for giving up her spare time to coach us and keep our hopes up when we were losing. Last, but not least I would like to congratulate Adanna Opara for winning Player of the Year. Well done!

Beth Coffey (4H)

## U14 NETBALL

Played 12, Won 1, Lost 11, Drew 0.

The team were in quite high spirits at the start of the year due to the excellent result that we had at the Rydal tournament in the previous season. So it was a frustrating start when it seemed as if we were getting back to our old ways of losing matches again.

Then during our match against St Hilary's we were shocked to find ourselves leading at half-time. It came as an even bigger shock when we eventually won 10 - 7. For the next hour we all walked around in a state of shock!

Half-way through the season, Mrs Pollard left on maternity leave so Mrs Lowry kindly stepped in. She kept our spirits high and stopped us from giving up when we had had enough.

For the rest of the season, we lost our games but we had made some improvement. We were getting the ball down the court more and scoring more goals.

We would all like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Pollard and Mrs Lowry for all their help and support during the year.

Also, thank you to everybody who played on the team: Camille Kasler, Holly Kent, Rebecca Goodwin, Marsha Beagul, Rachael Ablott, Christie Okpe, Vanessa Bacchas, Anna Rogers, Jenna French, Laura-Jane Bulwich, Katrina Francis and Rachael Moore.

Rebecca Goodwin (3G)

## U13 NETBALL

Played 11, Won 5, Lost 6, Drew 0.

September brought a confident start to the U13's netball season as we won our first match against Withington Girls' 13-6. We then went on to win our next

few matches which brought us good results. We were improving in every way. We started to work as a team and people such as our coach, Miss Smith, started to notice and we were put into a tournament at Rydal Penrhos School in Wales. We couldn't have come out with better results. It was brilliant play by the team and we stuck together to come out with these results:

|               |      |       |
|---------------|------|-------|
| v Liverpool   | Won  | 5 - 2 |
| v Rydal       | Won  | 8 - 0 |
| v St Brigid's | Won  | 4 - 2 |
| v Penrhos     | Won  | 5 - 2 |
| v Newcastle   | Drew | 5 - 5 |
| v Howells     | Won  | 2 - 1 |

This meant that we got through to the semi-finals against John Bright but lost in a fair game 4 - 5. Anyway we came back pleased with what we had done and how we had performed.

We didn't lack towards the end of the season, we tried just as hard as we did at the beginning. Hopefully we can perform the same in the next netball season. So a big thank you to Miss Smith and to all of the netball team. These people represented the school:

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Ceegay Verley     | Amanda Marshall |
| Mareshah Sheriffe | Kristie Tierney |
| Kitty Hiscocks    | Gunwant Sathi   |
| Ozadeh Solati     | Maria Khan      |
| Shelly Turnberg   | Amy Diazuk      |
| Kate Maddock      |                 |

Kristie Tierney (2R)

P.S. Kristie's modesty obviously wouldn't let her mention the fact that she won the U13 Player of the Year Award for her consistent efforts and sporting attitude - Well done.

Miss J.F. Smith

## U12 NETBALL 'A' TEAM

|                            |      |      |
|----------------------------|------|------|
| v St Hilary's              | Lost | 6-16 |
| v Culcheth Hall            | Won  | 9-0  |
| v Kingsway                 | Drew | 7-7  |
| v Stockport Grammar        | Lost | 5-19 |
| v Kingsway                 | Won  | 4-3  |
| v Stockport Grammar        | Lost | 4-12 |
| v Cheadle Hulme            | Lost | 4-9  |
| v Withington Girls         | Lost | 4-7  |
| v Manchester High U13      | Won  | 9-6  |
| v Newcastle-Under-Lyme U13 | Lost | 1-25 |

Although we lost six games and won only three, we did improve during the season and enjoyed playing together. We practised twice a week under the expert guidance of Mrs Hesp assisted by Amanda Marshall (2nd Year), Olamide Taiwo (5th Year) and Levinia Clemetson (Lower Sixth). Even when we were losing we never stopped trying. Team spirit was always good and as first years we were all proud and enthusiastic to represent our new school. We are a reasonably tall team and with more practice next year I think we can improve and win more matches than we lose.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mrs Hesp for all the time and hard work she put into coaching, taking us to and from matches and for umpiring.

The following girls played for the Under 12 A team this season: Prya Boodhoo, Tamara Brown, Cynthia Ettore, Nicole Plummer, Ashley Gilbody, Martellique Yates, Laura Dodson, Tanya Ritche and Katherine Veitch (1J)

#### U12 NETBALL 'B' TEAM

|                          |      |      |
|--------------------------|------|------|
| v St Hilary's            | Won  | 4-1  |
| v Kingsway               | Won  | 5-0  |
| v Withington Girls       | Lost | 2-6  |
| v Manchester High A      | Lost | 0-8  |
| v Newcastle-Under-Lyme A | Lost | 2-17 |

The U12 'B' team started the season successfully. Our first match was against St Hilary's. We had a great victory 4-1. We then went on to beat Kingsway convincingly.

There was then a break with no matches until March, when we were not so successful. We played Newcastle 'A' team and Manchester High School 'A' team, losing both games, but the experience was beneficial.

Mrs Hesp has been a great coach to us, teaching us many skills like throwing, catching, marking and footwork.

The following people represented the B team: Simone Walters, Nardene Scott, Sonia Chohan, Kizzy Smith, Kristina Stus, Anisah Ashraf, Korinna Steele and Iqra Riaz.

Despite an injury to her hand, Kizzy attended every practice, encouraging the other players and returned to the team in March. The 'B' team have worked very hard this year, playing well in matches and working well as a team.

Simone Walters &  
Anisah Ashraf (1R)

#### LACROSSE



#### 1st TEN LACROSSE

Unfortunately it has proved impossible to print an article on this excellent activity.

-Ed.

#### LACROSSE U16

For detailed reports and statistics see Captain's Report by James Veitch, who has been an excellent captain. Also thanks once again to Mr Andy Veitch for his coaching on match days. I write here a few brief thoughts in summary:

Next Year sees LX ending as a main curriculum sport though school teams etc. may still run. The Lent term's matches saw a mix of results, but there certainly

were some very good and enjoyable performances. But unfortunately the outstanding memory will be of some ill-tempered matches and in particular our withdrawal in the game against Poynton. It is not appropriate to go into the details of this here, but I will say that all too often overphysical play with some inconsistent refereeing has occurred. In fairness to our players they have often been victim to this. But that said, it cannot excuse the retaliation that sometimes resulted. This does not bode well for the future of LX particularly in the light of developments at WHGS, but I am also speaking here from the point of view of it as a sport for boys in general.

C Cotton

#### UNDER 15 LACROSSE

Played 7, Lost 7, For 29, Against 72.

|                             |      |      |
|-----------------------------|------|------|
| Waconians (A)               | Lost | 4-6  |
| Stockport Grammar (H)       | Lost | 4-7  |
| Heaton Mersey (A) J & S Cup | Lost | 2-23 |
| Timperley A (H)             | Lost | 5-7  |
| Timperley A (H)             | Lost | 5-8  |
| Timperley A (A)             | Lost | 6-10 |
| Mellor (H)                  | Lost | 3-11 |

The results clearly show a lack of success in terms of wins or even draws, but the real success of this season will only become evident next season. With the club sides operating at Under 16's level, the School's U15 team are always going to be up against it - one year at this level makes a big difference. Closer inspection of the results shows that only in one match were we outclassed (in the Cup against Heaton Mersey). In all the other games the School competed well and could and should have won some of the games. Indiscipline was to blame on a number of occasions: sendings off at crucial times proved to be expensive. Other games were lost through starting slowly in the first quarter and then having to chase the game.

Next season we will not have age as an excuse and we will be able to measure just how much we have progressed this season. We have the makings of an excellent team but there are areas of concern. Defensively, we operated with just two long sticks and really need to convert at least one more short stick into long. The two long sticks, William Shaw & Robert Thompson need to work hard on their handling and positional play - we were quite good in settled defence but conceded too many soft goals from broken play where defenders failed to read the situation or react quickly enough. We would have conceded even more goals without the effort of Daniel Gall in goal. He performed consistently well despite being over-exposed at times. The third defender, for most of the season, until he was injured, was Alick Hyde. He defended well with a short stick and his powerful clearing runs out of defence were a feature.

In midfield, we have enough athletes to compete with the strongest of teams. What they need to do is to learn to look up for the pass once they have beaten one man, rather than plough on until they run into trouble. This happened on too few occasions this season but when it did we often created and scored some good goals.

It is in attack where we have much work to do. We need to establish a permanent straight attack who can work together as a unit. Paul Stonehouse's left hand is a valuable asset but he needs to become much more involved in the

game. Anthony Green did not score the number of goals that we expected him to do. This was partly due to lack of equipment and he needs to sort this out at the start of next season. Andrew McLeod and Daniel Mather scored several goals between them. Christopher Howarth is a more natural games player and the attack looked more fluid with him in it.

Practices were a problem. The six day cycle Junior K O matches and Hewlett Cup meant that there were limited games session in a short term. Lunchtimes are also limited, particularly when we do not get a full turn out of players. Hence, we did not really make significant progress with man-up, man down and this also cost the team dearly. While we very rarely scored goals from a man up play, the opposition scored many when we were man down. I would like to thank all the players for their contribution this season, and for maintaining their spirit when losing each week. Particular thanks go to Christopher Howarth who led the team by example. Last, but not least, I would like to thank Iain Shaw for his help, enthusiasm and expertise in running the team.

The following players represented the school:- C J Howarth (Captain), W N Dawkins, M A S Dewsnap, D R Gall, A P Green, S J Griffiths, A J Hyde, A J Johnstone, S A McClements, A G McLeod, D T Mather, J A R Meers, B M Ramsumair, W J Shaw, P M Stonehouse, R J Thompson.

A Simkin

#### U14 LACROSSE

Played 8, Won 2, Lost 6, Points for 37, Against 68

|                            |   |        |
|----------------------------|---|--------|
| v Cheadle                  | L | 0 - 13 |
| v Stockport 'A'            | W | 18 - 0 |
| v Wilmslow                 | L | 7 - 9  |
| v Stockport (Cup)          | L | 1 - 18 |
| v Poynton                  | L | 3 - 10 |
| v Stockport Grammar School | L | 2 - 9  |
| v Timperley                | L | 5 - 8  |
| v Boardman and Eccles      | W | 8 - 1  |

The total number of players in the Under 14 squad was 13. This meant that if players were injured or unavailable we had the minimum ten players on the field. Such is the game of lacrosse that midfield players need to be substituted at regular intervals to keep the legs "fresh". This we just could not do without any substitutes and this meant that late in the game we were a tired team often letting in goals that we would not have conceded early on in the contest. Add to this the problem that on a couple of occasions a player just did not turn up for the game and we were sometimes taking the field with nine players. This obviously has a dramatic effect on the morale of the other players who see little chance in their winning the game.

Nevertheless the faithful few battled it out regularly and this says much for the character of the individuals. Too few of the team were "real" lacrosse players, prepared to put in the time and effort into developing their own individual skills and stick-handling techniques. Most of the teams we played against contained better individual players and could therefore, develop team plays that were successful. We, on the other hand, struggled against these better teams, to keep possession of the ball for long enough to break down the opposition defence. Too often individual players tried to

take on the whole of the opposing defence only to loose the ball and find it in our half with one quick pass out of defence.

Having registered only one win, against a Stockport "second string," it was very pleasing to finish on a high note against Boardman and Eccles.

Thank you to those parents who supported the team through this year.

Team selected from: N. Moosa, M. Brighthouse, P. Sunderland, R. Colebrook, R. Goval, C. Ogden-Smith, R. Dé, J. Ofoche, W. Tamkin, M. Platt, J. Case, A. McIntyre and for the last fixture M. Webber.

C.H. Seddon

#### UNDER 13 LACROSSE

Played - 8, Won - 2, Lost - 6; Goals : For - 48, Against - 92

|                         |   |   |        |
|-------------------------|---|---|--------|
| v Sale (Cup)            | A | L | 9 - 11 |
| v Boardman & Eccles     | H | L | 4 - 18 |
| v Poynton               | H | W | 9 - 3  |
| v Timperley A           | H | L | 3 - 6  |
| v Stockport             | H | L | 0 - 19 |
| v Stockport G. School A | H | L | 8 - 14 |
| v Mellor                | H | W | 11 - 6 |
| v Cheadle               | A | L | 4 - 15 |

(Lax Schools U12/13 tournament - at Brooklands)

Played - 3, Won - 3, Lost - 0, Goals 17 - 4

|                           |   |       |
|---------------------------|---|-------|
| v Ashton-on-Mersey School | W | 3 - 0 |
| v Sale Moor High School   | W | 7 - 2 |
| v Sale Grammar School     | W | 7 - 2 |

During School time, the team was coached by Mr C. Casey, an American coach from Hulmeians. Many, however, did not turn up for training as often as they should, and many could not make the after-School session he arranged. Consequently, they did not develop as a team as well as they could have done. As the team were often playing against older boys, as they were in an Under 14 age group for fixtures, they struggled most weeks. On Saturdays, they were coached by Hulmeians Simon and Andrew Marsden, for whom we were most grateful, and Mr Booker took charge of the team, arranging for transport with parents. Thanks to all those who supported the team on a regular basis.

No regular goalkeeper was found after Pairo decided not to continue, and the team relied on the strength of the regular midfield players. Several good performances were followed by heavy defeats.

Those who played in the tournament against the Trafford Secondary Schools played the best lacrosse they had done all season. With slightly different rules, all had to pass the ball instead of running with it, and the Under 13's gelled with the Under 12's in an excellent way. Lots of substitution to stop players tiring helped the teamwork, instead of hindering it. The accuracy of the passing was top class, as was the running off the ball. All enjoyed the experiment with different rules, and it helped to develop their skills.

It was a pity this team did not continue in the way they had progressed as Under 12 players. I hope some of them will continue with the sport in the future.

The following represented the School: Chris Booker, Nick Travis, Pairo Nowroozi, Paul Whitehead, Tunde Moses, Alex Rushforth, Stefan Knight, Nick Patchen, Joe Amara, Stephen Lancashire, Azim Butt, Ryan Williams, Darshan Mohammed, Eser Nihat, Faiyaz Haque, Asim Ahmed, Matthew N'Jie, Andrew Smith, Umer Ibrahim, Rasheed Ayodola, Umair Khalil

M. D. Wood

## UNDER 12 LACROSSE

Played - 7, Won - 5, Lost - 2; Goals : For - 51, Against - 22

|                           |   |   |        |
|---------------------------|---|---|--------|
| v Boardman & Eccles (Cup) | A | L | 5 - 8  |
| v Poynton                 | A | L | 3 - 4  |
| v Sheffield               | H | W | 11 - 1 |
| v Hulmeians               | H | W | 13 - 2 |
| v Mellor                  | A | W | 8 - 2  |
| v Wilmslow                | H | W | 6 - 4  |
| v Cheadle                 | A | W | 5 - 1  |

(Six a side tournament - at Brooklands)

Played - 4, Won - 2, Drawn - 1, Lost - 1, Goals 7 - 7

|                       |   |       |
|-----------------------|---|-------|
| v Timperley           | W | 2 - 0 |
| v Stockport           | L | 1 - 4 |
| v Hulmeians           | W | 2 - 1 |
| v Stockport G. School | D | 2 - 2 |

(Lax Schools U12/13 tournament - at Brooklands)

Played - 3, Won - 3, Lost - 0, Goals 17 - 4

|                           |   |       |
|---------------------------|---|-------|
| v Ashton-on-Mersey School | W | 3 - 0 |
| v Sale Moor High School   | W | 7 - 2 |
| v Sale Grammar School     | W | 7 - 2 |

Many boys attended the holiday and early season practices, and we were fortunate to have three boys who had played field lacrosse at Clubs in the past. There was a month before the first match, and in this time, many increased their skill levels very well. The main requirement was to put the boys into a game situation, and, although that was not possible before their first match, they were confident that they could hold their own in a match situation.

As often happens, the first match was a Cup game, this year away to Boardman & Eccles. Our problem was an uneven surface and we found difficulty picking up the ground ball. This happened early in the game, and we conceded the first goal, before Minesh scored from a feed by Alex. In the second quarter, Minesh and Mishal took goals well, before defensive errors left us 3 - 4 down at half time. Paul and Cesaire kept us in the match, before our defence tired and we lost 5 - 8 in a very enjoyable match. Our next match was a low scoring game at Poynton, where a 3 - 2 lead was squandered for a 3 - 4 defeat. That proved to be our last defeat in full matches, as players grew stronger, more skilful and were able to work better as a team. We had a match against a young team from Sheffield and goals came quite readily in our 11 - 1 win. This was a pleasant way to finish for half term.

The second half of the season saw the emergence of Chris Smith as a talented goal scorer. Our first opposition, Hulmeians, were small but good handlers. We started slowly, but, once our midfield of Alex, Paul and Dzikoh

started to harass and win the ball, goals came regularly, with Chris scoring five and six others scoring. Our work on the ground ball was much better in this match, although players preferred to run instead of pass. 13 goals were scored in our biggest win of the season. The long trip to Mellor was worthwhile as we encountered one of the most pleasant teams we had faced. Another young and skilful team were our opposition on a small pitch with a big slope and on a very wet day! We did not make the most of the possession we had, although the midfield played better than in some matches, especially the running of Zac and Adam. Nkosi's shooting was on target in this match, and our defence held together well, with Sagar doing much shouting from goals. After a 4 - 0 lead at the end of the first quarter, we slackened a little, and the final score of 8 - 2 should have been much more. The Wilmslow match was much more physical and we needed to work hard to win possession. Positional changes brought Russell into midfield and he had a good game. Shamil played his first match and showed some excellent touches and good handling skills. The attack worked together better and were not intimidated by opposition defenders. After losing a goal early in the game from a fast break, we were never behind again and ran out as 6 - 4 winners. Our final game was on a very small pitch at Cheadle, and our style and passing was cramped by the lack of room. We were easily the better team, but failed to capitalise on the openings we created, and the first quarter saw a scoreline of 0 - 0. In the second quarter, Ed, Shamil and Cesaire gave us a 3 - 0 lead, but constant substitutions of a large squad disrupted our play, as did the injuries that arose. Eventually, our last match was won 5 - 1.

We also played in two tournaments, both at Brooklands Sports Club, the home of Hulmeians Lacrosse Club. The first was an Under 12 six a side tournament consisting of 18 teams. We should have had a squad of eight, but one absentee restricted us, and one injury during the morning gave us no substitutes. Players tired but enjoyed the matches. We convincingly beat Timperley with goals from Alex and Zac, but did not play well against Hulmeians, despite the same two scoring in our 2 - 1 win. Stockport were strong and we were never in the match, suffering our only defeat. However, a win against Stockport Grammar School could have been enough to get us through to the knockout stages. Tiredness, further injuries and no substitutes prevented a cohesive performance and only a 2 - 2 draw.

Our second tournament was in a combined team with the Under 13's, to non-contact rules, against three Trafford Secondary Schools. After we adapted to the different rules, some of the play was excellent, with Chris revelling in the service given to him by the Under 13 players, scoring nine goals in the three matches. All showed much confidence on the ground balls and passed well, producing three comfortable victories.

This year's squad proved to contain a keen and confident group of boys, all of whom showed the desire to practice regularly to improve their skills. There were also others who could also have made the team had they attended regular training. We had few stars, but we had a group who played together well as a team. The squad was large, all of whom were worthy of a place in the team, and we were never let down by anyone. The large squad was invaluable, as injuries and illnesses gave all the opportunity to play their part in the team. Sagar proved to be another excellent goalkeeper whose positional sense and distribution was good. He shouted to defenders when necessary. Tom was the mainstay of the defence, and he handled a long stick well. After spells in defence, both Russell and Paul later

played in midfield and showed good handling skills. Zac was another who was comfortable in both positions. Alex and Dzikoh proved to be the workers in midfield, although the latter scored fewer goals than he might have done. The small players, Imran, Chris and Edward proved to be the most skilful and set up goals or scored on a regular basis. There was much talent in this year group, and I feel sorry that most will not have the opportunity to develop it in the future.

Thanks to Mr Crane for his help in coaching the squad and to the parents who assisted with transport.

The following played regularly : Sagar Modha, Tom Jones, Russell Jolley, Paul Birch, Alex Adams, Dzikoh Asgill, Chris Brown, Edward Fisher, Nkosi Inniss, Minesh Vara, Imran Gill, Cesaire Stephens, Badou Yarbo, Zac McKenzie

Also played : Daniel Wright, Adam Vittoz, Mishal Trivedi, Khairie Gedal, Timur Egeli, Edwin Etadafe, Shamil Hudda, Qasam Pervez

M. D. Wood

## CROSS COUNTRY



### CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Pupils from the first year competed in two local league competitions.

In the Altrincham League at John Leigh Park with three meetings on undulating parkland tracks, good individual performances were produced by Mohammed Ghafoor (9th), Mudassir Malick (13th) and Edward Fisher (21st) with good support from Kassan Mukadam and Naveed Chaudhry. The team was placed 6th out of 10 schools. In the Stockport League with four meetings at Marple Hall School on playing fields that team was less successful but produced a scoring performance in three meetings. Individual performances by Mohammed Ghafoor (13th), Mudassir Malick (30th), Zac McKenzie (35th) were supported by Martin Lindo, Duwayne Knight and Fumihiko Togawa.

Each of the team members showed a positive attitude to training at lunchtimes during the week and are to be congratulated on their good team spirit.

Pleasing results were recorded in the Manchester Schools Championships at Our Lady's School, Blackley with the team placed 9th with best performances by Mudassir Malick (31st) and Edward Fisher (38th) and Fumihiko Togawa producing his personal best.

Jake Royle represented the school at Senior Level and ran in the League races. He came very close to the Bronze Medal in the Altrincham League and took the Silver Medal in the Stockport League with very keen competition.

In the Manchester schools championships he was 10th individual but then performed even better in the Greater Manchester School Championships at Marple, coming 35th overall but 6th runner for Manchester.

Jake is to be congratulated for his outstanding contribution to Cross Country running at William Hulme's during the last 7 years and for his dedication he has been awarded his School Colours.

## U12 TEAM RUNNERS

Kassam Mukadam  
Zak McKenzie  
Duwayne Knight  
Mohammed Ghafoor  
Naveed Chaudhry  
Guhlam Haydar

Khairie Gedal  
Omar Zubairu  
Martin Lindo  
Fumihiko Togawa  
Mobeen Shahbaz

## SENIOR

Jake Royle  
Luke Hassett

J.H. Hardy.

## CRICKET



### SCHOOL CRICKET

The School Cricket Season is a short and crowded one. For the second consecutive year the season was dogged by dreadful weather, and the increasing pressure of examinations and other commitments makes for a difficult term for teachers who take it upon themselves to run teams. I must, therefore, thank all my colleagues who assisted in any way with School cricket this year, but especially those who were responsible for one of the teams. Without these people, many pupils' Saturdays would be very much less constructively used.

P.R. Hewston.

### 1ST XI CRICKET

Played 14, Won 0, Lost 10, Drawn 4.

v Q.E.G.S. Wakefield  
QEGS 224 - 0  
WHGS 104 - all out  
Lost by 120 runs

v King Edwards, Lytham  
Lytham 108 - all out  
WHGS 62 - 8  
Match Drawn

v St Bede's College  
WHGS 104 - all out  
St Bede's 105 - 6  
Lost by 4 Wickets

v Birkenhead School  
WHGS 64 - all out  
Birkenhead 65 - 1  
Lost by 9 Wickets

- v XL Club  
XL Club 189 - 5 dec  
WHGS 153 - 9  
Match Drawn
- v Manchester Grammar School  
WHGS 75 - all out  
MGS 76 - 0  
Lost by 10 Wickets
- v Magdalen College School, Cambridge  
MCS 242 - 6 (A. Gill 4-40)  
WHGS 139 - all out (R. Hanley 97\*)  
Lost by 103 runs.

As is apparent from the above results, this was a very disappointing season for the 1st XI. The season was plagued by dreadful weather and, when we did play, we struggled to compete against strong opposition. But careful scrutiny of our results does reveal a steady improvement in performances as the season progressed. Indeed, the 1st XI managed to score more than 140 in each of its last four matches, and our bowling and fielding became considerably more competitive at the Chigwell Festival.

During the early week of the season, the 1st XI performed creditably against a weak King Edward's, Lytham team and a very strong outfit from St Bede's, but against stronger teams we were completely outplayed. The nadir of our fortunes was reached in the last fortnight of the School term, when we were heavily beaten, an occasion in humiliating fashion, by strong opposition such as Manchester Grammar and Sedbergh School.

It would be unfair and untrue to suggest, however, that the season was a waste of time, either for the individuals involved or for the School's cricket as a whole. Many individuals improved notably over the course of the season. Of the batsmen, Daniel Naylor impressed with his determination and thoroughly deserved to score his first half-century against Chigwell School at the Festival. He will improve further over the next two years and I expect his future successes will owe much to lessons learned this year. Zeeshan Rana also batted well on occasions playing the 'anchor' role, but having insufficient support to make a large score. Most impressive, though, was Robert Hanley, who scored runs consistently all season, and whose 97\* not out, from a total of 139 against Magdalen College School, was one of the best innings I have seen in School cricket.

Our bowling also improved greatly during the course of the season, and at times during the Festival we looked to have the foundations of a very potent bowling attack. Amaar Gill bowled consistently quickly for his age, whilst Zeeshan Rana was always miserly and economical even with very little support from our weak fielding side. Perhaps the greatest improvement, however was by Daniel Mather who graduated to the 1st XI from the Under 15 squad towards the end of the season. At Chigwell, he was by far our most effective bowler, and he has a great prospect for the future.

There is no denying that this was by far my most difficult season in charge of the School 1st XI, and I would not have managed to remain sane without the support of many colleagues, particularly Mr Gorman, Mr Mackenzie and Mr Booker and I offer them my thanks. I am most grateful, though, to the players, who rarely stopped trying and will be stronger cricketers and individuals as a result of this year.

The following boys represented the 1st XI: Z. Rana, T. Akhlaq, E. Barker, P. Birdi, R. Bowie, A. Gill, R.

Hanley, Z. Haq, C. Howarth, R. Kay, D. Mather, A. McLeod, D. Naylor, M. Naylor, B. Ramsumair, K. Ullah, R. Watson.

P.R. Hewston.

## BARBADOS CRICKET TOUR 1997

The Barbados Cricket Tour, where do I start. I'll start with the journey out, the 8 hour haul we had to sit through was a painful but necessary one. The moment we stepped off the plane in Barbados at the Grantley Adams Airport the humidity was fierce. I could feel my tan working already. We took a 40 minute drive to Holetown where we were to stay for our two week adventure.

The apartments weren't 5 star, but did the job for 14 nights. The first couple of nights we didn't know what Barbados had to offer, so it took us sometime to get to grips with the baradian life style. It was my first time to the island and I noticed straight away that the locals were extremely friendly.

Then came the first game and I don't think we got to grips with the local cricket, to win our first two games. This left partying to the end when we got our first ??? last win in our third game. The excitement was noticeable and did we have fun that night. The next game couldn't come sooner for the lads, as we were now on a high and we thought nothing could beat us. That became true as we won our next game with Simon Johnson hitting 99 to secure a comfortable win to tie the series.

The last game of William Hulme's Barbados Tour, this could of sent us home happy because we were there, but disappointed that we didn't win more than we lost or it could of sent us home overjoyed with success, so when we got back we could say, we conquered the challenge from the West Indies. The final game was a tense game but we came out on top and celebrations didn't stop until we got home.

The touring team ranged through several age groups but everyone got on and I think it would be hard to beat in the future for other such tours.

## SECOND XI CRICKET

- v King's, Macclesfield (A)  
Lost by 114 runs  
King's 193-9 (A Arshad 6-60)  
WHGS 79 (Akhlaq 33)
- v Queen Elizabeth Grammar School (H)  
Match drawn  
QEGS 153-7  
WHGS 64-6
- v King Edward VII School, Lytham (A)  
Match drawn  
KES 198-6  
WHGS 90-4
- v Manchester Grammar School (H)  
Lost by 181 runs  
MGS 201-4  
WHGS 20

The statistics show that we used 22 players including 3 captains to fulfil four fixtures. The season started with a heavy defeat at Macclesfield and ended with an even heavier defeat at home to Manchester Grammar School. In between, the Second XI forced two draws against stronger opposition.

The only individual performances of note were Awaiz Arshad's 6-60 against Macclesfield and Rob Watson's batting at Lytham where he batted throughout the innings for 23 not out to secure the draw.

In truth, the standard of Second XI cricket has never been lower. At the start of the season it looked as though we might have five or six cricketers to build a team around, but examinations, holidays and promotion to the First XI reduced the number and by the end of the season I was just happy to get players out, but a cricket team it was not!

My thanks go to all the players who helped the school to turn out a Second XI, to Mr Hewston for his support and to John Taylor, the Head Groundsman, for again producing excellent wickets in a difficult season. (Our 20 all out in the last match had absolutely nothing to do with the wicket as the opposition's 201-4 declared clearly showed).

The following players represented the School:- S Ahmed, F Ahmed, T Akhlaq, W Anees, M A Arshad, S T Arshad, E H Barker, R J Bowie, M A A Chauhan, T P Gent, B M Green, Z Haq, R Hussain, A Kapoor, A A Khohar, R Kumar, N A McLeod, U A Mohammed, M E C Robson, F Samee, S V Srinidhi, R G Watson.

Mr A Simkin

## U15 CRICKET

Played 6, Won 2, Lost 2, Drawn 2.

In some ways this was a frustrating season as the number of fixtures were curtailed as a result of our wonderful English summer. Only six fixtures were actually completed, with the game against Merchant Taylors, Crosby abandoned because of another wet Saturday. Despite this initial moan there was, in retrospect, much to be positive about.

One of the most encouraging aspects to emerge from this season was the introduction, definite improvement and development of a number of new players. Aamar Gill and Chris Howarth had both been deservedly elevated to the First XI (Ramsumair and Mather also represented the first team before the end of the season). It was obvious, therefore, that a fresh injection of new blood would be necessary.

Al Bayati, Bowe, Agarwal and belatedly Sagar, all contributed handsomely to the fixtures in which they were involved. Al-Bayati was enthusiastic, positive and reliable throughout, just missing out on a 50 against Manchester Grammar School. Bowe's contributions with both bat and ball were valuable and Agarwal's commitment and desire to improve commendable. Sagar's impact on his debut against Bradford was explosive and nearly won us the game. He savagely took the bowling apart for a wonderful 49 which left me wondering where he has been for the last three years! Imran Ali performed steadily all year, occasionally deputising very competently as captain. He is a talented cricketer with both bat and ball and should definitely aim for the First XI next year. Robert Booker would probably have won my vote as player of the season. His confidence and competence as a batsman were evident all year. He often provided the foundations for an innings and his 41 not out against Bradford was controlled and disciplined. His fielding and positive attitude in the field were inspirational. Both Haider and Hussain have shown over the course of four years that they are able, impressive performers. They should both be challenging for a first team place next year.

This year Ramsumair proved himself to be a decent all-round cricketer. A natural athlete who performs well in the field, he deservedly contributed to the First XI cricket tour based at Chigwell School. This distinction also went to Daniel Mather. If there has been a better under 15 bowler at school level in Manchester this year then I have not seen him. Daniel bowls an excellent line and length and can trouble batsmen with the movement that he achieves. His figures of 5 overs, 4 maidens, four for four against Birkenhead speak for themselves.

McLeod, although constantly lamenting his misfortune with the bat, was excellent behind the stumps. His positive approach to the game often lifted the team. Khan remains a fascinating enigma. He is probably the most naturally talented cricketer in the team, but he would have to admit himself that some of his performances this year were inconsistent. Against St Bede's his overall performance won us the match and his resistance with the bat against Manchester Grammar School was admirable. I have enjoyed working with him for four years and I hope that he does not waste the talent that he has.

A final mention should go to Sam McClements who has captained the side for four years. Sam's bout of glandular fever definitely affected his confidence this year. He is, however, a talented, conscientious cricketer who will return a better player. He should have no doubts about his ability and I look forward to him competing for a first team

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place next year. The squad comprised of the following: N. Agarwal, H. Al-Bayati, I. Ali, R.J. Booker, D. Booth, S. Bowe, R. Haider, O.F. Hussain, I. Khan, D.T. Mather, S.A. McClements (Captain), A.G. McLeod, B.M. Ramsumair and R. Sagar.

M.C. Gorman.

#### U14 CRICKET

Played 6 Won 1 Lost 4 Drawn 1

This has been a disappointing season. We have been badly affected by the weather and some very disappointing performances from the players. This squad has great potential but unfortunately there is a large disruptive element who firmly believe their game cannot be improved through advice from their teachers. It is vital that when attending practices each player arrives with a positive attitude and wishes to improve on his own game. With the noticeable acception of a few, many players were more intent on going through the motions rather than serious practice.

It is however not all negative. The squad's potential was only apparent on a few occasions. We batted well at St. Bede's where Ravi Gokal scored 50 runs. We fielded extremely well at Manchester Grammar School and this was the only occasion this year where we played with confidence, discipline and enthusiasm. Cricket is a team game and it therefore vital that each member of the team supports others. One good individual performance does not win matches; players have a responsibility to other members of the team to perform to the best of their ability. I would like to highlight the contributions of Ravi Gokal (Captain), Rajiv Kay who received the Harry Charlesworth Trophy for the greatest contribution of cricket, Andrew McIntyre, Simon Khoshneviszadeh and Robi Dé for their commitment and productive attitude to school cricket. Many other players, most notably Christopher Ogden-Smith and Bilal Hussain, performed far too inconsistently. They both have great potential and a more positive attitude would ensure they achieved high standards. I believe that this team will develop into a successful senior squad in a few years' time. A greater maturity and more involvement in cricket will be to their benefit. I wish to thank all the members of the squad for their participation this year and wish them the best of luck in future seasons.

Finally may I thank Mr Hewston, Mr Simkin and Mr Booker for their advice and support throughout the season. Without it I would have struggled at times.

The following played for the U14 cricket side: Ravi Gokal (Captain), Bilal Hussain, Rajiv Kay, Robi Dé, Shohab Patel, Usman Ali, Simon Koshneviszadeh, Roy Chohan, Nazir Moosa, Ishraq Ishfaq, Mohsin Hussain, Christopher Ogden-Smith, Stephen Peck and Andrew McIntyre.

A. J. Mackenzie

#### U13 CRICKET

Unfortunately it has proved impossible to print an article on this excellent activity.

-Ed.

#### U12 CRICKET

Played 6, Won 1, Lost 5, Drew 0

Yet another rain-affected season, but one which did nothing to dampen the spirits of the boys in the squad, and in the end we were able to complete five of the eight scheduled fixtures plus an additional fixture against Manchester, which Mr Hewston kindly arranged and umpired.

Although the season was not a successful one in terms of results (and the learning curve is steep!), there were many positive aspects nonetheless. Our first game v Wakefield, in which Sagar Modha scored 45, could well have produced a victory, had it not been for one star batsman on the opposition side. In the following match at Lytham, an excellent game on an excellent sunny(!) day, we chased a total of 172 and ended up with 144 all out. Over 300 runs scored at this level in an afternoon is a pleasure to watch, particularly when the game is close, and Akmal Ghafoor's 68 not out was a tremendous effort. He quickly followed this up in the next game with a marvellous 73 not out v St Bede's in our one and only victory of the season, but nonetheless a convincing one. Having scored 150 batting first, we dismissed St Bede's for under 50 thanks to some excellent bowling and fielding. The remaining three fixtures provided comfortable victories for the opposition and these, along with the dismal weather, proved a slightly depressing end to the season.

The fielding was generally good, however, and at times outstanding, with notable contributions from Akmal Ghafoor and Minesh Vara, whilst Chris Brown did a competent job behind the stumps, but needs to work on his movement to the ball. The batting and bowling are more variable, the former relying largely on Ghafoor, and when he 'failed' in later games, the side tended to collapse. However, Alex Adams and Sagar Modha made useful contributions and Chris Brown, Umar Saleem, Mishal Trivedi and Farhan Siddique are all capable of staying in and supporting partnerships.

Of the bowlers, Alex Adams, Akmal Ghafoor and Mudassir Malick all took wickets with varying degrees of success, but all need to concentrate on pitching the ball up more. In the latter part of the season, they were well supported by Usmaan Ashraf, Muzafer Ali and Shabaz Khalid. Our three spinners - Sagar Modha, Minesh Vara and Jon Hamidi - all bowled leg-spin with some variation but, as always, length and line tended to dictate effectiveness within the game.

Running between the wickets, calling and backing up all improved over the season, but still need some work and, unlike many sides we played, we did not take advantage of the singles available and thus keep the scoreboard ticking over - something else to work on.

There is potential in the side, but only application and concentration, particularly when batting, will achieve long-term results. On the positive side, the boys supported each other well, played as a team and were well-disciplined on and off the pitch.

Finally, my thanks to Alex Adams for captaining the side and maintaining such a cheerful, positive attitude throughout the season, and I wish all the boys well for the future.

The following also played on the team: Mark Day, Kassam Mukadam, Imran Gill, Ghulam Haydar.

Mr. A. C. Crane

## TENNIS



### BOYS RESULTS

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| U15 v North Cestrian (A)            | Won 4-3    |
| U13 v St Ambrose (A)                | Lost 3-4   |
| U15 v Sale Grammar School (A)       | Lost 15-22 |
| U13 v Sale Grammar School (A)       | Lost 21-24 |
| U12 v Sale Grammar School (A)       | Lost 12-25 |
| U13 v Altrincham Grammar School (H) | Lost 24-76 |

### SENIOR DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Winners: Daniel Goodkin and Robi Dé.

### JUNIOR DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Winners: Azim Ahmed and Darshan Mohammed.

### LEIGH BROTHERS CUP

Winners: Daniel Goodkin and Robi Dé.

### MIXED RESULTS

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| 1st Team v Ellesmere College (A) | Won 3-2  |
| 2nd Team v Ellesmere College (A) | Lost 2-4 |

### BOYS TENNIS

This has been a disappointing season for the boys due to the weather - which has meant several matches were cancelled and clashes with cricket matches, which

many of the boys are committed to.

The junior boys were very keen and enthusiastic and attended winter coaching as well as regular summer practices. The U12's trained hard throughout the year, but unfortunately only had one match, where lack of match practice was evident. Hopefully all their hard work this year, and winter coaching next year, will pay off next summer.

As we move on up the school, the number of tennis players, especially those who don't play cricket, are needed if we are to strengthen our teams.

The season ended with annual tournaments with a large number of entries from all years. Both tournaments were close and the standard of tennis was high. The junior tournament was won by Azim Ahmed and Darshan Mohammed and the seniors by Robi DÇ and Daniel Goodkin. I congratulate everyone for their success in these events.

The following pupils represented the School: Ben Green, Sajjad Riaz, Jeffrey Wu, Ryan Lustgarten, Sebastian Bowe, Hadi Al-Bayati, Ben Radnor, Daniel Goodkin, Robi De, Andrew Smith, Azim Ahmed, Darshan Mohammed, Faiyaz Haque, Ryan Williams, Sohaib Tanvir, Vishal Kakkar, Omar Nour, Stephen Lancashire, Badou Yarbo, Cesaire Stephens, Kassum Mukadam and Nkosi Inniss.

### GIRLS RESULTS

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| U15 v Mount Carmel (H)        | Lost 1-3  |
| U14 v Mount Carmel (H)        | Drew 2-2  |
| U15 v Sale Grammar School (A) | Won 9-5   |
| U14 v Sale Grammar School (A) | Won 24-20 |
| U13 v Sale Grammar School (A) | Won 22-13 |
| U15 v St Bede's College (H)   | Won 20-16 |
| U14 v St Bede's College (H)   | Won 23-21 |

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|-------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| U13 v | St Bede's College (H)         | Lost 10 -26  |
| U12 v | St Bede's College (H)         | Won 16 - 14  |
| U15 v | Cheadle Hulme School (A)      | Lost 17 - 23 |
| U13 v | Cheadle Hulme School (A)      | Lost 8 -50   |
| U14 v | Altrincham Grammar School (A) | Won 13 -11   |

#### **SENIOR DOUBLES TOURNAMENT**

Winners: Laura Berrisford and Louise Goodwin.

#### **JUNIOR TOURNAMENT**

Winner: Laura Hanford.

#### **LEIGH BROTHERS CUP**

Winners: Laura Berrisford and Louise Goodkin.

#### **GIRLS TENNIS**

Although it has been a disappointing season weather wise, the girls managed to get the majority of their matches played. The girls showed enthusiasm and commitment throughout the season and on the whole, were successful in their matches.

The U15's are an established team now, having played with the same partner for several years. Although concentration isn't what it should be in practices, they always manage to play to the best of their ability in matches.

The U14 team brought some new partnerships this year. Coached by Mrs Bates, the girls proved to be very committed and improved tremendously throughout the season. They remain undefeated this season and things certainly look promising for next year.

The U13 team struggled this year. Their lack of commitment and disorganisation has affected their results. If they are to improve next year, then regular practice along with some more players is needed.

The U12 team lacked quantity of players but certainly not quality. The same few girls turned up

regularly to practices and were determined to better themselves. Although they only had a couple of matches, they too, remain undefeated. I'm sure with one or two more players this team will be very successful in the future.

The season has brought to a close by the annual doubles tournaments. The senior girls was a closely fought battle with Louise Goodwin and Laura Berrisford coming out as overall winners. The junior tournament lacked entries, however Laura Hanford proved a worthy winner.

The following girls represented the School: Caroline Bell, Georgina Laird, Louise Goodwin, Laura Berrisford, Laura Hopkinson, Beth Coffey, Helia Asadi, Gemma Bookbinder, Lucy Berger, Katrina Francis, Rebecca Goodwin, Camille Kasler, Kathryn Tang, Ceegay Verley, Kate Maddock, Leela De, Shelley Turnberg, Katherine Veitch, Tamara Brown, Priya Boodhoo, Thembi Watt and Laura Hanford,

Miss J. Barlow

#### **MIXED TENNIS**

Although we only had one fixture this year it was thoroughly enjoyed by all who played and certainly something which will be developed next year. It gave the pupils an insight into mixed doubles and meant both boys and girls had to alter their tactics slightly in order to play to the opposition's strengths and weaknesses.

Something to work on and look forward to next year!

Miss J. Barlow



## ATHLETICS

### SENIOR SPORTS RESULTS 1998

|                  |         |               |   |             |   |                 |   |
|------------------|---------|---------------|---|-------------|---|-----------------|---|
| 100m boys        | 12.63   | R Hopkinson   | B | C Baker     | F | I Lazz-Onyenobi | G |
| 100m girls       | 14.60   | L M Edwards   | G | C Narnor    | H | D Baker         | H |
| 200m boys        | 26.81   | P Murphy      | D | W Kent      | W | C Johnstone     | F |
| 200m girls       | 32.99   | N Ofoche      | D | D Baker     | H | R Lee           | F |
| 400m boys        | 63.38   | L Hassett     | F | N Gilmore   | B | R Fisher        | W |
| 800m boys        | 2.35.78 | P Edisbury    | W | D Hancock   | D | C White         | F |
| 800m girls       | 3.23.84 | J Shaw        | W | L Goodwin   | F | N Ofoche        | D |
| 1500m boys       | 5.22.14 | J Royle       | W | P Edisbury  | W | N Gilmore       | B |
| High Jump boys   | 1.50    | S Miller      | H | R Hopkinson | B | A Cooke         | H |
| High Jump girls  | 1.25    | C Narnor      | H | G Laird     | D | C Bell          | B |
| Long Jump boys   | 5.26    | G Roberts     | H | W Kent      | W | C Baker         | F |
| Long Jump girls  | 3.60    | C Narnor      | H | E Metcalfe  | G | R Lee           | F |
| Triple Jump boys | 11.20   | R Hopkinson   | B | D Durrance  | W | T Safdar        | H |
| Shot boys        | 10.65   | H Anwar       | G | A Cooke     | H | K Rahman        | D |
| Shot girls       | 6.80    | S Khafagy     | G | A Dearden   | B | N Matthews      | W |
| Javelin boys     | 33.50   | J Holland     | B | L Hassett   | F | L Clemetson     | H |
| Discus boys      | 26.69   | A Brahmabhatt | G | C Edwards   | G | C White         | F |
| Discus girls     | 14.34   | R Aldersley   | H | K Chesworth | F | J Holland       | B |
| 4 x 400m boys    | 4.26.22 |               | F | W           | D |                 |   |
| 4 x 100m boys    | 53.75   |               | B | F           | G |                 |   |
| 4 x 100m girls   | 64.23   |               | G | D           | H |                 |   |

**Individual Winners:** R Hopkinson (B)  
C Narnor (H)

|                 |     |         |           |     |           |          |
|-----------------|-----|---------|-----------|-----|-----------|----------|
| <b>Results:</b> | 1st | Fraser  | 109.5 pts | 4th | Whitworth | 79 pts   |
|                 | 2nd | Heywood | 105.5 pts | 5th | Gaskell   | 73 pts   |
|                 | 3rd | Byrom   | 86.5 pts  | 6th | Dalton    | 71.5 pts |

## LOWER SCHOOL

### ATHLETICS SPORTS RESULTS 1998

#### FIRST FORM:

|                   |                 |          |                |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|
| 100m (Boys)       | K Gedal (IS)    | 14.00    | D Asgill (1R)  | P Adewunmi (IS) |
| 100m (Girls)      | T Brown (IJ)    | 14.37 *  | M Yates (IR)   | K Smith (1R)    |
| 200m (Boys)       | M Vara (1R)     | 31.65    | A Adams (IS)   | P Adewunmi (15) |
| 200m (Girls)      | N Plummer (1K)  | 32.77    | S Walters (IR) | O Ezech (IS)    |
| 400m (Boys)       | KGedal (IS)     | 72.32    | E Fisher (IR)  | MMalik (1R)     |
| 800m (Boys)       | M Lindo (IJ)    | 2.51.34  | M Shabaz (1R)  | 7 McKenzie (IJ) |
| 800m (Girls)      | C Ettore (IJ)   | 3.13.01  | N Plummer (1K) | E Dodd (1R)     |
| 1500m (Boys)      | M Shabaz (1R)   | 5.5 1.00 | MLindow (IJ)   | C Brown (1K)    |
| 1500m (Girls)     | C Ettore (IJ)   | 7.24.00  | P Boodhoo (1J) | A Ashraf(1R)    |
| 4x400m(Boys)      | 1R              | 5.57.45  | 1J             | IS              |
| 4x100m(Boys)      | 1R              | 63.41    | 1S             | 1J              |
| 4x100m (Girls)    | 1J              | 61.91 *  | 1R             | 1K              |
| High Jump (Boys)  | P Adewunmi (IS) | 1.12     | N Inniss (1R)  | B Yarbo (1K)    |
| High Jump (Girls) | NI Yates (1 R)  | 1.18     | P Boodhoc (1J) | L Jensen (1K)   |

|                       |                |       |                 |                    |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Long Jump (Boys)      | K Gedal (IJ)   | 3.94  | R Jolley (1R)   | B Yarbo (1K)       |
| Long Jump (Girls)     | L Jenson (1K)  | 3.63  | F Okpe (1S)     | T Mshana-Watt (1J) |
| Triple Jump (Boys)    | B Yarbo (1K)   | 6.87  | C Stephens (1K) | D Asgill (1R)      |
| Shot (Boys)           | E Etadafe (IJ) | 7.77  | B Analoui (IS)  | T Egeli (IR)       |
| Shot (Girls)          | W Tang (1J)    | 6.30  | S Chohan (11)   | T Patel (IS)       |
| Cricket Ball (Boys)   | E Etadafe (1J) | 44.75 | F Fisher (LR)   | U Jameel (iR)      |
| Rounders Ball (Girls) | T Brown (1J)   | 30.35 | A Gilbody (IR)  | W Tang (IJ)        |

\*indicates new School record

|                |     |    |         |
|----------------|-----|----|---------|
| <b>Results</b> | 1st | IR | 238 pts |
|                | 2nd | IJ | 231½pts |
|                | 3rd | IS | 182 pts |
|                | 4th | 1K | 178½pts |

## SECOND FORM:

|                    |                   |         |                  |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------|------------------|-------------------|
| 100m (Boys)        | P Adewunmi (2J)   | 13.12   | U Butt (2J)      | HKiani (2K)       |
| 100m (Girls)       | N Opara (2K)      | 14.67   | M Sheriffe (2K)  | A Abmed (2S)      |
| 200m (Boys)        | P Adewunmi (2J)   | 28.88   | T Moses (2S)     | E Nihat (2K)      |
| 200m (Girls)       | M Sheriffe (2K)   | 32.41   | O Solati (2J)    | C Bremer (2K)     |
| 400m (Boys)        | P Royle (2J)      | 77.42   | F Leung (2J)     | A Smith (2K)      |
| 800m (Boys)        | E Nihat (2K)      | 2.4404  | J Bannister (2J) | J Barrington (2K) |
| 800m (Girls)       | N Opara (2K)      | 32391   | O Solati (2J)    | A Abmed (2S)      |
| 1500m (Boys)       | A Ahmed (2K)      | 5.59.00 | T Bannister (2J) | D Mohammed (2R)   |
| 1500m (Girls)      | K Tierney (2S)    | 7.08.00 | F Tang (2J)      | M Jameel (2J)     |
| 4 x 400m (Boys)    | 2J                | 4.59.52 | 2K               | 2R                |
| 4 x 100m (Boys)    | 2J                | 60.39   | 2K               | 2R                |
| 4 x 100m (Girls)   | 2K                | 65.40   | 2J               | 2RJS              |
| High Jump (Boys)   | P Rovle (2J)      | 1.24    | C Weems (2S)     | A Adams (2J)      |
| High Jump (Girls)  | A Marshall (2J)   | 1.09    | K Maddock (2K)   | K Tierney (2R'S)  |
| Long Jump (Boys)   | T Moses (2S)      | 4.50    | P Adewunmi (2J)  | C Weems (2S)      |
| Long Jump (Girls)  | A Marshall (2J)   | 3.49    | N Opara (2K)     | K Hiscocks (2K)   |
| Triple Jump (Boys) | C Booker (2J)     | 9.13    | S Campbell (2K)  | GBooth (2S)       |
| Shot (Boys)        | R Ayodola (2S)    | 10.23 * | 5 Knight (2R)    | S Lancashire (2S) |
| Shot (Girls)       | S Turnberg (2K)   | 5.39    | C Hegg (2J)      | M Shahid (2RIS)   |
| Javelin (Boys)     | S Lancashire (2S) | 18.59   | R Ayodola (2S)   | C Booker (2J)     |
| Javelin (Girls)    |                   |         |                  |                   |

\*indicates new School record

## Individual Winners:

|        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| Girls: | M Shariffe (2K) |
| Boys:  | KGedal (IS)     |

|                |       |      |          |
|----------------|-------|------|----------|
| <b>Results</b> | Boys  |      |          |
|                | 1st   | 2J   | 149½ pts |
|                | 2nd   | 2K   | 125 pts  |
|                | 3rd   | 2R   | 101½ pts |
|                | 4th   | 2S   | 97 pts   |
|                | Girls |      |          |
|                | 1st   | 2K   | 125 pts  |
|                | 2nd   | 2J   | 97 pts   |
|                | 3rd   | 2R/S | 90 pts   |

## ATHLETICS SPORTS RESULTS 1998

### THIRD FORM:

|                    |                             |         |                       |                      |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 100m (Boys)        | S Coley (B)                 | 12.16   | A McIntyre (H)        | J Ofoche (D)         |
| 100m (Girls)       | B Vara (G)                  | 14.17   | H Kent (W)            | M Beagul (F)         |
| 200m (Boys)        | S Coley (B)                 | 25.41   | K Diang (B)           | W Tamkin (D)         |
| 200m (Girls)       | B Vara (G)                  | 31.31   | H Kent (W)            | C Okpe (H)           |
| 400m (Boys)        | R Serrant (B)               | 65.63   | NI Platt (G)          | R Gokal (B)          |
| 800m (Boys)        | J Ofoche (D)                | 2.40.28 | S Patel (W)           | R Gokal (B)          |
| 800m (Girls)       | A Rogers (G)                | 3.19.84 | K Francis (D)         | N Sreenivas (W)      |
| 1500m (Boys)       | A Aslam (G)                 | 5.15.77 | J Wood (F)            | E Murphy (D)         |
| 1500m (Girls)      | L Berger (D)                | 6.55.92 | C Kasler (F)          | S Pang (H)           |
| 4 x 400m (Boys)    | Dalton                      | 4.34.77 | Gaskell               | Whitworth            |
| 4 x 100m (Boys)    | Byrom                       | 57.19   | Heywood               | Dalton               |
| 4 x 100m (Girls)   | Fraser                      | 62.74 * | Dalton                | Gaskell              |
| High Jump (Boys)   | S Coley (B)                 | 1.40    | S Parel (W)           | T Sutton (F)         |
| High Jump (Girls)  | M Beagul (F)                | 1.00    | R Goodwin (G)         | S Ghani (D)/R Ng (W) |
| Long Jump (Boys)   | A McIntyre (H)              | 4.78 J  | Ofoche (D)            | R Dé (W)             |
| Long Jump (Girls)  | H Kent (XV)                 | 3.60    | M Beagul (F)          | H Street (H)         |
| Triple Jump (Boys) | R Gokal (B)                 | 9.90    | S Khoshneviszadeh (D) | R Dé (W)             |
| Shot (Boys)        | D Goodkin (G)               | 11.51   | R Chohan (W)          | E Haslam (H)         |
| Shot (Girls)       | S Onyemem (D)/L Bulwich (F) | 5.52    |                       | K Tang (XV)          |
| Discus (Boys)      | M Brighthouse (B)           | 18.90 J | McConville (F)        | D Goodkin (G)        |
| Javelin (Boys)     | S Patel (W)                 | 29.01   | M Webber (B)          | R Chui (H)           |
| Javelin (Girls)    | J French (F)                | 10.91   | N Ahmed (B)           | A Siddiqui (G)       |

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### Individual Winners:

**Girls:** M Beagul (F)  
**Boys:** S Coley (B)

### FORTH FORM:

|                    |                          |           |                          |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 100m (Boys)        | S Griffiths (G)          | 11.78     | M Dewsnap (H)            | B Ramsumair (F)    |
| 100m (Girls)       | L Hopkinson (B)          | 15.49     | A Reah (H)               | A Opara (G)        |
| 200m (Boys)        | S Griffiths (G)          | 24.88     | L Adams (W)              | M Dewsnap (H)      |
| 200m (Girls)       | B Coffey (H)             | 32.34     | S John (B)               | N Endlar (G)       |
| 400m (Boys)        | D Loofe (G)              | 65.04     | A Hyde (D)               | J Fletcher (W)     |
| 800m (Boys)        | R Sagar (B)              | 2.31.94   | A Johnstone (F)          | R Ahmed (XV)       |
| 800m (Girls)       | B Coffey (H)             | 3.00.66 * | E Bailey (F)             | I Chaudhry (D)     |
| 1500m (Boys)       | A Thompson (G)           | 15.29.04  | C Howarth (W)            | A Hyde (D)         |
| 1500m (Girls)      | J Street (H)             | 5.50.94 * | L Alexander-Williams (G) | N Sheldon (D)      |
| 4 x 400m (Boys)    | Whitworth                | 4.33.38   | Byrom                    | Gaskell            |
| 4 x 100m (Girls)   | Heywood                  | 66.75     | Gaskell                  | Byrom              |
| 4 x 100m (Boys)    | Heywood                  | 54.37     | Dalton                   | Fraser             |
| High Jump (Boys)   | J Chapman (D)            | 1.40      | J Watson (B)             | J Fletcher (XV)    |
| High Jump (Girls)  | L Alexander-Williams (G) | 1.31 *    | G Carolan (D)            |                    |
| Long Jump (Boys)   | J Chapman (D)            | 4.73      | B Ramsumair (F)          | J Fletcher (W)     |
| Long Jump (Girls)  | S John (B)               | 3.44      | A Reah (H)               | N Sheldon (D)      |
| Triple Jump (Boys) | C Howarth (W)*           | 11.34     | S Griffiths (G)          | B Ramsumair (F)    |
| Shot (Boys)        | R Wakefield (D)          | 8.48      | A Green (F)              | J Sharp-Little (H) |
| Shot (Girls)       | A Opara (G)              | 7.94      | J Street (H)             | G Litherland (B)   |
| Discus (Boys)      | R Thompson (G)           | 21.50     | A Green (F)              | D Loofe (G)        |
| Javelin (Boys)     | D Wood (F)               | 19.52     | R Lustgarten (B)         | B Radnor (G)       |
| Javelin (Girls)    | S Boodhoo (G)            | 10.46     | R Scott (XV)             | B Coffey (H)       |

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**Individual Winner:**

|                |     |           |               |                        |          |
|----------------|-----|-----------|---------------|------------------------|----------|
|                |     |           | <b>Girls:</b> | <b>B Coffey (H)</b>    |          |
|                |     |           | <b>Boys:</b>  | <b>S Griffiths (G)</b> |          |
| <b>Results</b> | 1st | Gaskall   | 192 pts       | 4th Heywood            | 180½ pts |
|                | 2nd | Whitworth | 186½ pts      | 5th Dalton             | 180½ pts |
|                | 3rd | Byrom     | 184½ pts      | 6th Fraser             | 167½ pts |

**OVERALL SENIOR RESULT****SENIOR POINTS TOTAL** (carried over)

|        |      |           |      |
|--------|------|-----------|------|
| Byrom  | 86½  | Gaskell   | 73   |
| Dalton | 71½  | Heywood   | 105½ |
| Fraser | 109½ | Whitworth | 79   |

**MIDDLE SCHOOL POINTS TOTAL**

|        |      |           |      |
|--------|------|-----------|------|
| Byrom  | 184½ | Gaskell   | 192  |
| Dalton | 180½ | Heywood   | 180½ |
| Fraser | 167½ | Whitworth | 186½ |

**FINAL POSITION & POINTS**

|     |           |          |
|-----|-----------|----------|
| 1st | Heywood   | 286½ pts |
| 2nd | Fraser    | 276½ pts |
| 3rd | Byrom     | 270½ pts |
| 4th | Whitworth | 265½ pts |
| 5th | Gaskell   | 265 pts  |
| 6th | Dalton    | 252 pts  |

**SWIMMING**

The lower school swimming club has been for pupils of all abilities to come and take part in a variety of different activities this year. Swimmers have enjoyed lane swimming, racing, playing volleyball and occasionally free swimming.

Miss A. Boothroyd

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**PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

The Parent's Association has had a very active year financially; over £10,000 has been donated to the School, enabling many departments to acquire important items of equipment. Requests for funding continue, such that it is essential for the Parents Association to be actively supported in its fund-raising.

The Autumn Fair moved to a new venue in the dining hall, which proved a great success: my thanks to Joan Mosley for organising this again. The Grand Draw was well supported raising over £1,000 for our funds.

Some social events, such as the joint Dinner Dance with the Old Hulmeians and the Headmasters reception evenings, were well supported. Unfortunately others were less so I wish to thank Mr Hewston for his enthusiasm in organising our Quiz Nights. More support for the 300 Club would be welcome in order to sustain levels of price money.

I wish to thank all members of the Parent's Association committee for their time and support also to all parents and teachers who continue to support our activities.

Susan Dearden, Chairman

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