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Boys show character despite defeat in Somerset Cup

The St Katherine's Sixth Form football team suffered a heavy defeat against Wellsway, but there were plenty of positives to take from a determined performance, with several players showing real quality and character throughout the contest.



Matei ACHIM, Owain DONOVAN, Nico GEORGE, Jayden GIBBARD, Joshua HEALY-HART, Teddy LANE, Jay Jay LINCOLN, Lucas MARCOVITCH, Jack MCGUIRE, Oliver MORGAN, Oscar TOPP, Otis WILKINSON

St Katherine's made a positive start, controlling the early exchanges in midfield as Teddy and Nico took the initiative. Lane dictated the tempo with an outstanding display of composure and leadership, while George impressed with his ability to drive forward and create opportunities through his own individual efforts. Unfortunately, St Katherine's were unable to maintain that early momentum as Wellsway began to take control of the contest. Despite the scoreline moving against them, the team continued to battle and showed admirable determination to keep working until the final whistle.

There were further individual highlights at both ends of the pitch. Ollie Morgan produced several excellent saves in goal, doing his best to keep his side in the game, while Jay Jay Lincoln delivered a solid defensive performance, leading by example at the back. Lane was deservedly named man of the match following an outstanding midfield display, combining his ability to influence the game with a tireless work rate.







Although the result was a difficult one for St Katherine's, the team can take encouragement from their bright opening and the individual performances on show. Most importantly, the players continued to work hard for one another right to the end, demonstrating exceptional character and commitment.

Mr Jones

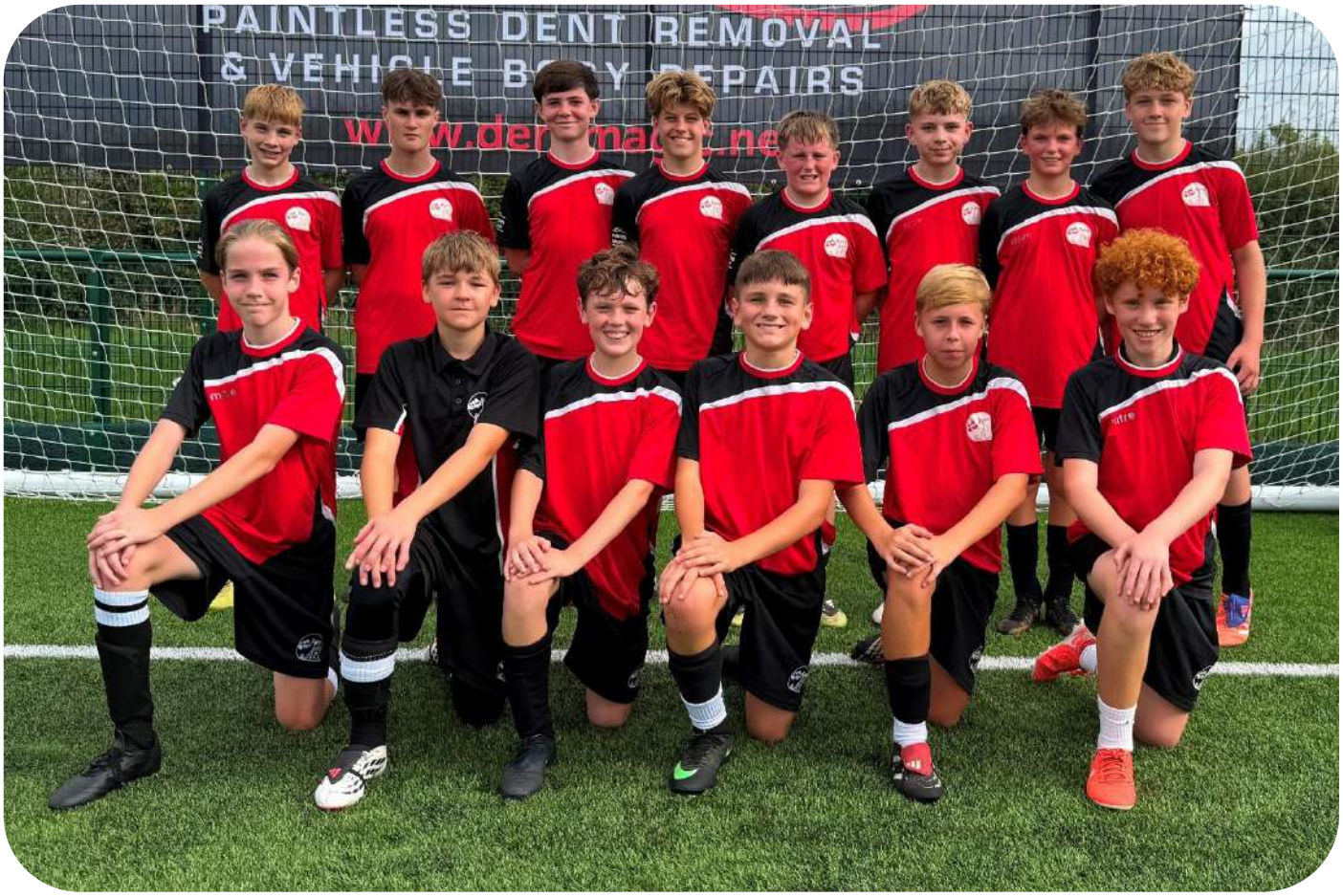
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9 BOYS FOOTBALL V OASIS TQ

Newman and Mathe bag braces as SK start National Cup campaign

On Tuesday 22 September the Year 9 boys were in footballing action against Oasis Temple Quarter in the National Cup. The last time this group of boys were on the football pitch as a school team was after they had suffered defeat at the hands of Nailsea in the Somerset Cup final. Determined to blow away the cobwebs, the boys were looking forward to their trip to Portishead Town FC - a venue which had been good to them last season. A couple of injuries amongst the group necessitated some changes in formation and personnel and it was great to see boys slotting into different positions without an audible moan! The contest was a typical early season affair, but it was the perfect opportunity for the SK boys to get back out onto the football pitch together.



Rex ARTUS, Lucas BAMFORD, Ben CHAMBERS, Zac CHAMBERS, Ned FELLOWES, Rory FERDINANDO, Asa FISHBOURNE, Jasper HALLFORD, Isaac ISOM, Tyler LLEWELLYN, Artúr MATHE, Oakley NEWMAN, Joe REED, Noah THORN, Tom WINTER

We started with a 4-2-1-3 formation which was a bit of a new one for the team. The change in formation came about just because of the players who were fit and available to play and it was great to see boys adjusting to the different feel. Ben Chambers slotted into centre back brilliantly and worked so hard for us all game long. It was also brilliant to see Noah and Rex playing more centrally at points during the game where they could use their technical abilities to cause some real problems.

We enjoyed a lot of early possession in the contest and were able to work the ball into the Oasis half on many occasions. Tom and Isaac both held their positions in the midfield superbly with boys taking it in turns to pile forward with the ball whilst the other sat back. Our central pairing were brilliant at coming and picking up the ball. Tom wants the ball all the time and when he gets on the turn and his head comes up, as a forward, you know you are likely to be on the end of a superb pass. Isaac jinks his way through the midfield traffic with his touches and turns, and seems to have a knack of nipping the ball away from defenders right at the last second. With the boys on top in the middle, our early joy came wide down the right thanks to the endeavour and industry of Oakley Newman. Oakley stretched the play superbly and dragged his full back right out leaving a big gap between the defenders. The game was pretty inviting for Tom and Isaac who either threaded the ball through or drove into the space. Oakley had a couple of opportunities to deliver a cross or cut inside and pass before he found himself on the scoresheet for our first. Oakley struck a first time cross with his favoured right but didn't quite catch enough of the ball to bend it back towards the oncoming red shirts. The ball ended up nestled into the side netting having beaten the strong Oasis keeper. All credit to Oakley as he didn't claim the goal as anything

other than an intended cross. He may not have meant to shoot but his positional play and decision-making were spot on and would go on to cause problems for Oasis for the remainder of the game.





The boys were a goal to the good inside the first 10 minutes and had enjoyed lots of the early ball. Before the game I encouraged us to keep hold of the ball and put possession over field position. On our arrival, the size difference between the two teams was noticeable! Oasis were by far the bigger of the two teams and if we weren't careful with the ball and smart with our bodies, we'd have to work hard to get it back. After scoring we continued to move the ball well for 2 or 3 passes before forcing something that wasn't quite on or trying to overcomplicate things a little. Oasis enjoyed more possession than we would have liked and were able to start to fire some shots of their own. It was a through ball that caused us to concede next in the game. It was a well-weighted pass and after some defensive indecision and a little mix up, the ball was in the back of the net without a touch from an Oasis player. I don't think anyone was delighted by the goal, but I for one was delighted with the response. I could hear Isaac encouraging his teammates and giving clear instructions for them to forget what had just happened. It's easy to say and difficult to do so credit to the boys for getting back on the horse quickly and putting the goal out of their minds.

After Oasis drew level, we went in search of the lead once more and were able to create some good opportunities. Noah Thorn was enjoying a lot of the ball and in brilliant positions on the pitch too. Noah loves having the ball at his feet and being flooded with options. As one of the most selfless players on our team, the boys know that Noah on the ball is their signal to make a run. Noah, Rex and Joe were combining nicely just in front of the Oasis back four and were able to work a few opportunities to shoot from distance. Although they didn't really trouble the keeper too much, the warning signs were there. One particular passage of play saw Joe Reed played through with a ball across his body and onto his favoured left. Joe struck the ball first time, thunderously into the crossbar only to watch it cannon back out into the penalty area. Oakley had followed up superbly and was on hand to knock the ball home for our second. If Oakley's first goal hadn't been deliberate, his second was as deliberate as they come - a great follow up and a decisive final touch.

It was great to see us open up and play a bit more before the half time break. We are going to have to get better at keeping the ball by moving it sharply and decisively this season and I was delighted to see our defenders shift the ball from one side of the pitch to the other with a few touches. With the absence of a decent option down the line, Ned threw the ball in to Ben who shifted it across to Tyler before Tyler played a first-time pass out to Lucas who had held his position wide on the other side of the pitch. Tyler and Ben were becoming more decisive in their defensive actions with each minute that went by which gave Ned and Lucas licence to push forward a little more to support our attackers. Lucas made a couple of well-timed interventions at right back, stepping in to win possession. Ned and Rex combined well down the left which caused problems for the Oasis full back. I had the firm intention of getting all of the boys involved as much as possible, so I had already made changes before the 20 minute mark. Artúr wasted absolutely no time in getting in on the goal scoring action, putting away a header with his very first touch of the game. Noah clipped a lovely, floated ball across the face of the goalkeeper which was too good an opportunity for Artúr to miss. Artúr came barrelling through between two defenders to nod the ball home to give us a 3-1 lead heading into half time.






Things were good for us going forward in the second half. We enjoyed lots of possession with Tom, Isaac, Noah and Rex all enjoying lots of time and space on the ball at various points. We had lots of chances to shoot but on the majority of occasions couldn't strike the ball with any real conviction. Tom Winter had one strike which he hit well, forcing a good save from the Oasis keeper down low to his right. Rex was invited to shoot on a couple of occasions but could do no more than to sting the gloves of the keeper. Isaac had a couple of snapshot opportunities with all of them falling on his left. Despite hitting the target, Isaac couldn't beat the keeper. With lots of our threats coming through the middle, Oakley continued to enjoy the space down the right. It was Oakley's delivery which led to our fourth goal of the game after his first-time ball made its way to Noah at the back post. Noah struck the ball on the half volley superbly and watched it rifle into the bottom corner. It was a goal of real quality and easily our best of the game.

The threats continued to come. Noah had more opportunities in front of goal but was either crowded out or unable to beat the goalkeeper. The woodwork saved Oasis a couple of times and in one crazy passage of play, we struck both the crossbar and the upright before Artúr eventually did what other boys couldn't and knocked the ball home. It was backs to the wall for Oasis as they flung bodies in front of our shooting players. Lucas, Noah, Rex and Oakley all had efforts at goal before Artúr finally got the decisive touch. Before the final whistle went, there was still time for some drama. Ned Fellowes found himself in an advanced position with Zac Chambers covering for him at right back superbly. Zac timed his interventions brilliantly and also showed the composure to find Ned when he was open. Ned found himself bearing down on the Oasis goal but as the angle became tighter, was only able to bury the ball into the sprawling goalkeeper.

Having had little to do for large parts of the game, our defenders and goalkeeper can be forgiven for a small lapse in concentration which led to us conceding before the final whistle. Perhaps the ball should have been cleared, perhaps it should have been collected. What did happen was that it ended up in the back of the net which was a bit of a damp note to end on. Nonetheless the boys had what they'd come for and that was the victory that meant that they will advance to the next round and face Millfield. Man of the match was awarded to Oakley Newman for his industry down the right and the quality from his right foot.

Great to get back out there, boys!

Mr Cook

U13 GIRLS FOOTBALL V MILLFIELD

Girls earn half time lead against prestigious independent school

The U13 girls faced one of their toughest challenges of the season as they took on Millfield, a huge and prestigious independent school renowned for its sporting excellence. Despite the calibre of the opposition, St Kath's showed tremendous character and competed with determination from the very first whistle.

St Kath's made the perfect start when Mia Kocsis used her pace and strength brilliantly to burst through and beat the last defender before calmly finishing to put St Kath's ahead. Millfield responded with an equaliser, but the St Kath's girls refused to be unsettled and continued to battle for every ball. Their pressure was rewarded when St Kath's were awarded a penalty after a Millfield handball inside the box. Captain Lottie Nias stepped up and took the responsibility in her stride, confidently dispatching the penalty to restore the lead. It was 2-1 at half time.







The second half brought another stern test as Millfield came out strongly, putting St Kath's under sustained pressure. Abi Richardson in goal was outstanding, producing a series of fantastic saves to keep her team in the game. In front of her, Isla Bell and Sienna Douglas were fantastic in defence, throwing themselves into challenges and working tirelessly to deal with Millfield's attacking threat. On the right, Sophia Penn battled incredibly hard throughout, constantly competing for possession and refusing to give the opposition an easy ride. Francesca Huey used her pace well on the left to link with Mia. St Kath's were unfortunate with two key decisions as the game progressed and this subsequently gave Millfield

further momentum. The visitors took advantage of the opportunities that came their way and eventually secured a 5-2 victory.

Despite the scoreline, there was plenty for St Kath's to be proud of. To lead a school with such a formidable sporting reputation at half time was testament to the quality, organisation and determination of the girls. They showed pace, courage, resilience and teamwork, while several players produced outstanding individual performances. The result may not have gone their way, but the performance demonstrated just how much this group of girls can achieve when they play with confidence and belief. They pushed a very strong Millfield side hard and can take plenty of positives from a challenging and hugely valuable fixture.

Well done to all the girls - a performance full of character and determination.

Miss Ball

8 BOYS RUGBY V BACKWELL

Exciting attacking rugby and individual brilliance as SK battle against experienced Backwell

The St Katherine's boys produced an exciting and spirited performance against Backwell, showing plenty of attacking flair and determination against a physically strong and experienced opposition.



SK made a flying start. Hugo and Rupert Harrison made strong carries before the ball was moved quickly out wide to Wyatt, who sprinted down the right wing, cut inside and finished brilliantly. Alby also played an important role in the build-up with excellent handling and passing. St Katherine's continued to dominate territory early on. Another excellent move nearly brought a try as Hugo broke through and Tom Chequer produced some lovely footwork, shimmies and dummies before offloading to Wyatt, only for a powerful Backwell defender to stop him short.

Backwell responded with powerful running and made their greater experience count, breaking tackles and scoring from a scrum. Their dominance at the breakdown proved particularly important, although SK continued to create chances. Good attacking work involving Tom, Sully, Alby and Zach Roberts helped Frankie finish St Katherine's second try.

At half-time Backwell led by four tries to two, despite SK spending significant periods inside the opposition 22. The second half began with another superb move involving Theo, Frankie and Wyatt, before Josh Coley released Leo Emery, who came agonisingly close to scoring but lost possession near the line.

Backwell extended their advantage through powerful carries, breakdown penalties and interceptions, but SK continued to play ambitiously. Sully, Hugo, Rupert and Toby combined in one particularly impressive attack from deep, while Rupert Harrison was outstanding throughout with his carries, passing and a huge defensive tackle. SK earned another try following a weaving Rupert Harrison run, good work from Frankie and a clever pass from Josh. Although Backwell ultimately proved too strong, St Katherine's showed how dangerous they can be with ball in hand.







An afternoon full of attacking flair and determination. As the boys develop their understanding of the breakdown, this exciting group will only get stronger!

Mr Dawes

9 BOYS RUGBY V BACKWELL

Boys show great heart and resilience in tough opening test

On Wednesday 23 September the Year 9 boys travelled to Backwell School for their first rugby fixture of the season. Things were made slightly more difficult for them when a couple of boys were unavailable to play leaving them with 14. Rugby is tough enough, so when they lost another player through injury during the game, they were really up against it. Backwell are a strong rugby side and so we were forced to fight as hard as we could for every scrap of possession and every inch of field position. I was really proud of the resilience and determination shown by the group as well as the leadership shown by our more experienced club rugby players.



Ben CHAMBERS, Orson EDWARDS, Ned FELLOWES, Matthew GRIFFITHS, Henry MENADUE, Ralph MOORE, Elliott SIMS, Zach STEPHENS, Charlie STOKES, Matthew THOMAS, Noah THORN, Freddie TRENCHARD, Tom WINTER, Noah WOODS

Backwell started strongly and it was clear from the outset that we were going to be up against it. Defensively, we couldn't live with their strong running and when they put together some top quality handling sequences, they scored some great tries. As we gathered under the posts after one particular Backwell try, it was impossible to be disappointed with our defence. Backwell had moved the ball all the way to the outside and attacked it well before offloading back inside with some really slick hands to keep their forward momentum continuing. We couldn't be annoyed about Backwell taking the outside, especially as we'd made it over on the drift and made the tackle on the outside player before he managed to offload superbly.

Defensively it was tough and it was great to see lots of our boys stepping up to do all that they could to keep Backwell away from our try line. Ben Chambers and Orson Edwards were both hugely dynamic in the tackle and made several brilliant tackles to haul down opposition players who were looking like breaking through. Ralph Moore was the same. Smiling endlessly, it was so good to see Ralph back out on the rugby pitch and using his physical attributes to great effect in our defensive effort. Charlie Stokes used all of his rugby experience too when Backwell broke down our left wing. Charlie drifted over and bravely grabbed hold of his opponent with a vice-like grip before using the touchline to help him defend. I was really impressed with Elliott's leadership along with Zach and Noah Woods. The trio of boys kept asking more of their team mates all match long whilst fronting up themselves with massive efforts. Elliott was everywhere across the back whilst Zach carried as hard as he could and Noah took so much ball at first receiver. So often in schoolboy contests that are tough one-sided games, I've seen experienced rugby players take a back seat before lambasting their team mates for mistakes. Not these three! Despite all of those great efforts our tackler of the day was Noah Thorn. Noah's defensive work was excellent and he made several superb defensive interventions that managed to keep Backwell at bay for a little longer.

We were so much better and brighter with the ball in hand and we played some great stuff under some real pressure from a well-organised and physical Backwell defence. There were lots of boys who enjoyed forays into Backwell territory. Matthew Griffiths looks really lean and athletic at the start of the year and unsurprisingly was a real handful with the ball. I thoroughly enjoyed watching Orson Edwards make his debut for the school. I was delighted to learn that Orson is playing club rugby outside of school and he looked every bit as strong, steely and athletic as I hoped he would do. Orson supported his team mates brilliantly and made a number of yards. Elliott was a great link man in our back line along with Ralph and Noah. These three boys threw a number of excellent passes to open up great spaces which we could attack. Elliott just seemed to have one of those games where he was everywhere. If he wasn't busy covering in defence at full back, he was at the breakdown protecting our ball carrier, picking the ball up from the base of a ruck or coming into the line with the freedom that only a full back enjoys!







We were being tested in every aspect against this strong Backwell team and our boys continued to adapt their performances. Recognising that they were being beaten at the breakdown, they tried all that they could to keep the ball alive. The offloads were thrown and the boys also looked to pop the ball from the floor whenever they could. One particular passage of play saw Elliott tackled and no sooner had he hit the floor than he was popping the ball up to Noah Woods who had made a late run across the back of the breakdown to change the angle. Noah's play from first receiver was excellent. He took the ball more than anyone else and still made excellent decisions despite being under real pressure. It would have been easy for Noah just to run the ball into the wall of black shirts in front of him, but Noah mixed his game up nicely. Sometimes he looked to carry and offload to short line runners, other times he floated the pass out wide and, on some occasions, he used his boot.

Despite the result, it was a real team performance. Ben and Orson covered lots of ground defensively, Ned and Freddie did a great job of staying wide and offering support, Matthew, Matthew and Zach carried through heavy Backwell traffic tirelessly, Henry and Charlie defended with real resolve, Ralph and Noah looked dangerous with the ball in their hands, Elliott and Tom were everywhere, all of the time whilst Noah marshalled the back line superbly.

At the full time whistle, Backwell were comprehensively victorious. I am grateful to them for continuing to play rugby to the best of their ability and for the respect they showed the game, their opposition and the referee. They set us a great example which we followed well. We continued to show great endeavour right up until the final whistle. Man of the match

was awarded to Elliott Sims on this occasion for his work ethic and application throughout the contest. Elliott never wavered in his commitment and resolve despite it being tested consistently!

Well done to all of the boys who represented the school in this tie. A tough first game but I hope they enjoyed playing rugby with their school mates all the same. After all, results are important, performance is even more important but the most important thing of all - enjoying playing!

Mr Cook

8 BOYS FOOTBALL V ST BEDES

Dominant SK performance rewarded with two goals and a clean sheet

The Year 8 boys controlled possession from the early stages, although St Bede's initially threatened and Josh Coley had to react smartly to a dangerous clearance. Kian shot over from distance and Sebastian twice got in behind, only to be denied by the goalkeeper. The breakthrough came when Kian turned and dribbled brilliantly, a clearance ricocheted off Isaac and Theo finished the loose ball. George Morgan and Rupert formed a strong defensive partnership, repeatedly halting St Bede's attacks.



A more attacking formation after half-time created numerous chances. Rupert went close, Kian was denied after good play from Rupert and Seb, and a move involving Wilf, Seb, Kian and Theo created another opening. Toby's excellent cross found Seb, but the goalkeeper saved again. St Bede's missed a penalty after a foul by Zach Roberts and had another appeal turned down following a challenge by Josh.







Seb eventually created the deserved second goal, beating his defender and crossing for Isaac to finish with the help of a deflection. Josh then made a crucial one-on-one block. Theo struck the post following Isaac's pass and Seb ended the game with another superb run and shot that the keeper saved. A terrific attacking display and well-earned clean sheet.

Mr Dawes

10 BOYS BLOCK RUGBY FIXTURE

Boys take on Winterstoke Hundred and Hans Price in rugby triangular

In their first match, St Katherine's Year 10 rugby side delivered a commanding performance against Winterstoke Hundred Academy, combining powerful attacking play with impressive individual performances to secure a comfortable victory. Thomas Scott was the standout performer, displaying outstanding strength and power throughout the contest. Breaking through multiple tackles and consistently making ground, Scott proved a constant threat with ball in hand, crossing for several tries in a dominant display. Michail Black also caught the eye with an excellent individual effort, weaving his way through the Winterstoke defence with a mazy run to touch down. His footwork and determination provided another attacking highlight in an impressive team performance.



Defensively, Louie Bolton was ferocious, bringing relentless intensity to his tackling and making life difficult for the Winterstoke attackers. Alongside him, Jasper Kelly was equally aggressive, proving a formidable presence in the defensive line and helping St Katherine's maintain their physical edge. Luke Mills also made a valuable contribution in the forwards, working tirelessly and carrying the ball with real intent. His powerful crash-ball running repeatedly broke through the defensive line, allowing St Katherine's to gain valuable ground and maintain pressure on their opponents.

Finn Blakeney managed proceedings superbly from scrum-half, distributing the ball effectively and keeping the attack moving at pace. Wilf Fellowes also impressed at fly-half, showing smooth hands, excellent composure and a reliable kicking game, converting all of his attempts. It was an accomplished display from the Year 10s, with Scott's power, Black's individual brilliance and the physical contributions of Mills, Bolton and Kelly helping St Katherine's produce a convincing team performance.

In their second game, St Katherine's Year 10 rugby side faced a stern test against Hans Price Academy, with the opposition proving difficult to contain throughout the contest. Despite the challenges, the team continued to compete and showed determination, with Thomas Scott providing the attacking highlight by scoring St Katherine's only try. Scott once again demonstrated his powerful running style, working hard to make an impact against a challenging defensive line. His try was a reward for his persistence and ability to carry the ball strongly, giving St Katherine's a moment to celebrate in a demanding fixture.



Louie Bolton showed tremendous courage and commitment in defence, putting his body on the line and refusing to give the opposition an easy route through. His willingness to step forward and challenge the ball carrier demonstrated a strong competitive spirit, even as Hans Price applied pressure. Jasper Kelly also brought plenty of physicality to the defensive effort, refusing to shy away from the battle. Luke Mills worked tirelessly in the forwards, providing a direct option in attack with his powerful crash-ball carries. On several occasions, his ability to run hard into contact and punch through the defensive line helped St Katherine's make valuable ground and offered a platform from which to build their attacks.

Finn Blakeney continued to work hard at scrum-half, looking to move the ball quickly and provide opportunities for his teammates to get forward. Wilf Fellowes took on the responsibility of organising play at fly-half, with St Katherine's continuing to search for openings despite finding it difficult to build sustained attacking momentum.

Although Hans Price proved difficult to contain, St Katherine's continued to battle and look for opportunities to get back into the game. Scott's try provided a reward for their efforts, while the defensive commitment shown by Bolton and Kelly, alongside Mills' hard work in the forwards, offered positives to take forward. The fixture provided a valuable test for the Year 10 side, highlighting areas to develop while giving the players an opportunity to learn from a challenging afternoon. St Katherine's will look to build on the experience, focusing on defensive organisation, support play and maintaining possession under pressure in their next outing.

Mr Jones

8 GIRLS NETBALL V BACKWELL

Final quarter showdown as tight two-goal game goes to the wire

St Kath's Year 8s put in a fantastic performance against Backwell School in a closely contested and exciting netball match, showing great teamwork, determination and some excellent passages of play throughout all four quarters.

The first quarter saw St Kath's start strongly, with Rosie Marshall and Isla Rigby working brilliantly in defence. Their determination, pressure on the opposition and well-timed interceptions helped disrupt Backwell's attacking play and limit their scoring opportunities. Through the centre court, Lottie Nias, Francesca Huey and Abi Richardson linked up beautifully, moving the ball confidently down the court and creating space for their attackers. In the shooting circle, Audrey Griffiths and Oona Wookey worked hard to get free, offering great options and making the most of the chances created. St Kath's finished the first quarter in front, leading 3-1.

The second quarter brought a tougher challenge as Backwell fought back into the game. Both teams battled hard, with some excellent end-to-end netball and determined efforts in every third of the court. St Kath's continued to show great composure, with the centre-court players working hard to maintain possession and feed the ball into the circle. The defenders remained focused under pressure, while the shooters continued to work tirelessly to create opportunities. It was a closely fought quarter, with the scores level at 5-5 at half-time.





There were some great positional changes as the match progressed, with Annie Maggs coming on in defence, adding fresh energy and determination. Lottie Nias also had a go at shooting, showing great versatility and a willingness to take on a new challenge, while Rosie Marshall moved into centre, using her energy and awareness to help link the court together. These changes demonstrated the team's flexibility and willingness to support one another in different positions. The third quarter was another tight contest, with both sides working hard to gain the advantage. St Kath's showed great

resilience, continuing to move the ball well through the court and battling for every possession. The defensive unit worked tirelessly to put pressure on Backwell, while the attacking players showed patience and determination to create shooting opportunities. Their efforts paid off as St Kath's edged ahead, taking an 8-7 lead into the final quarter.

With everything to play for, the final quarter was full of determination and effort from both teams. St Kath's continued to fight for every ball, showing great teamwork, commitment and a positive attitude right until the final whistle. Despite their best efforts, Backwell managed to edge ahead in the closing stages, and St Kath's unfortunately finished two goals behind. Although the result didn't go their way, the Year 8s should be incredibly proud of their performance. There was excellent defensive work, impressive centre-court connections, determined shooting-circle play and fantastic versatility from the whole squad. The willingness to try new positions and support teammates was particularly pleasing to see.

A brilliant team effort from St Kath's, with plenty of positives to take into the next match. Well done, girls.

Miss Ball

9 GIRLS NETBALL V BACKWELL

SK secure dramatic victory by single goal in final quarter - what a season opener!

St Kath's Year 9s got their season off to a thrilling start with a fantastic 22-21 victory over Backwell School, the reigning North Somerset champions, who went unbeaten throughout last season. With both teams playing their opening match of the season, this was always going to be a competitive encounter, and it certainly lived up to expectations!

The first quarter was end-to-end netball, with both teams showing great determination, pace and attacking intent. Neither side was prepared to give an inch, with some excellent passages of play and hard-fought turnovers keeping the game finely balanced. St Kath's matched their formidable opposition throughout, finishing the opening quarter all square at 4-4.

The intensity continued into the second quarter, with both teams moving the ball quickly and capitalising on their attacking opportunities. The centre-court battle was particularly impressive, as Rosie Martin and Charlotte Dickens linked up brilliantly on the wings, working seamlessly with Millie Warren at centre. Millie used her exceptional speed to lose her defender and drive into space, providing fantastic options and helping St Kath's transition quickly from defence to attack. Despite Backwell edging ahead, St Kath's stayed right in contention, reaching half-time just one goal behind at 10-11.

The third quarter saw St Kath's raise their game even further. Bella Welti was outstanding, using her incredible pace and sharp movement to outplay a fantastically agile Backwell goal defence. Her ability to create space, lose her marker and get into dangerous positions proved invaluable in the attacking circle. Meanwhile, Nadia Ahmed demonstrated superb versatility, taking on the demanding roles of goal keeper, wing attack and goal shooter as the team adapted throughout the match. Under the post, Annie Allen showed great composure as goal shoot, making calm, assured decisions under pressure. At the other end of the court, Maya Ahmed and Xin Jie Chong produced a defensive masterclass, combining determination, excellent positioning and intelligent reading of the game to disrupt Backwell's attacking rhythm. St Kath's finished the third quarter ahead at 16-15, setting up a nail-biting final period.







With just one goal separating the sides, the final quarter was a true test of nerve. Both teams fought relentlessly, with every possession proving crucial. Backwell's quality and experience ensured they remained a constant threat, but St Kath's showed tremendous resilience, teamwork and belief. The players continued to work tirelessly for one another, maintaining their intensity right through to the final whistle.

In a dramatic finish, St Kath's secured a superb 22-21 victory, handing the reigning North Somerset champions a defeat in their opening game of the season! This was an outstanding team performance, built on exceptional defensive organisation, lightning-fast transitions and intelligent movement through the centre court. Bella's attacking brilliance, Millie's explosive pace, the excellent wing connections between Rosie and Charlotte, and the composure shown by Nadia

and Annie all played their part in a memorable result. Maya and Xin Jie's defensive efforts were equally crucial in keeping Backwell under pressure throughout. It was a fantastic start to the season for St Kath's Year 9s! To take on an unbeaten team from last season and come away with a one-goal victory is a testament to the squad's hard work, determination and team spirit. A thrilling match and a brilliant result to build on!

Miss Ball

6F BOYS FOOTBALL V MILLFIELD

Palmer pulls the strings in impressive sixth form display against Millfield

St Katherine's Sixth Form football side produced a spirited performance against Millfield School, with Ben Palmer delivering an outstanding display in midfield and several players showing their quality against technically gifted opposition. Palmer was the standout player on the pitch, particularly during the opening 60 minutes, where he dictated the tempo and competed superbly in the middle of the park. His composure in possession, work rate and ability to influence the game provided St Katherine's with a strong platform to build from against a well-organised Millfield side.



Despite finding themselves 2-0 down at half-time, St Katherine's remained firmly in the contest. The scoreline arguably failed to reflect how competitive the opening period had been, with the visitors creating enough opportunities to suggest that, on another day, they could have gone into the break level at 2-2.

At the back, Jay Jay Lincoln once again demonstrated his leadership qualities, producing a solid defensive performance and working hard to organise those around him. Behind him, Ollie Morgan was exceptional in goal, making well over 10 saves throughout the match. His remarkable shot-stopping kept St Katherine's in the contest on numerous occasions and prevented Millfield from extending their advantage earlier. Going forward, Nico George provided a constant threat with his ability to carry the ball into dangerous areas. His direct running and willingness to take on opponents offered St Katherine's an important attacking outlet, while Liam Davies worked tirelessly up front, pressing the opposition and putting in an enormous shift to lead the line.

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As the game wore on, however, Millfield's technical quality and organisation began to tell. Their ability to retain possession, move the ball intelligently and exploit spaces gradually stretched St Katherine's, and the scoreline moved further away from the visitors despite their continued efforts. While the final result proved a difficult one, there were plenty of positives for St Katherine's to take from the performance. Palmer's commanding display in midfield, Morgan's outstanding goalkeeping and the contributions of Lincoln, George and Davies demonstrated the team's individual quality and commitment.

Ultimately, St Katherine's showed that they could compete with a talented Millfield side for significant periods of the match. With greater fortune in front of goal during the first half, the contest could have developed very differently, providing a positive for the boys to take away.

Mr Jones

U14 GIRLS FOOTBALL V HAYESFIELD

Resolute second half performance as Vowles stars in goal

St Kath's U14 girls faced a tough challenge against Hayesfield in the Somerset County Cup, with Hayesfield eventually taking a 7-1 victory after a well-contested match.

Hayesfield made a strong start, attacking in numbers and moving the ball forward at pace. They quickly put St Kath's under pressure and built a five-goal lead, with several goals coming against the run of play. Despite the scoreline, St Kath's continued to battle hard, showing determination, commitment and plenty of quality across the pitch. A special mention must go to Milly Vowles in goal, who produced a fantastic display throughout the match. Facing constant pressure, Milly made a huge number of saves, keeping St Kath's in the contest with some excellent stops and demonstrating tremendous resilience between the posts.

In defence, Sienna Douglas, Nadia Ahmed, Lottie Nias and Abi Richardson worked tirelessly to hold a strong defensive line against Hayesfield's pace and attacking threat. In midfield, Isla Bell was everywhere, disrupting play, winning challenges and working hard to break up the opposition's attacks. Bella Welti used her pace effectively, while Maya Ahmed linked up well down the right-hand side, helping St Kath's build attacks of their own. On the left, Francesca Huey was magnificent, making repeated forward runs and delivering some excellent crosses into dangerous areas. Her persistence paid off when one of her superb deliveries found Bella Welti, who finished well to make it 6-1 at half-time and give St Kath's a deserved moment to celebrate.





After a half-time regroup and some positional changes, St Kath's returned with renewed purpose. Minna Baddeley moved up front and made a real difference to the attacking line, offering a fresh threat and helping the team push forward. Millie Warren made good use of her pace in attack, while Rosie Martin and Liv Buttery-Lewis proved to be a handful for the opposition, battling hard, competing for every ball and refusing to give up. The second half was a much stronger defensive effort from St Kath's, who worked hard as a team and came agonisingly close to keeping Hayesfield out altogether after the break. Their determination and organisation were evident as they continued to fight for every challenge and support one another across the pitch. With only minutes remaining, Hayesfield managed to find the net once more to seal a 7-1 win.

Although the result didn't go their way, there were plenty of positives to take from the performance. From Milly's outstanding goalkeeping to the defensive determination, midfield work rate and attacking flashes of quality, the girls showed real character and team spirit against a strong Hayesfield side. There was no shortage of effort, resilience or commitment from St Kath's, and the girls can take plenty of encouragement from a much-improved second-half display.

Miss Ball

8 BOYS RUGBY V CLEVEDON

Seven-try attacking display showcases SK's exciting potential

The St Katherine's boys produced a fantastic attacking display against Clevedon, running in an impressive seven tries in a performance full of pace, power and teamwork.

Leo Emery crossed twice with determined running and confident finishing, while Frankie added another two tries to cap an excellent contribution in attack. Theo, Tom Chequer and Josh Coley also got themselves on the scoresheet, giving SK five different try scorers across the fixture.



The variety of scorers reflected the team's willingness to share possession, move the ball into space and create opportunities for one another. It was another encouraging demonstration of the group's growing confidence. Seven tries and five different scorers - a fantastic showcase of the attacking rugby this St Katherine's team can produce!

Mr Dawes

7 GIRLS NETBALL V BACKWELL

Team show huge promise in first ever secondary school netball fixture

Thursday 1 October saw a fantastic first netball fixture for our Year 7 team as they took on Backwell in a closely fought match. Although St Kath's came away with a narrow loss, the girls can be extremely proud of the way they approached their first competitive game, showing enthusiasm, teamwork and a positive attitude throughout.

Maisie had an excellent game at centre, working hard to connect the defence and attack and providing some great movement around the court. In attack, Charlotte and Trixie were both impressive, creating space and working well

together to build opportunities for the team. Neave had a particularly strong performance in the shooting circle, scoring some excellent goals and showing confidence under pressure. At the other end of the court, Ella was outstanding in defence, making some excellent challenges and working hard to win possession back for St Kath's. Evie was a fantastic example of perseverance throughout the match. She continued to give 100% and encouraged those around her, even when the score was not going St Kath's way. Her consistent effort and positive attitude earned her a well-deserved Player of the Match award.

The whole team demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, showing respect to their opponents and supporting each other throughout the fixture. Most importantly, they kept their focus and continued to compete right until the final whistle. For their first-ever netball fixture, this was a hugely encouraging performance. There were plenty of positives to take forward, and the team showed real promise as they begin their netball journey.

Well done, Year 7 - a brilliant first fixture!

Ms Necco

9 BOYS RUGBY V CLEVEDON

Brace for Chambers & Woods named man of match as boys rewarded for hard work

On Thursday 1 October the Year 9 boys were in action on the rugby pitch against Clevedon. There was a great atmosphere at Clevedon with the sun shining down on the Swiss Valley and a bit of a buzz around the school due to their Sports Awards Evening taking place later that day. As we left site, students were arriving in their smart clothes, the sun was still shining, and the group of Year 9 boys below had given a brilliant team performance! Our last outing against Backwell was a tough contest and this game against Clevedon was no easy prospect either. The standard of opposition in North Somerset is strong. Since our Backwell game, the Year 9 boys have moved onto rugby in their PE lessons and we have worked really hard on throwing the ball around, enjoying playing and keeping it away from contact! I was really proud of the way that this group stuck together and also the way that they played the game.



Wills ARMSTRONG, Mason CHALLENGER, Ben CHAMBERS, Orson EDWARDS, Arthur MAGDA-SMITH, Henry MENADUE, Elliott SIMS, Caleb SINTON-HEWITT, Zach STEPHENS, Charlie STOKES, Matthew THOMAS, Oskar THOMSON, Noah THORN, Freddie TRENCHARD, Noah WOODS

Noah Woods lined up on the halfway line and moved the ball up to his face to communicate to his team mates which way the kick was going. Mason Challenger must have heard Noah's instructions loud and clear when he set off like a rabbit

out of the traps after the ball. Clevedon caught the kick off cleanly and the receiver quickly offloaded the ball to a very athletic team mate who was travelling at some serious speed. By this point Mason had also built up some serious speed and the boys seemed destined for a big collision to start proceedings. Neither backed down; both boys executed their technique perfectly and what resulted was a proper rugby collision. If SK were looking for someone to set the tone then Mason had answered the call superbly. Far from putting him off, Mason was like a man possessed in our defensive line in that first half. I lost count of the number of times he executed the perfect tackle. All of Mason's defensive contributions were massive but, on some occasions, he put in some unbelievable tackles against some incredibly strong Clevedon runners. Thankfully for SK, Mason wasn't alone! Wills Armstrong didn't take long to bury his head and hit hard in a few tackles of his own and he was well supported by Charlie Stokes who was patrolling the touch line alongside Wills. With lots of boys making themselves known on the tackle front, we had a team full of others who were prepared to do all they could to halt the Clevedon attack. Unfortunately for us, Clevedon simply had too much strength, power and athleticism for us to keep them at bay. We found ourselves gathered under our posts on more occasions than we would have liked but it was in the midst of some brilliant defence. Having broken the line in dominant fashion, Clevedon were barrelling their way towards our try line but some outstanding team defence saw us force an error as we threw everything we had at them.

After going behind early, we were finally able to enjoy some ball in hand. I could not have been happier with our first actions in possession as the boys looked to move the ball at every opportunity. Wills Armstrong kicked things off with a superb half break from deep inside our half. Wills darted his way through several defenders before stepping powerfully away from touch. With the ball still in red hands, half backs Oskar Thomson and Noah Woods quickly shifted it across the pitch into the hands of Noah Thorn. With Freddie Trenchard in a great space outside of him, Noah flung the pass. Freddie got fingertips to it but couldn't hold the ball. Despite losing possession eventually, we'd shown we could make ground going forward with the ball in hand which was a massive positive.





Clevedon continued to come at us hard every time they had the ball and we found that challenge too much on some occasions. However, with the ball in hand we looked like a completely different team. Before kick off I'd banned kicking. Not because we didn't have any quality with the boot - far from it with Noah Woods in our back line - but just because we simply couldn't afford not to have the ball. There were so many boys doing so much great work with ball in hand. Orson Edwards was an absolute tearaway in the middle of the pitch causing all sorts of problems for Clevedon defenders. Orson made ground with the ball and did stacks of great work for us in defence too. Zach Stephens carried well for us around the fringes and also shipped the ball on showing great handling skills when the opportunity arose. Henry Menadue and Arthur Magda-Smith were excellent at the breakdown and helped us to keep possession on more occasions than Clevedon would have liked. Despite all of our great work, we found ourselves a long way behind at half time but full of resolve and determined to enjoy playing our rugby.

Some changes in the Clevedon ranks gave us a great opportunity to leave our mark on the second half and we did so in emphatic style. As the game wore on, Noah Woods began to take centre stage, putting in arguably his best ever performance in an SK shirt. Noah demanded the ball from Oskar who provided him with excellent service. Noah wanted the ball and was so decisive in possession showing some outstanding handling skills. So much of the ball handling quality that was on show from SK players originated with Noah and he looked quite the accomplished stand-off. Our second half really got going after Ben Chambers found himself out wide and on the end of an excellent pass. We'd made our way to the outside and couldn't have hoped for anyone better than Ben on the ball. Ben rounded the winger before stepping inside and outside of the cover tackles that came in. Ben glided with the ball in his hands and ate up the broken field in front of him before touching down near to the posts for our first score this season. It was a superb solo effort from Ben, converted by Noah. The boys enjoyed the try and celebrated from 1 to 15 which was great to see.

The second half score lifted everyone's spirits, and the boys came alive in possession even more so than they had done in the first half. An unfortunate injury in a brave tackle had meant that Noah Thorn was forced off of the pitch in the first half but after his try, Ben Chambers was so high on confidence that it was like playing with the full 15. Our back three of Freddie, Wills and Elliott continued to forage for gaps and spaces. To give you some idea of just how expansive a game we were playing, Freddie and Wills had both had their hands on the ball when we were under the posts inside the first few minutes of the match. Things didn't change in the second half. Elliott enjoyed the freedom that playing at full back

offers and popped up in the line acting as an extra man on a number of occasions. At the start of the second half Elliott put his name on a high restart which he caught superbly before running it right back at the Clevedon boys before shipping his pass out to Wills who was supporting on his outside.

Debutant Caleb Sinton-Hewitt really came alive in the second half. Quite understandably with Clevedon starting in dominant fashion, Caleb found it hard to get into the game in the first half. In the second half he was a completely different player. Caleb was carrying forwards with some proper intent, making great ground and looking to move the ball when he had the opportunity. On one occasion I thought he was heading all the way over the whitewash before he was just stopped short by some resolute Clevedon defensive work. The SK boys continued to toil away and ended up scoring what I thought was a candidate for try of the match. Zach Stephens and Matthew Thomas both made good forays deep in Clevedon territory and pinned to the right touch line. The ball was well recycled thanks to some smart offloading work. Rather than die in contact and go to ground, Matthew had managed to free himself and get the ball to Elliott, who spun it wide to Noah Woods. Noah went on a beautiful arc to try and get at the outside defender in the Clevedon line. Having fixed his man, Noah straightened before firing a gorgeous pass off of his right hand. The ball went like a tracer bullet right in front of the Clevedon defender. Ben Chambers was outside of Noah and didn't even have to break stride to catch the pass. Noah Woods in Year 7 would have tried to go for the try himself, I'm sure of it. Noah Woods in Year 9 is a different player though - it was a beautiful piece of stand-off play. The pass was so good that I could have scored the try. Not to take anything away from Ben Chambers though, who by this point was playing with so much confidence that he seemed 10 feet tall!

Clevedon were gracious enough to offer us a replacement for Noah to even the game up in terms of numbers. We were really grateful to the player who pulled on an SK shirt. It's never easy to play for the opposition, especially when your team are winning comfortably. One of my favourite moments came in the second half when our Clevedon helper hoisted an up and under in the Clevedon 22. It wasn't a bad option, and it wasn't a bad kick either but with the use of the boot strictly banned on our team, nobody gave chase. At the next break in play, I overheard Noah telling our guest player not to use his boot again and I loved to hear that. Noah took charge of the game in all aspects for us and was a massive asset. Before the game was out there was still time to showcase more of our rugby with ball in hand. Off the back of one scrum, with our forwards giving their all but being marched backwards, Oskar Thomson picked the ball up with one hand whilst keeping the other on the back of the number 8 to add his weight. Oskar flicked the ball to Noah with a great piece of skill for Noah to kick start yet another attack. It was so good to watch.



Clevedon were comfortably the stronger of the two teams and the difference was clear to see. Despite the result and the difference between the two teams, I couldn't have been happier with our boys and the way that they played the game. If they can play like that with an opposition as strong as Clevedon, I am really looking forward to seeing them find that level of rugby against a lesser team. We played at pace, we played with attacking intent and we played with skill to a clear game plan. At full time there were lots of candidates for man of the match. Mason Challenger had given us an outstanding first half defensive effort like I've not seen for a while. Ben Chambers scored two tries - one particularly great solo effort which really lifted his confidence and quality of play. Arthur Magda-Smith had enjoyed one of his best performances in a red shirt. Caleb Sinton-Hewitt had put in a pretty impressive debut performance. However, on this occasion, man of the match was awarded to Noah Woods - superb leadership, ever-positive and quality oozing from his hands & feet!

Well done gents, a brilliant team performance!

Mr Cook

9 BOYS FOOTBALL V MILLFIELD

Artus header seals hard-fought win as boys draw Millfield in yet another football cup!

Both sides battled for midfield control in a frantic first half. Tom tested the goalkeeper from a free kick after Rex was fouled, while Millfield hit the post and created several opportunities as SK struggled to get out of their half.

Rex, Isaac and Tom gradually took control in midfield. Rex drove forward brilliantly and slipped Oakley through for a shot narrowly wide, while Joe unfortunately had to leave the game with a hamstring problem. SK began the second half with much greater composure. Isaac and Tom linked particularly well, with Tom forcing a strong save. Ben produced an important block and Jasper made a diving save as Millfield threatened. Jasper's outstanding one-on-one stop following a brilliant turn by a Millfield striker was arguably the save of the match.

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Rex flashed a ball across the box before rising powerfully at the front post to head home the winner. Oakley nearly added another but fired over in a one-on-one, and Jasper made a further save from distance. A superbly resilient performance, with Rex Artus influential throughout and Jasper vital in goal.

Mr Dawes

7 BOYS RUGBY BLOCK FIXTURE

Youngsters make secondary school debuts at Clevedon School

On Monday 5 October the Year 7 boys were relishing their first ever opportunity to represent St Katherine's on the rugby pitch. There were lots of schools in a similar position all arriving at Clevedon to play some friendly matches in a tournament format. We filled two minibuses full of eager newcomers and headed down the M5 to the venue. Not long after we arrived, we were sat down and listening to a quick rules briefing. We didn't have enough time to play every single team that attended but the games came thick and fast and it was great to see boys getting their first taste of school rugby. Whilst some of the group already play regular club rugby outside of school, the majority were new to the game. There's no better way to learn than to play and it was brilliant to see so many boys in St Kath's colours!



Arthur ALVES-SUSIGAN, Romario BANNISTER, Ralph BEESTON, Benjamin BLAKENEY, Mitch BOOTH, Dexter COOK, Arthur COOKSLEY, Fraser COUTTS, Felix DAVIS, Theo DINGWALL, Cruz DUN, Ethan EDWARDS, Ben FAIRCLOUGH, Gilbie FELLOWES, Jude HARRYMAN, Magnus HAY, Louie MATTHEWS, Owen MATTHEWS, William MENADUE, Sonny MITCHELL, Felix REEVES, Toby ROMERO HUNT, Billy SANDS, Angus SPIERS, Jacob THOMSON, Billy TRENCHARD, Bill WEEKS, Lenny WEEKS, Jesse WILLIAMS

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We split our players into two squads and with matches only being 8-a-side, rotation was constant! The boys enjoyed lots of opportunity to play and we scored some fantastic tries against lots of different teams. We faced opposition from Churchill, Backwell, Gordano and Clevedon. Amongst the try scorers were Felix Davis, Romario, William, Dexter, Owen, Jesse, Jacob, Bill, Arthur, Cruz and Ben. The fact that so many boys crossed the whitewash during their debuts is testament to the quality of the talent on show! It wasn't just the try scorers either, there was plenty of superb defensive work, lots of great handling and footwork and some pretty impressive catch pass!

Arthur AS: Arthur is a menace with the ball in hand and has electric footwork. He beat defenders for fun and packed a real punch in the tackle too!

Romario: Romario is a handful on the rugby pitch - athletic, talented, strong and a great ball player - opposition players really found it difficult to get near him and he was a massive weapon in our attacking arsenal.

Ralph: Ralph was busy in defence and never far from the action. You couldn't miss him flying down the wing with ball in hand and making ground for his team.

Ben B: Ben brings a huge amount of experience from his club and a level-headedness that we really benefited from. Ben was calm and decisive in the contact which helped our team keep hold of the ball!

Mitch: Mitch comes alive when he's got the ball in his hands and makes himself very difficult to tackle. Mitch carried the ball superbly in our first matches and made loads of ground going forward.

Dexter: Another strong ball carrier, Dex was a key player for us during our first matches. Dex worked hard to make sure that he went forward, and our opposition definitely knew about it when they eventually tackled him!

Arthur: Arthur has already shown himself to be a talented all-rounder and used his hand-eye coordination to great effect in this game with some superb and accurate passing.

Fraser: Fraser was brave in defence and never shirked a tackle. Fraser followed the action brilliantly and gave his team mates great support in attack and in defence.

Felix D: Felix led from the front with his enthusiasm and his rugby playing talents. Felix's tackling, passing, kicking and evasive skills are outstanding and he captained the team superbly for his first school game.

Theo: Theo is another livewire when he's on the ball - Theo would run and run all day long and that made him so difficult to tackle in these first few matches.







Cruz: Cruz could have started quietly having not played much rugby before. Far from it, he announced himself on the scene with more than one try and what looks like a massive talent for beating defenders on the rugby pitch!

Ethan: Ethan was another boy who led by example. Ethan's defensive work has been the lynchpin in our defence but he's so much more than a defender - a massive all-round rugby talent and a fantastic leader!

Ben F: Ben was like a wrecking ball on the pitch - fast, strong and powerful, Ben was a real handful for our opponents and it was no surprise that he wasted no time in crossing the try line!

Gilbie: Gilbie was strong, dynamic and powerful in attack and defence - having made huge progress across the afternoon Gilbie is already showcasing his sporting talents on the rugby pitch.

Jude: Jude is a fantastic athlete and when he gets going, there aren't too many that can bring him down. Jude worked really hard in attack and defence in these games.

Magnus: Magnus was absolutely everywhere in all of the minutes that he spent on the pitch. Magnus' effort and work rate were second to none but he's not just all effort - he's got some serious rugby talent!

Louie: Louie showed the perfect blend of strong running and deft touches with the ball in hand. Louie's ability to free his arms and offload won us loads of ground. Another seriously talented sportsman!

Owen: Owen was outstanding in all of the matches he played. Owen loved to stretch his legs with the ball but was robust in our defensive line too and enjoyed a superb debut for the school.

William: William was the defender of the day in his team and made some outstanding tackles. His work in defence won us possession on countless occasions - what a menace he was!

Sonny: Sonny is our secret weapon - seriously talented and so coachable, Sonny's skill set is superb, and he didn't disappoint in our first matches. What a rugby player this boy is!

Felix R: Felix used his knowledge from club rugby to great effect in our first matches and made several brilliant contributions towards the team effort!







Toby: Toby was dynamic with the ball in hand and attacked the opposition line with some serious intent. Toby worked really hard all afternoon long and didn't give the opposition a moment's peace.

Billy S: Billy was great with the ball in hand and was so clever with the timing and accuracy of his passing. Billy drew in defenders and used his support superbly to keep our game flowing.

Angus: Angus was tough in contact and great at the breakdown. Angus isn't afraid of hard work and his efforts at the ruck and the tackle were a massive boost to us!

Jacob: Jacob's contributions were massive for us - he supported the ball superbly, made lots of ground going forwards and was one of our standout defenders. Not bad for your first day's work on the school pitch!

Billy T: Billy was brilliant on the ball and is an elusive runner. Broken field is Billy's canvas and when he's going in full flow it's impressive to watch but even harder to defend against!

Bill: Bill brings a huge energy and enthusiasm to proceedings, and his energy carried him all the way to the try line in one of our later matches. Bill was brilliant with ball in hand.

Lenny: Lenny was great at holding his position wide and stretching the play. When Lenny got the ball in his hands everyone was willing him on and he made great ground going forwards.

Jesse: Jesse is a talented runner and when he got the ball in hand to run in a brilliant solo try, everyone enjoyed watching him in full flow. I am sure there are lots more tries to come from Jesse!







Special mentions to Arthur Alves-Susigan and Cruz Dun who picked up man of the tournament for their respective teams. Arthur was all about explosive speed and power with his actions on the rugby pitch. Arthur glides when he's got the ball in hand showing some impressive footwork but he also hits hard in a tackle making some superb defensive interventions for his team. Cruz beat defenders for fun during his time on the pitch. Carrying the ball in two hands meant that Cruz could make best use of his support too and with so many options at his disposal, it's no surprise that he was one of our top try scorers! Special mentions must also go to Felix Davis and Ethan Edwards for their leadership. The boys captained a team each and were brilliant at encouraging and organising their team mates. So many of our boys aren't currently playing outside of school so those that do shared their wisdom generously!

With Year 7 bursting at the seams with rugby playing talent, I can't wait to see them back out on the pitch! What a fantastic start to school sport!

Well done, gentlemen!

Mr Cook

8 BOYS RUGBY V PRIORY

Depleted SK squad put up brave fight against talented Priory side

On Tuesday 6 October the Year 8 boys' rugby team travelled to Priory Community School in WSM for a friendly rugby fixture. This was the first of two fixtures in the same week that saw Mr Dawes otherwise engaged which meant that I had the opportunity to find out what the Year 8 boys are all about on the rugby pitch. For one reason or another, the boys were really short for this game and when I arrived at the changing rooms after school, there were only 10 boys ready to board the bus and play! Fortunately for us, our opponents were only too happy to give us a few players. Playing for the opposition is never an easy thing to do. The Priory boys rotated around the players who played on our team and I have to say, they were absolutely outstanding. Their sportsmanship was exemplary; they played hard and played fair and contributed a huge amount to our team. I don't think there are too many sports where that would happen, but rugby is special in that sense. Alongside the Priory recruits, we had 10 players of our own who all made big and brave contributions despite coming up against strong opposition.



Kasra AMINZAD, Damon BERRYMAN-MORRIS, Thomas CHEQUER, Finlay COOKE, Leo EMERY, Alby FELTON, Rupert HARRISON, Frankie MAURICE, Sully NAPIERSKI, Jacob WADE

I'd been briefed by Mr Dawes during the day about the brand of rugby that the Year 8 boys were hoping to play this year and the areas of their game which are strongest. Mr Dawes had described this expansive handling game which was going to take its toll on the players. All credit to them as within the first few minutes of the game, the signs were there and it was clear to see what they had been working on. With their very first possession, they shifted the ball left and right to test the Priory defence. Unfortunately for us, Priory were up to the challenge and were able to turn over possession at the breakdown a little easier than we would have liked.

With the ball in Priory hands, our defensive resolve was soon tested, and it was great to see several boys really stepping up. Without a shadow of a doubt, the player in an SK shirt with the highest tackle count in the first half was Kasra. Kasra

threw himself into tackles with abandon. He was scything boys down left, right and centre. It didn't matter how big they were or how hard they came at him, he chopped them down. His tackle technique and bravery were exemplary. Kasra wasn't the only SK player with a big defensive heart. Damon gave some performance out in our back line and made life as difficult as he could for the Priory runners. Frankie was another defensive thorn in the side of the Priory runners with his vice-like grip and athleticism in the contact. Despite all of our great work, Priory were able to cross the line on more than one occasion and put us on the back foot in defence.

Despite struggling to contain their threats, with the ball in hand we looked great. Finlay Cooke was eager to get the ball moving through the hands and when he popped up in the midfield, he shipped the ball on brilliantly to keep the fluidity in our attack. Sully Napierski got to every breakdown brilliantly and wasted no time getting the ball away. Before the game, we'd discussed how important it was for us to keep the ball alive. The quality of our opposition meant that it was inevitable that we were going to be tackled. Sully worked tirelessly to ensure that the ball carrier had an early option to get the ball away from the tackle area. The boys were throwing it around with real abandon. One minute it was in the hands of Rupert Harrison down one wing and then it was back across the pitch to Leo Emery who was stood out on the other wing. The players in between showed great hands, lots of which came under some serious Priory pressure. Jacob and Alby both demonstrated their quick hands in the midfield to keep the ball alive and to move it around the outside of the aggressive Priory press. We made great ground going forwards but just couldn't break through the Priory defensive line when they defended their red zone. Fortunately for us, the Priory players that we'd recruited could and they were responsible for the tries that we scored.







Despite losing a player through injury at half time and Priory continuing to fire great shots at us in the second half, our boys continued to toil away showing great character and determination. We linked together some excellent passages of play. Frankie Maurice was a real handful, especially when he got hold of the ball in broken field. Frankie is a real athlete and has outstanding fitness levels. With some neat footwork, Frankie would run the ball back and inevitably break through the first tackler. Jacob Wade offered Frankie great support going forwards and the boys combined brilliantly on several occasions making use of each other's talents. Rupert Harrison looked to be a massive threat with the ball in hand. His footwork got the better of more than one Priory defender and his half breaks were a real positive for us. Tom Chequer was outstanding all game long in the work rate department. With only 10 players we had no forwards and backs, everyone did everything and nobody did more than Tom in support of his team mates. Tom made ground going forward, chased Priory kicks back to his own line, made tackles, got to breakdowns and did everything in between. Priory continued to come at us and we kept going with a little help from our local signings.

As the final whistle approached, SK continued to show great heart and determination. None more so than Damon Berryman-Morris who went on to claim the man of the match award. In the dying seconds of the game Damon made one outstanding break down our left wing, stepping inside and outside of defenders who were looking to put paid to his break. Damon showed huge quality on the ball and superior fitness levels to produce an individual effort like that so late in such a tough game. With some help from Frankie Maurice, who also enjoyed a superb match, it looked as though an SK player might get over the try line which would have been a nice end to the game. Alas, it wasn't to be and Priory ensured that all of the tries scored across this contest were touched down by them.



Congratulations to the SK boys who worked their socks off all game. A big thank you to the Priory boys who pulled on SK jerseys for this match. All of the players were a real credit to their school but those who played for us deserve a particularly special mention. Congratulations to Damon for his man of the match performance.

Well done gents! Looking forward to Thursday.

Mr Cook

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7 GIRLS NETBALL V CLEVEDON

Teamwork, determination and resilience on show as Evie named player of the match!

The Year 7 netball team played their second fixture of the season, travelling to Clevedon School for another fantastic opportunity to develop their skills and gain valuable match experience.

St Kath's made an excellent start, with Maisie, Neave, Sophia, Evie and Charlotte working brilliantly in attack. Maisie was particularly impressive, showing excellent accuracy and confidence to score almost every shot she attempted. The attacking unit demonstrated great movement, passing and teamwork throughout the match.

At the other end of the court, Florrie, Ava, Mia and Ella put in an excellent defensive performance. They worked hard to put pressure on Clevedon and showed great determination to win the ball back for their team.





A special mention goes to Ava and Mia, who were playing their first ever netball match. Both players showed fantastic resilience and continued to develop in confidence as the game progressed. It was brilliant to see them embrace the challenge and contribute to the team.

The team's hard work was reflected in an impressive 14-6 victory for St Kath's. Evie was selected by Clevedon as St Kath's Player of the Match, recognising her excellent performance and contribution throughout the game.

Overall, it was a fantastic second fixture for the Year 7 team. They showed great teamwork, resilience, determination and continued development, making it another very positive experience for the squad. Well done, St Kath's!

Ms Necco

8 GIRLS NETBALL V CLEVEDON

Freya claims player of the match for her contributions in the circle during impressive victory

St Kath's Year 8s produced a dominant and hugely impressive performance against Clevedon School, coming away with a convincing 13-3 victory. From the first whistle, St Kath's applied relentless pressure, closing down Clevedon's players quickly and making it extremely difficult for them to build any momentum. The team worked brilliantly together throughout the match, forcing errors and creating a huge number of turnovers. Their ability to close down space, pressure the ball and win possession back was a real highlight of the game. St Kath's showed excellent work rate across the court, with every player contributing to what was a thoroughly deserved win.

In the shooting circle, Isla Bell and Freya Kaszubski worked exceptionally well together. Isla produced some fantastic shooting, while the combination between the two players allowed St Kath's to maintain control and create plenty of scoring opportunities. Their movement and understanding in the circle were excellent, keeping the Clevedon defence under constant pressure. In centre, Annie Maggs delivered a very composed and assured performance. She showed great awareness throughout the game, linking the defence and attack effectively and making several excellent interceptions. Annie's ability to read the play and win the ball back was



a key part of the team's dominance. Olivia Buttery-Lewis, Ellen MacFarlane and Madison Brocklehurst all put in strong performances in WA and WD. They worked tirelessly, closing down their opponents well and making it difficult for Clevedon to find space or make clean passes. Their determination and movement helped St Kath's maintain pressure and contributed to the large number of turnovers created by the team. At the back, Sophie Allen and Rosie Marshall were impenetrable. Their defensive pressure was outstanding, with both players closing down their opponents brilliantly, contesting every ball and making it extremely difficult for Clevedon to get into the circle. Their strong positioning and anticipation ensured that very few opportunities were given away.







Player of the Match was Freya Kaszubski, who was deservedly recognised for an excellent all-round performance. Freya was a constant threat in the circle, combining superbly with Isla and making a significant contribution to the team's impressive score. Overall, this was an outstanding team performance. St Kath's dominated possession, created a huge number of turnovers and showed excellent teamwork, composure and determination across the court. A thoroughly deserved 13-3 victory. Well done, girls!

Miss Ball

9 GIRLS NETBALL V CLEVEDON

Outstanding team effort sees SK side put Clevedon under some real pressure on court

Year 9 produced a complete and emphatic performance against Clevedon School, securing a remarkable 36-2 victory after dominating from the very first whistle. St Kath's immediately set the tone with their pace, intensity and movement, and Clevedon simply could not cope with the speed at which St Kath's played. The pressure was relentless, with quick transitions and sharp passing allowing St Kath's to maintain almost constant possession. Clevedon were unable to win their own centre passes, which resulted in St Kath's enjoying long periods of uninterrupted possession. The team made excellent use of every opportunity, moving the ball quickly through the court and creating chance after chance.

In the shooting circle, Annie Allen and Bella Welti were outstanding. The pair linked superbly, showing excellent movement, communication and understanding. Their shooting was exceptional, with almost 100% accuracy, ensuring that St Kath's capitalised on the opportunities created by their teammates. The centre court was equally impressive. Millie Warren, Nadia Ahmed and Rosie Martin all produced excellent performances, retaining possession brilliantly and keeping the ball moving at pace. Their composure under pressure and ability to find the right pass allowed St Kath's to control the game and continually feed the shooting circle. When called upon, the defence of Xin Jie Chong and Maya Ahmed was immaculate. Both players read the game superbly, making crucial interceptions, rebounding strongly and closing down Clevedon's attacking options. Their pressure made it hugely difficult for Clevedon to create any clear opportunities, and they played a major role in restricting them to just two goals.

Overall, this was a phenomenal team performance from St Kath's. From attack to defence, the team demonstrated outstanding pace, accuracy, teamwork and determination. The relentless pressure and ability to retain possession meant that Clevedon were unable to establish any rhythm throughout the match. A 36-2 victory is a fantastic reflection of St Kath's' dominance and an excellent reward for a truly outstanding team effort. Well done, girls!

Miss Ball

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SENIOR GIRLS HOCKEY V CLEVEDON

St Katherine's start season strong with hard-fought draw against Clevedon

There is no better way to kick-start the hockey season than with a competitive fixture against our evenly matched rivals, Clevedon School. St Katherine's made a confident start, taking control of the game and creating several promising attacking opportunities. With Erin and Grace leading the line as high forwards, the team looked to stretch the Clevedon defence and make the most of the space available.



Frankie and Serena played an important role in maintaining possession, reading the game well, stepping in front of opponents to intercept passes and applying pressure to the Clevedon players on the ball. Once in possession, St Katherine's moved the ball confidently into wide areas, where midfielders Poppy Smith, Charlie Threlfall, Imogen Slee and Esme Toto worked hard to support the attack and create space. A particularly effective break from defence led to a swift attacking move, which Grace finished brilliantly to give St Katherine's a deserved 1-0 lead. Clevedon responded strongly, putting our defence under pressure. Despite two excellent initial saves from Carmen, Clevedon eventually managed to find the back of the net to level the score at 1-1. Throughout the match, the St Katherine's defence worked tirelessly, showing great determination in their marking, particularly outside the 23-metre area, and looking to move the ball wide to launch counterattacks.







The second half was another closely contested affair. Although neither side managed to score, St Katherine's continued to create promising opportunities and enjoyed some excellent passages of attacking play. Unfortunately, despite several shots on goal, we couldn't quite find the finishing touch needed to regain the lead. Overall, it was a positive start to the season, with plenty of encouraging teamwork, determined defending and creative attacking play. Both teams battled hard, and a 1-1 draw was a fair reflection of a well-contested match.

Well played, St Katherine's! A great team performance and plenty to build on for the season ahead.

Mrs Price

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11 BOYS RUGBY V PRIORY

Hat-tricks for Will, Oscar and Stan in a sensational attacking display

The St Katherine's Year 11 boys produced a superb attacking performance against PCSA, combining powerful running, excellent handling and some fantastic individual tries. Will Brennan, Oscar and Stan all finished with hat-tricks. SK started at pace, building phases and moving the ball confidently through the hands. Eddie almost opened the scoring before a forward pass brought the move back. Will Brennan then secured a turnover, took a quick tap and found Ronnie for the opening try - despite almost dropping the ball in his eagerness to get going!



Will soon added a spectacular try of his own, breaking through before finishing with an extravagant swan dive. Oscar and Stan were controlling the game brilliantly, their handling helping Ronnie cross again after strong carrying from Ziggy. Will added another after a powerful drive and a fine Oscar pass. Freddie produced two excellent breaks, gliding through defenders, before Eddie secured possession and Lennie finished from close range. Stan completed the first-half scoring after a quick break and combination with Oscar. SK led six tries to nil at half-time.

PCSA responded with good width and strong running after the break, scoring twice as SK narrowly missed another opportunity following a move involving Sonny, Will, Ziggy and Louie Olivier. Will Brennan restored the momentum with a trademark try, carrying from deep, handing off a defender and racing away to complete his hat-trick. Louie Olivier also scored after a powerful carry. A flowing move involving Stan, Lennie, Will and Oscar almost saw Max cross before Oscar finished with quick feet. Stan then delivered an excellent cross-field kick for Will to collect and step inside. Louie produced another memorable run - described by Mr Coombs as "like a Fijian!" - with Oscar finishing the move.







PCSA continued to battle, but SK had plenty left. Oscar collected a short restart, broke the line with superb feet and speed, and found Stan in support. Stan delivered a huge bump on a defender before crossing. More late attacking play saw Oscar and Stan complete their hat-tricks, with Stan's powerful finish leaving a defender sitting down before he crossed the line. Three hat-tricks, spectacular tries and outstanding support play - a brilliant display of attacking rugby from the Year 11 boys!

Mr Dawes

8 BOYS RUGBY BLOCK FIXTURE

Harrison scoops man of the tournament award after set of special performances

On Thursday 8 October the Year 8 boys were back in rugby action down in WSM. This time they were contesting a friendly block fixture with opposition from Winterstoke, Broadoak and Worle. Fortunately, on this occasion, the boys were back up to full strength with 14 travelling on the bus. After enjoying watching Year 8 play with real heart on Tuesday, I was looking forward to seeing what the additional players would add as well as how much learning those that played on Tuesday could bring into their games. The boys played 3 superb matches and showcased the best of themselves on the pitch. Credit to them and to Mr Dawes - whatever they are doing in lessons and at practice is working. The rugby was great to watch, and I hope just as enjoyable to play!



Toby BEEBY, Damon BERRYMAN-MORRIS, Gene BROWN, Thomas CHEQUER, Finlay COOKE, Leo EMERY, Rupert HARRISON, Hugo JOHN, Arjun JUGNARAIN, Frankie MAURICE, Sully NAPIERSKI, Wyatt PARK, Zach ROBERTS, Jacob WADE

Our first match was against Winterstoke who were kindly hosting us for the matches. We were playing on their new lower school site, and it was the first time that any of us had been there. After a quick warm up, the boys took to the pitch ready to take on their first opponents. Captain Frankie Maurice won the toss and chose to receive which I was delighted to hear! Right from the outset, the boys started to throw the ball around. There was a noticeable difference in temperature stood on the sideline but the quality of their rugby was so good to watch that I forgot about the wind chill! It wasn't long before their expansive game yielded some scores. Tom Chequer was the first to go over having spotted some space and made a brilliant break down our right wing. Tom picked up a loose ball which had been kicked through before running it back with interest. Tom's early try demonstrated that we were capable of breaking tackles and it wasn't long before Zach Roberts found himself able to go over on the opposite side of the pitch. Winterstoke had some dangerous strike runners though and they fired some warning signs of their own. One particular Winterstoke runner set off down the touchline and fortunately for us, strayed out. Damon and company were tearing across to cover but there was some real danger. The boys continued to move the ball well and it found its way into plenty of pairs of hands. Jacob and Frankie had tries before the game was out but the best was yet to come.

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Winterstoke enjoyed some attacking forays of their own which required some defensive efforts from us. Frankie wrapped up a couple of their players and made it impossible for them to free their arms and keep the ball alive. Their strong strike runner was well stopped by a brave Wyatt Park who did his job on defence. Before the game had started we talked about all of the defensive contributions we could make. One of them was grabbing hold of something and not letting go to slow down an opponent. Wyatt took that to the extreme as he was whirled around like a helicopter blade. Sure enough, he refused to let go which stopped his opponent from advancing. Before the game was out, there was time for one piece of brilliance from young Rupert Harrison. I'd only seen Rupert play rugby before on Tuesday and after his try in the Winterstoke game, I'd decided he was one of my favourite players to watch. The quality of his footwork to burst through the tackles was exceptionally good and he dotted down to score our fifth and final try.





In our second game against Broadoak, we kept our foot down hard and picked up where we had left off against Winterstoke. Gene and Leo were in so much space out wide, and it was great to see us getting the ball in their hands. The boys stayed in play well and kept the ball alive by offloading back inside. When Broadoak did have the ball, it was great to see Finlay and Arjun putting their shoulders to the wheel in order to bring down the ball carrier. Hugo enjoyed loads of time and space at first receiver in this match and thanks to the quality and speed of pass from Sully, was able to create lots of great opportunities. We moved the ball wide for Frankie to go over in the corner early on. Our first try was after we'd deliberately grounded the ball short of the actual try line! Fortunately, we were able to keep possession and move it across the field. Our second score came courtesy of Wyatt Park. Wyatt made his debut on the rugby pitch against Backwell just a couple of weeks earlier and scored a couple of tries. When he got the ball in his hands in this game, you could see why! He was a complete menace and nearly impossible to tackle. Wyatt weaved his way in and out of the oncoming defenders changing direction in a fraction of a second. I don't think anyone actually laid a finger on him as he darted in and out of them on his way to cross the line.

Sully and Jacob were getting lots of practice at restart kicking such was the quality of our attack. The boys kept things tight defensively which allowed our attack to flourish. Hugo was brilliant with the ball in his hands and made great decisions in possession. Our communication was great with our more experienced players communicating clearly. Jacob, Frankie and Sully had a massive influence on the game but it was Damon who went across for our third try of the game. I had the pleasure of refereeing this contest and I felt a palpable sense of anticipation whenever the ball made its way into the hands of Rupert Harrison. His footwork was electric and he all but scored our final try of the game. Ru stepped his way through the oncoming tacklers before showing some lightning acceleration to pull clear. Ru glanced left to see team mate Leo Emery who had got on his shoulder well. Unselfishly, Ru threw the pass for Leo to touch down which Leo was grateful for. Rupert was enjoying a brilliant afternoon on the pitch and it was about to get better!





Our last game against Worle was a real humdinger. The first action of the game saw Toby Beeby catch the kick-off before running it right back through the heart of the Worle defence. Toby must have made 30 metres before he was eventually tackled. Despite our early venture into their half, it was Worle who scored the first couple of tries of the contest thanks to some strong and direct running from one of their talented backs. We simply couldn't live with his athleticism despite

several brilliant efforts. Eventually Frankie managed to haul him to ground after one line break which at least gave our team mates hope that he wouldn't score every time he got the ball. We started to blitz on defence and crowd him out which at least gave our tacklers some respite! Trailing by two tries, we needed something special to get us going. Who else would step up? Rupert Harrison of course! Ru got the ball in his hands before bursting through a gap which looked like it didn't exist at all. I reckon Rupert could beat a defender in a phone box such is his footwork. Ru touched the ball down before coming back to celebrate with his team mates who were elated that they were on the scoreboard. Ru's try really lifted our spirits as boys went in search of an equaliser.

Worle continued to come at us scoring two more tries before the game was out. St Kath's kept things interesting when captain Frankie Maurice hauled himself over the line after some great work with the ball. So many boys showed so much heart in their determination to fight their way back into the tie. Damon was everywhere in attack and defence putting in some unbelievable tackles and carries. Thomas was tireless in the contact and showed some great handling skills too. With the seconds and the light fading, there was still time on the watch for me to enjoy my favourite moment of the entire afternoon. Ru got the ball in his hands out wide before setting off to exploit some space down the left touchline. Worle defenders were tearing across the pitch to make the cover tackle. With Ru so tight to the touchline, any contact would have knocked him out, but he had other ideas. A devastating step saw him catch everyone off-guard and snipe back inside. The Worle tacklers went flying by him. The timing of his step was perfect and the way he sold it … it was beautiful! Not only did he leave opponents behind, he accelerated away like a rocket and continued his way towards the try line before he was eventually crowded out by about 4 or 5 covering players. The whistle sounded and Worle had the victory but it had been a great match to watch.



I thoroughly enjoyed my two afternoons with Year 8. They are a talented bunch of boys and were great fun too! Man of the match for this mini tournament - can you guess? Of course it is! Rupert Harrison - what a player!

Mr Cook

11 BOYS FOOTBALL V MILLFIELD

Boys put together sensational comeback from two goals down to knock out big name

A fiercely contested first half saw SK work tirelessly but trail by two Millfield goals. The first came when a free kick dropped to an attacker in a crowded penalty area; the second followed an extremely rare handling error from Dan, who mistimed a punch after calling for the ball. It says plenty about his reliability that this was the first direct goalkeeping error of this kind I can remember throughout his time at school. Ralph hit the woodwork from a free kick and SK threatened down the flanks, leaving the boys feeling unfortunate to be 2-0 down at the break.



The second-half response was outstanding. Marcel challenged for a dangerous corner and the ball found the net, although whether it came off Marcel or a defender remains up for debate! Ludo then slipped Jay through for a composed first-time equaliser. The winning goal reversed those roles: Jay played Ludo through and Ludo finished calmly to complete a brilliant turnaround.

Ludo worked tirelessly, covered huge ground and showed real attacking quality. Oscar Warren and Ralph sacrificed some attacking freedom to hold the midfield together, while Marcel produced arguably his best performance in an SK shirt. A superb team comeback against strong opposition.

Mr Dawes

11 BOYS FOOTBALL V WRITHLINGTON

Ludo hat-trick and Ralph masterclass in attacking display

SK began at pace, with Ludo releasing Jay for an early chance before opening the scoring himself with clever turns and a drilled finish. Tommy won possession with an excellent tackle to create another chance for Jay, Oscar Packham tested the goalkeeper from distance, and Ralph struck powerfully from the edge of the box.

Writhlington equalised on the counterattack after SK were caught out of shape, but Ludo quickly crossed for Jay to volley home and restore the lead.







In the second half SK moved the ball much more quickly and created chances almost at will. Ollie Mac missed from close range, another effort struck the post and the Writhlington goalkeeper made four or five impressive saves. Ludo completed a hat-trick, Jay finished with two goals, Oscar Packham scored with a tidy finish and Ralph added the pick of the goals after a delightful give-and-go flick with Jay. Ralph was deservedly player of the match. His intelligent movement, incisive passing and clever combinations helped SK threaten with almost every attack.

A brilliant attacking performance, even if a few shooting boots were temporarily missing!

Mr Dawes

9 BOYS RUGBY V GORDANO

Depleted SK face tough test but bright spark Hobbs picks up man of match on debut

On Tuesday 13 October a depleted Year 9 boys' rugby team travelled to Gordano School for a friendly fixture. We travelled over with 13 boys which was disappointing but there were another 12 names missing from the team sheet. Lots of the boys in Year 9 are recovering from injuries at the moment and what with some unavailability, we were right up against it before the first whistle even sounded. To make matters worse, we lost another player through injury inside the first five minutes of the game which just added to our woes. We were hugely grateful to Gordano who loaned us a couple of players to balance things up. All told there were four different boys from Gordano who pulled on a St Kath's shirt during the course of the match and all four were superb in terms of attitude, effort and contributions. A special thanks to those boys for doing what is never an easy job.

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Mason CHALLENGER, Harrison HOBBS, Arthur MAGDA-SMITH, Henry MENADUE, Oakley NEWMAN, Elliott SIMS, Caleb SINTON-HEWITT, Matthew THOMAS, Oskar THOMSON, Noah THORN, Freddie TRENCHARD, Noah WOODS, Zaym ZAHEER

I don't imagine there will be many surprises if I were to tell you that we were well beaten by Gordano who played some excellent rugby. We did manage to cross the try line twice but, on both occasions, it was a Gordano player who dotted down which just rubbed salt in our wounds. Despite being on the ropes for the lion's share of the game, the boys showed great determination and resilience in the main and there were several bright sparks!

Mason's tackling was outstanding once more in this contest. Mason led from the front in terms of his bravery and was more than happy to put his shoulder to the wheel which our defence benefited from. Mason wasn't alone in his defensive resolve though. Debutant Harrison Hobbs who had only started school the day before was eager to get involved. Harry knew a handful of the boys from his rugby outside of school and on only his second day at St Katherine's, was out on the pitch playing rugby. As far as debuts go, Harry enjoyed an excellent showing. He was brave in defence, notching up our highest second half tackle count with some superb defensive work. Harry's contributions weren't limited to defending though. With the ball in hand, he looked equally dangerous. In one particular passage of play he executed a superb step leaving a defender temporarily dazed. Harry wasted no time in getting straight in on the action which was a massive boost for us in this match.

When we had the ball, we looked okay. We just struggled to keep it! Noah Woods was our talisman in the backline playing at stand-off. Noah was happy to have ball under pressure and take it to the line hard. Noah backs his skills and has made superb progress on the rugby pitch this year. His speed has improved enormously, making him tricky to get hold of when he chooses to run. Noah has a brilliant pass off of both hands which travels flat and with real zip. Noah's left foot is the final string to his triple threat bow and he makes great decisions with the ball that he has. It was great to see Noah using all of his skills with the ball in this contest despite the pressure that he was under. I know that I am biased but for me, Noah was one of the strongest players on the pitch and a massive asset to us. Perhaps what impressed me most wasn't his skills but his communication and leadership. When you are under pressure and down on the scoreboard, you look to your leaders to show you the way. Noah kept his head high, his actions and words positive and played hard right until the end of the game.

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Talking of progress, there are lots of boys in Year 9 who have really come on in recent weeks. Caleb Sinton-Hewitt has only really taken to the rugby pitch on a regular basis this year and is learning more and more with each game he plays. Caleb is aggressive off of the line defensively which puts pressure on opposition players. When he gets up in their faces, he often slows down or impedes their progress which is a big boost for us in an area of the game which we find difficult as a year group. Caleb is also starting to really enjoy getting his hands on the ball and carrying with purpose whilst keeping hold of the ball which is a massive bonus! Matthew Thomas was especially busy at the breakdown in this game. Matthew seems to have a knack of getting into great positions over the ball and when he gets his body position right, can be incredibly difficult to shift off of the ball. Matthew won several turnovers for us in this game which I know our defenders were very happy about! Oskar, Arthur and Henry used their rugby experience to great effect whilst Oakley, Zaym and Freddie showed great ball playing skills and enjoyed having possession of the rugby ball. It was a team effort which was just as well as Gordano kept coming at us.





Despite all of their missing team mates, the Year 9 boys gave a good account of themselves. Man of the match was awarded to Harry Hobbs for a superb debut in difficult circumstances!

Hard lines, gents.

Mr Cook

8 GIRLS NETBALL V NAILSEA

Freya continues to enjoy great start to season with second player of the match vote

The St Kath's Year 8 netball squad made a fantastic start against Nailsea School, taking control of the game from the first whistle with confident attacking play, sharp shooting and outstanding defensive pressure.

Isla Bell and Freya Kaszubski were on top form in the shooting circle, demonstrating excellent accuracy and composure to convert their opportunities into goals and establish an early lead for St Kath's. At the other end of the court, Sophie Allen and Chloe Wade were formidable in defence. Reading the game brilliantly, they met the ball early, applied relentless pressure and gave Nailsea no easy route into their attacking circle. Their excellent communication and strong defensive positioning ensured that Nailsea struggled to find a way through. The pressure continued through the centre third, where Ellen MacFarlane, Bessie Whittle and Madison Brocklehurst were outstanding. Their anticipation and determination resulted in a series of crucial interceptions, disrupting Nailsea's centre-pass routines and repeatedly turning stray passes into valuable attacking opportunities for St Kath's.







As the game progressed, Ayla Corrigan and Olivia Buttery-Lewis linked up beautifully in the shooting circle, combining excellent movement and teamwork to extend the lead further. Their contribution ensured that St Kath's maintained their attacking momentum and capitalised on the hard work being done across the court. Despite a surge by Nailsea towards the end of the game, St Kath's were comfortable winners 11-7, with Freya voted player of the match.

It was a superb all-round team performance from the Year 8 squad, with every player contributing to a confident and well-deserved display. Their determination, communication and teamwork were evident throughout, making it a thoroughly successful outing for St Kath's.

Miss Ball

9 GIRLS NETBALL V NAILSEA

Tough opening galvanises team who finish with dominant final quarter display

The Year 9 netball team produced an outstanding performance to secure a 25-5 victory over Nailsea, demonstrating resilience, teamwork and fantastic netball across all four quarters. With a large squad of 12 players available, St Kath's made a positive start to the match. Nadia Ahmed and Jess Summerhayes linked up brilliantly in the shooting circle, combining accurate passing and confident shooting to establish an early 2-0 lead. However, despite some excellent defensive work from Lottie Titley and Mathilda Culverhouse, Nailsea fought back to take the first quarter 4-2.



St Kath's responded superbly in the second quarter, showing great determination and composure to regain control of the game. Millie Warren and Bella Welti worked tirelessly to move the ball through the court, delivering excellent passes into Annie Allen under the post. Annie was clinical in the shooting circle, converting her chances and helping St Kath's turn the game around to lead 6-4 at half-time.

The third quarter saw St Kath's raise their intensity once again. Grace Muzzlewhite and Mya Widdowfield were instrumental in the centre court, demonstrating fantastic movement, communication and anticipation to win possession

and feed the ball into attack. Their excellent work kept Nailsea quiet and allowed St Kath's to extend their advantage to 11-5 heading into the final quarter.





The fourth quarter was a truly dominant display from St Kath's. Maya Ahmed and Xin Jie Chong were exceptional in defence, working seamlessly together to shut down Nailsea's attacking options and keep a clean sheet for the quarter. At the other end, the St Kath's attack was faultless, with confident movement, accurate passing and clinical finishing ensuring the lead continued to grow.

The final whistle confirmed a fantastic 25-5 victory for St Kath's Year 9, capping off an impressive team performance. After a challenging opening quarter, the squad showed tremendous character to turn the game around and dominate the remainder of the match.

Miss Ball

10 BOYS FOOTBALL V CHEW VALLEY

Simmonds wonder goal not enough as boys suffer penalty heartbreak in cup opener

St Katherine's Year 10 football side were left heartbroken in their cup clash against Chew Valley, losing 3-0 in the penalty shootout after an enthralling contest finished 2-2 at full time. Despite the disappointment, St Katherine's produced a determined second-half display and had more than enough opportunities to win the tie in normal time.



The game got off to an excellent start for St Katherine's, who took the lead just before the ten-minute mark through a moment of individual brilliance from Alfie Simmonds. Picking up the ball on the left flank, Simmonds cut inside before unleashing a sensational strike from around 25 yards, curling the ball into the near-side top corner. It was a wonderful finish that set the tone for what promised to be a competitive cup encounter. However, Chew Valley responded by exploiting a ball over the top which bounced awkwardly, allowing their striker to break through one-on-one and slot past the goalkeeper. The equaliser briefly unsettled St Katherine's, and the visitors suffered a further setback just minutes before half-time when Chew Valley found the net with a composed finish from the edge of the penalty area.

Despite going into the break behind, St Katherine's had shown enough quality in the first half to believe there was still a way back into the tie. They had competed well for long periods and were determined to turn the game around after the interval. Leading the response was Dom Kocsis, who delivered an outstanding performance in the number ten role. Kocsis was instrumental in linking midfield and attack, dictating the tempo and consistently looking to unlock the Chew Valley defence. With 20 minutes remaining, he produced the defining moment of the second half, bursting past two opponents and driving into the penalty area before being brought down. Taking responsibility himself, Kocsis stepped up and emphatically converted the resulting penalty to bring St Katherine's level. The equaliser sparked a sustained spell of pressure from St Katherine's, who pushed forward relentlessly in search of a winner. Much of the remaining action took place in the Chew Valley half, with St Katherine's creating three or four excellent opportunities to settle the contest before penalties. Unfortunately, the finishing touch proved elusive, and the match went to a shootout.

There were impressive performances throughout the side. Simmonds was deservedly named Man of the Match after a superb display from the left wing, combining his ability to go either way with dangerous attacking play and a truly outstanding opening goal. George Wherlock was equally influential in midfield, gliding across the pitch with excellent ball control while bringing impressive physicality to the contest. At the back, Louie Aczel and Sam Atkinson provided a strong defensive foundation, with Aczel particularly composed in possession. Thomas Scott worked tirelessly up front, running the channels and putting the Chew Valley defence under pressure from the first whistle to the last. Captain Wilf Fellowes also led by example, providing vocal leadership and matching it with a committed performance on the pitch.

Ultimately, the penalty shootout proved cruel for St Katherine's, who were unable to convert their opportunities as Chew Valley took the tie 3-0 from the spot. Cup football can often be decided by the finest of margins, and this was a particularly difficult one to take given the team's second-half dominance and the chances created. While the result brings their cup campaign to an end, St Katherine's can take considerable pride in their response, attacking intent and team spirit. On another day, the chances created in the closing stages could easily have secured victory, but the performance demonstrated the quality and character within this Year 10 group.

Mr Jones

SENIOR GIRLS HOCKEY V SIDCOT

Senior girls battle to a well-earned draw on hockey pitch away at Sidcot School

The Senior Hockey team travelled to Sidcot for an exciting and closely contested fixture, set against the beautiful backdrop of the North Somerset countryside. The girls demonstrated fantastic teamwork, determination and resilience throughout, earning a well-deserved 1-1 draw.



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St Kath's put in a strong defensive performance, with Sophia Toto and Shannon Barker sharing the central defensive role superbly. Both players organised the back line confidently, made crucial tackles and distributed the ball effectively to create space and attacking opportunities. Their excellent communication and links with Emily Brosa and Lexi Sharp were instrumental in keeping Sidcot at bay. Lexi Sharp, stepping into the team at the last minute, made an immediate impact with some excellent interceptions and strong defensive play. She formed a particularly effective partnership with Lola Dewing on the right, who worked tirelessly to channel opponents into tackles. As the match progressed, Lola grew in confidence, combining beautifully with captain Imogen Slee to produce some excellent passing moves. Imogen led by example with an outstanding work rate, relentlessly closing down opponents and frequently winning possession in one-on-one situations. Serena was equally impressive in the centre of the pitch, providing the engine of the team with her energy, determination and strong tackling. Her penalty corner injections in the closing minutes nearly secured a dramatic winning goal! It was also wonderful to welcome Emily Brosa back for her first match following injury. Emily showed excellent awareness, scanning the pitch before receiving the ball and helping to maintain fluid passing moves. Marla Green was another key contributor, demonstrating strength in her block tackles and linking effectively with the midfield to launch attacks.





Going forward, Isla Powell made some fantastic runs into wide spaces, connecting well with Poppy Smith in midfield and combining effectively with Grace Elliott. Grace's positional awareness was particularly impressive, consistently finding space high up the pitch and creating several promising scoring opportunities, including some exciting one-on-one encounters with the Sidcot goalkeeper. In goal, Carmen produced a series of excellent initial saves and confident clearances, keeping Sidcot off the scoresheet until the final five minutes. Her composure and quick reactions were vital in maintaining St Kath's strong defensive performance.





The whole team should be incredibly proud of their efforts. Their commitment, communication and willingness to work for one another were evident from the first whistle to the last. Sophia Toto was voted player of the match - a thoroughly deserved recognition for her commanding defensive performance, excellent organisation and crucial tackles.

A fantastic team effort and a well-earned draw. Well done, St Kath's!

Mrs Price

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7 BOYS RUGBY BLOCK FIXTURE

Menadue gives tackling and try scoring masterclass during round-robin tournament

On Wednesday 14 October, for just the second time this year a group of Year 7 students boarded the minibus. This time the destination was Worle School in WSM. One bus meant fewer seats than our previous encounters at Clevedon so the 16 boys that represented the school on this occasion were determined to make the most of their opportunity to play. We faced opposition from Worle, Winterstoke and Priory on this occasion and it was great to see the boys with more opportunities to get out on the pitch and learn more about this game. Drawing students from around 50 different primary schools always makes it difficult for team sports in the first couple of years of secondary school. Our teams are starting well behind the curve and still learning each other's names! I've overheard lots of conversations on buses with Year 7 where it sounds as though they know one another already, only for one to turn to the other and finish the conversation with 'what's your name again?' Despite starting on the back foot, there is some serious rugby playing potential in Year 7 and it was great to see it out on the pitches in these three mini matches.



Arthur ALVES-SUSIGAN, Romario BANNISTER, Benjamin BLAKENEY, Felix DAVIS, Ethan EDWARDS, Ben FAIRCLOUGH, Gilbie FELLOWES, Jude HARRYMAN, Magnus HAY, Louie MATTHEWS, Owen MATTHEWS, William MENADUE, Sonny MITCHELL, Billy SANDS, Jacob THOMSON, Billy TRENCHARD

In our first match we faced a Worle team who had a number of strong and quick runners. In fact, one strong runner and one quick runner in particular really tested our defensive work. Those two boys managed to break through several of our attempted tackles to cross our try line but there were lots of boys who demonstrated some unbelievable defence. With Worle having moved the ball wide into the hands of one of their dangerous strike runners, they'd managed to slide around our defence and found themselves looking destined to score. William Menadue had other ideas though and gave great chase from behind to execute an outstanding cover tackle saving Ethan a tackle with him haring over from full back. William's effort drew huge applause and recognition from his team mates which was great to hear and see! Thankfully for us, William wasn't alone in his defensive resolve. Ben Blakeney burrowed deep into mauls when we'd managed to halt Worle runners and hold them up. Ben demonstrated a pretty impressive ability to rip the ball out of the hands of the Worle players in the tight contact to turn over possession. Out on our left wing Sonny Mitchell also made several excellent tackles with textbook technique. Worle were throwing everything at us but we remained determined to stand firm. Eventually, however, their pressure told and they were able to go ahead.

Almost immediately after conceding, we got the ball in our hands and showed what we could do out wide. We'd had possession early in the game and looked to move the ball at every opportunity which was great to see. So often Year 7 can be guilty of tucking the ball under one arm and searching for a heroic solo effort. You can imagine my delight then when Arthur Alves-Susigan dotted down right in the corner with us having worked the ball through several sets of hands from the middle of the pitch. Ethan, Jacob and Magnus were all very happy to draw a Worle player and give a pass which made for some great handling rugby. The quality of the rugby was so good that a teacher from the other pitch came over to me and said how impressed he'd been watching some of our play.

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Worle continued to come at us but we showed great character. Having come from behind thanks to Arthur's try, we needed to find something special again as Worle went ahead once more. Character came in the form of countless SK players. Gilbie made several half breaks down our left wing which saw him make excellent ground before being forced out into touch. Rio did exactly the same down the right hand side which really stretched the Worle defenders. With us banging loudly on the door, Magnus went on a searching run which saw him crash over the line to equalise. It was great to see the boys really up for the fight, producing quality rugby and enjoying the close nature of the game. Unfortunately for us, Worle found another gear late on and scored three late tries in quick succession to take the victory. It felt a little crushing but there was no time to feel sorry for ourselves with Winterstoke ready to play in the next game!

Year 7 rugby can be funny to watch at times. If you'd have looked at possession and territory in this game, we'd have been up on both counts. It seemed like we'd played almost all of the game exclusively in the Winterstoke half and we'd definitely enjoyed more possession than them. We'd probed for a weakness in their defence but seemed to make a few errors which gifted them broken field possession. We became a little frustrated and started to rely on individuals too much, forgetting the joy we'd had in our first match thanks to our willingness to move the ball. On too many occasions the game became a bit of an arm wrestle and only once the ball carrier had stopped going forward did they seek support from what was all too often a stationary team mate! Billy Sands did manage to get some great go forward in this game and always accelerated on to the ball before looking to pass. Jacob Thomson made some big inroads going forward and went on several barrelling runs down the left side of the pitch before Winterstoke managed to halt his advances. Rio caused big problems down his wing but no matter what we tried, Winterstoke kept us out.

Winterstoke remained determined not to let us cross the line and seemed to come up with enough pressure to force us into making a mistake. We had a really clear warning sign of the Winterstoke danger man when we turned the ball over, and their strike runner broke through the heart of our defence leaving him one-on-one with Ethan Edwards who was standing at full back. Ethan set off left and hunted down the breakaway runner with a devastatingly good tackle. It was the tackle of the day against a top runner whom our boys had all pointed out for his size and strength prior to the game even starting. Ethan executed an outstanding tackle but hurt his arm in the process which forced him off the field for the remainder of the afternoon which was a massive blow to us and to Ethan! The firm ground was pretty unforgiving and saw Gilbie and Magnus join Ethan on the side for periods in the same game after they both picked up bumps in contact.

Louie Matthews carried hard against Winterstoke and took the ball to them with real intent. Despite our best efforts we ended up throwing a bad pass, with the ball spilling free or getting isolated only to turn over possession. Frustration definitely crept in and was made worse when Winterstoke scored three runaway tries having not really had a huge amount of possession in our half. We were two games in and with one left to play, it was set to be an interesting finish.





Priory found themselves in a similar position to us having had the same results against the other two teams. Our final game was an even affair but one where we spent large amounts of time in Priory territory with the ball in our hands. Owen and William were superb in possession in this game, both proving extremely difficult to haul down. It was great to see Billy Trenchard enjoy some possession in space in this game and use his footwork to great effect. Felix led superbly

at half back and showed great heart and determination when we were up against it. Jude Harryman struck a few times through the centre of the pitch, but it seemed like no matter what we tried, we couldn't score. For the last 5 minutes of the game we were camped on the Priory try line but just couldn't get across. Eventually William weaved his way over, but it was nothing more than a consolation score with Priory having scored more than one breakaway try earlier in the match.

At the end of the afternoon there were so many positives. We'd enjoyed more time on pitch, stacks of possession and territory in all three games. So many boys were showing huge potential and it was really exciting to watch them play. Man of the tournament was awarded to William Menadue for his amazing tackling and try scoring superpowers!

Great work, gents!

Mr Cook

U15 GIRLS FOOTBALL V MILLFIELD

Cup football for the U15 girls … who else but Millfield?

The St Kath's U15 girls faced a tough challenge against highly respected Millfield School, a school renowned for its sporting excellence. It was a demanding afternoon for the girls, who found themselves under pressure for large periods of the game but showed plenty of determination, resilience and teamwork throughout.

The defensive unit was called upon repeatedly, and the back four put in an excellent shift to keep Millfield at bay. Frankie Packham led the defence superbly, organising those around her and standing firm against Millfield's attacking threat. Nadia Ahmed worked tirelessly alongside Frankie, while Maya Ahmed faced a particularly difficult task against a pacy winger, showing great commitment and determination. Emily Ralph and Bess Greenacre also shared the right-back position, both contributing valuable defensive work as the pressure mounted. In midfield, Harlie Mai Hunt and Chloe Poole worked tirelessly to break down Millfield's play, putting in the hard yards and battling for possession against strong opposition. Further forward, Bella Cook, Bella Welti and Millie Melias worked hard to put pressure on the Millfield defence, looking for opportunities to create chances and get SK on the front foot. In goal, Milly Vowles did her very best to keep the girls in the contest, producing a determined performance in the face of sustained pressure. Despite her efforts and the hard work of those in front of her, St Kath's were ultimately unable to prevent Millfield from securing the victory.

Although the result was disappointing, the girls can take real pride in their effort and commitment against such a formidable sporting school. Facing periods of sustained pressure is never easy, but the team continued to work for one another and showed real character throughout.

Miss Ball

10 BOYS RUGBY V PRIORY

Boys summon individual skill and courage showing plenty of fight in tough contest

St Katherine's Year 10 rugby side faced a challenging afternoon against Priory, battling hard throughout a demanding contest. While the result did not go their way, there were encouraging individual performances across the team, with the players continuing to work for one another and, most importantly, enjoying the experience on the pitch.



From the outset, St Katherine's looked to play with intent, moving the ball quickly and attempting to put Priory under pressure. Finn Blakeney worked tirelessly at scrum-half, looking to get the ball away efficiently and give his teammates the opportunity to attack. Alongside him, Wilf Fellowes impressed at fly-half, showing composure and looking to bring structure to St Katherine's attacking play.

In the forwards, Luke Mills put in a determined shift, carrying hard and competing physically throughout the contest. Josh Richards also caught the eye with his defensive work, putting in some excellent tackles and showing a willingness to stand firm against Priory's attacking runners. With ball in hand, Zach Handcock proved an effective option, carrying strongly and helping St Katherine's make valuable ground. Michail Black offered a different threat, using his pace and impressive footwork to beat defenders and drive the team up the pitch. His ability to find space and accelerate away from opponents gave St Katherine's an important attacking outlet during spells when they looked to build momentum. Thomas Scott provided the highlight of the afternoon by scoring St Katherine's only try. As he has done throughout the season, Scott showed impressive strength and determination with ball in hand, taking on the opposition defence and making his physical presence felt. His try was a deserved reward for the team's efforts and gave the players something to celebrate during a difficult fixture.







Although Priory proved a tough opponent and St Katherine's found it difficult to gain sustained control of the game, the players continued to compete and support one another. There were moments of promise in both attack and defence, with the squad showing a willingness to keep trying different approaches and work hard until the final whistle. Ultimately, the most pleasing aspect was the attitude of the group. Rugby is as much about teamwork, resilience and enjoyment as it is about results, and the Year 10s showed plenty of enthusiasm throughout the contest. The players gained valuable experience, and several made strong individual contributions.

Mr Jones

11 BOYS RUGBY V GORDANO

Physical encounter sees SK battle hard against an experienced Gordano side

The St Katherine's Year 11 boys were involved in an excellent contest against a strong Gordano side, with both teams producing intense, physical and entertaining rugby. Neither side enjoyed sustained dominance. Both teams competed fiercely in contact, and SK showed plenty of ambition with ball in hand, regularly challenging a well-organised defence.





Oscar at fly-half and Stan at scrum-half helped organise the SK attack and move the ball into space. Eddie provided a dependable presence at full-back and contributed to the attacking play. In the forwards, Lennie worked tirelessly in the

second row, while Ziggy and Ronnie were impressive in the front row with powerful carries and physicality in contact. Will Brennan was among the try scorers for SK, while a second St Katherine's try further demonstrated their ability to trouble strong opposition.

Gordano were clinical in punishing mistakes, turning small errors into scoring opportunities and gradually building a comfortable winning margin. Their organisation and experience ultimately made the difference, despite the competitive nature of the contest. Overall it was a fiercely contested game full of physicality and attacking ambition. The boys showed plenty of promise and can be proud of their efforts against excellent opposition.

Mr Dawes

9 BOYS RUGBY V PRIORY

Boys finish term one with a bang on rugby pitch giving their best performance yet

On Thursday 15 October the Year 9 boys were in action for their final friendly game of the term with a visit from Priory School. The going has been tough for the Year 9 boys so far this season as they've found themselves up against some strong opposition, often depleted in numbers due to injury and unavailability. If you looked at the scorecard for this match, you'd assume that there weren't many positives to come from the game. You'd also assume that there wasn't much of a contest that took place. I am proud to say that couldn't be further from the truth. What actually unfolded was a proper game of rugby. Priory were the stronger of the two sides, without a doubt. However, there was a contest from the first whistle to the last and our efforts brought some great rugby out of the Priory boys who, if anything, raised their level in the second half and continued to play hard such was the challenge they faced.



Wills ARMSTRONG, Mason CHALLENGER, Ben CHAMBERS, Ned FELLOWES, Kayden FISHLEY, Harrison HOBBS, Isaac ISOM, Arthur MAGDA-SMITH, Henry MENADUE, Faelan SAVY, Elliott SIMS, Caleb SINTON-HEWITT, Charlie STOKES, Matthew THOMAS, Noah THORN, Freddie TRENCHARD, Noah WOODS, Zaym ZAHEER

Inside the first 10 minutes of the game, we'd conceded three converted tries and were gathered under the posts in what has been an all-too-familiar situation over the last few weeks. Once more the boys found themselves facing strong opposition. In all of the contests we've been in so far, we have definitely come second in terms of size, physicality and strength. This game was no different with the average size of the Priory boys quite some way bigger than ours. Something felt different in this match though and it seemed that with every point that we conceded, we raised our level further still. Priory asked some serious questions of us, and we threw everything we had at them to answer them.

It's no secret that we've found defending hard this year. Defending isn't just about tackling, there's so much more that you can do to be a good defender for your team and our boys really fronted up in defence. To give you just a couple of examples, in the first half a Priory defender crossed the try line for probably the fifth or sixth time only to find that he was held up and driven back off of our line thanks to some courageous defensive work. I can't recall the boys who were involved in this mammoth defensive effort, but it was certainly more than one! Noah Woods, with help from a teammate, forced another Priory attacker out into touch-in-goal with Priory having crossed the line once more. The character that the

boys were showing in defence of their try line gave me a great sense of pride and gave them a massive boost too. We showed huge heart in defence and courage in the tackle with Mason Challenger leading the way once more. Mason's ability to get low, hit hard and chop down ball carriers reminds me of Sam Underhill - he's just got the knack for it! Harry Hobbs was brave once more in just his second game for the school but he wasn't alone. With Priory poised five metres from our try line and set for a pick-and-go, Faelan Savy stood firm and tried to halt the carrier who was at least twice his size. Isaac Isom worked so hard to get off the line and get up in the face of his opponents to give himself every advantage he could when he was defending. Wills wasn't afraid of a tackle either and hauled down more than his fair share of Priory players. If it sounds as though all we did was defend in the first half, that's probably about right on reflection. We just couldn't get hold of the ball nor get any go forward.

In attack in the first half we tried everything we could to go forward with the ball in hand. Noah fizzed a couple of passes into the hands of some runners who were prepared to put their hand up. Noah Thorn was the first SK boy to make any inroads into the Priory defensive line but they soon got him to ground and turned him over. The two Noahs combined brilliantly as our main attacking threats in the first 20 minutes but it was tough going. They supported each other well as we looked to keep the ball alive. The speed of our handling was impressive and we moved the ball at pace. We worked it wide into Wills' hands as well as Freddie's hands but what we couldn't get was any go forward. I think it's fair to say we exhausted our handling options in the first half as boys searched for a way up the pitch without giving the ball away freely. We just kept running into the Priory wall. On six occasions in the first half we gathered under the posts, stayed positive and went back out to face the challenge head on.







At half time I quizzed the boys about how they could try and earn themselves the territory that I felt that they deserved in the second half. Noah replied quickly - 'kick'. Noah was right, we had to try something different. I asked Noah to kick well, I asked the boys to chase well, and I asked everyone to understand the dangers that come with kicking the ball away. If we thought we'd found it hard to defend Priory's threats when we were set ready, defending them from broken field ball would be harder still. With Noah under the high ball from the second half restart I thought I knew what to expect when he gathered it. To my surprise, Noah elected to pass and moved the ball left to Wills and Noah Thorn who both made ground. Noah Woods had spotted some space and made a great decision despite being given licence to kick. Eventually we did choose to kick with Wills and Ben Chambers both giving superb chase. The boys set off after the ball and enjoyed finally stretching their legs. The boys pressured Priory well and we finally found ourselves slightly further up field albeit without the ball. It's funny how some territory means boys are a little closer to the try line and run the ball with a little more intent. Ned, Isaac, Henry and Matthew all made ground with ball in hand which was great to see.

Priory kept coming at us in the second half but the boys remained in the fight. Oskar and Noah defended well at half back but they were joined by a whole complement of SK players. Charlie Stokes epitomises what it means to defend in our team when he hurries opposition players and arrives with a determination to slow them down like nobody else! The strength of Charlie's grip on your shirt is infamous - once he's got a hold of you, he's not letting go! Priory continued to search for ways to score and we continued to make it harder for them. Whilst we had more joy with the boot, it also led to one of Priory's best scores. I can't describe to you how hard we made them work for that score and how good their rugby was to capitalise on the opportunity. I will give it a go! Noah kicked downfield and Ben and Wills both gave great chase. The boys got to the kick receiver and made the follow up tackle only for a Priory winger to loop around to pick up the offload from the floor as Wills tried to jackal. Their winger came at pace and got to the outside of our defensive line before making a break. Having chased the initial kick, Ben Chambers chased him back down the pitch only to haul him down just as he entered our 22. It was a monumental feat which showed Ben's superior speed and conditioning. As the Priory winger was going to ground in the tackle, he got away an outrageous offload to a brilliant support runner who had somehow managed to keep up with him. As soon as the support runner caught the offload, Faelan unloaded everything he had into the next tackle to stop Priory going over the line. A third ridiculous offload came and Priory were under the posts despite a superb kick chase and even better follow up defence from our boys. That moment encapsulated what was happening on the pitch in the second half - we raised our level and forced Priory to raise theirs.

We played so much more positively in the second half and the boys played with the courage to attack and defend. All of a sudden, the scoreboard went out of the window and nobody on our team cared how much we were losing by. We didn't

care because we were throwing everything we had at Priory. Kayden carried well into contact in the second half whilst Noah and Noah continued to toil away and prove themselves hard to ground. Mason Challenger got his hands on the ball in the second half too and put his leg drive to work in attack rather than in defence! Harry Hobbs showed an outstanding piece of footwork to sidestep a Priory defender just inside of our half. I've seen Harry play two games now and on both occasions his step has meant he's left defenders lunging forward at his shadow - it's become a trademark of his already!

Ultimately, we were well beaten by a strong Priory team, but the boys competed from start to finish. They gave a performance they can be proud of. The biggest compliment they can take was that Priory never let off. They actually upped their level in the second half and played even better rugby such was the level of challenge we provided. Man of the match was awarded to Noah Thorn - as someone who didn't play much rugby at all in Year 7, Noah is making up for lost time in Year 9!

There was a lovely atmosphere on the pitch between the two sets of players. In fact, it was the most enjoyable game I can recall being a part of for a long time. Priory deserve a special mention for their conduct and approach to the game, led by their captain Charlie who was outstanding in all aspects. There was a mutual respect between the teams and at the final whistle it was great to see them come together to congratulate one another.



Well done gentlemen - watching you play with such heart and determination in tough circumstances made me really proud. Stick together and stick at it - this is a talented year group full of brilliant characters with lots more still to come back into the fold!

Mr Cook

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

More than 500 runners post impressive times around our stunning school course

Just as attentions turn to the end of the first school term of the year, our focus shifts to cross country; our first house sport competition of the academic year. Ask them at the time and the runners might not have told you just how good our school site looks at this time of the year. We've been blessed with the weather in term 1 too which meant that our course looked absolutely beautiful as runners all gave huge efforts for themselves and for their houses.

I got on my soapbox again in the week leading up to the events as we prepared students to do their best. I hope my message this year was clear - nobody hates moving under their own steam, they hate how it makes them feel when they go too fast! I'm a firm believer that human beings have an in-built drive to move. For some it's buried a little deeper than for others but it's there for all of us. It irks me when children and adults moan about cross country because for me, they are missing the point entirely! Cross country is all about moving under your own steam and enjoying moving under your own steam. Sure, there will be those that want to race but my message to them was clear this year. If you're there to race, you make that choice knowing that it might hurt, it might make you feel unpleasant and you might have to push yourself to the point where it's uncomfortable. However, if you just want to do your best for your house then move at your own speed.

Far from yelling at students to speed up around the course, I find that I spend most of my time telling students to slow down and pace themselves. It's so easy to go too quickly when you feel good at the start of the run. I dispelled the myth that walking is a sin in cross country. Moving at a pace that you can enjoy is the most important thing for the majority of our students. For me cross country is about moving, learning to enjoy moving, enjoying how moving makes them feel, enjoying the encouragement that you get from a large group of people doing the same thing as you, enjoying the feeling of accomplishment you get when you cross the line and enjoying the power of personal best. Best efforts look very different for different people. The runner who comes first and the runner who crosses the line last can both give their best efforts and each one deserves equal recognition.

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If students don't take part in cross country, then I think they're missing out. They're missing out on moving, socialising, accomplishing and enjoying doing all of those things outdoors. Just look at how beautiful our school site is!



This year our house event had a bit of a shake up as the changes to the English Schools Athletics Association age groups came into effect in schools. From this year onwards, Year 7 and Year 8 students run together, Year 9 and 10 students run together, Year 11 and 12 run together and Year 13 run all on their own.

In line with the guidance from the ESAA, we modified our race distances and categories which means that some records will exist without challenge moving forward and for other race distances, this year's winning times establish new records. I'll do my best to outline the changes that we have made in school for the different year groups below!

In Year 7, 8 & 9 - all students run with everyone's time counting to the house average. Runners who don't post a time are given a default time of 60 minutes.

Year 7 girls and boys run the same distance which is now slightly further than Year 7 ran before to reflect the challenge of the combination with the year group above.

Year 8 girls and boys run the same distance which is now slightly less distance than Year 8 ran before to make the race distance more suitable for the younger of the two age groups.

Year 9 girls and boys run the same distance they have always run.

In Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 - running is optional with teams of up to 8 competing in Year 10 as well as Year 11, 12 and 13 races. Runners earn points against a benchmark time. Running the benchmark exactly scores 100 points. Faster than the benchmark earns more points while slower than the benchmark earns fewer points.

At the older age groups, athletes run different distances in line with the guidelines for their age and gender.

Year	Gender	Course	Race Distance
7	Girls	D	1960m
	Boys	D	1960m
8	Girls	D	1960m
	Boys	D	1960m
9	Girls	B	2655m
	Boys	B	2655m
10	Girls	B	2655m
	Boys	C	3965m
11	Girls	G	3270m
	Boys	H	4580m
12	Girls	G	3270m
	Boys	H	4580m
13	Girls	C	3965m
	Boys	E	5275m

For the second year running, we've had an incredibly dry summer which meant that the course was bone dry underfoot.

This year we had 516 runners post times around our course with a whole host of fantastic efforts.

Historically the jump in race distance for our mass races occurred from Year 7 to Year 8. Now the jump is from Year 8 to Year 9 although this year's Year 8 have run further than they did last year due to the first year of the new race distances and this year's Year 9 have actually run the same distance they did last year.

It was impressive work from Year 9 who posted the highest % of improvers!

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Aspect | Year	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Course	D	D	B	B | C	G | H
Distance (m)	1960	1960	2655	2655 | 3965	3270 | 4580
All time average time	15:25	14:03	19:16	17:43 | 22:21	24:41 | 24:33
2026 average time	15:25	14:03	19:03	17:43 | 23:38	24:41 | 24:33
Total runners	178	164	139	20	15
Runners with old data	n/a	145	116	20	13
Increase in distance?	n/a	Y	N	N | Y	Y
Improvers	n/a	65	78	9	5
Improver %	n/a	45%	67%	45%	38%

Read all about a brilliant cross country competition below. Quite deliberately, the information below doesn't include the avoiders and the opt-outers, this is all about those who buy in. We enjoyed some brilliant tactical racing, massive physical efforts, smart pacing, new record-setters, record-breakers, steady-pacers, big improvers, endeavour award winners, beaming smiles, plenty of chat and laughter, lots of thumbs up and our school fields littered with students moving under their own steam!

Roll of Honour

Below you can see the top finishers in each of the races over the years.

Year	7 Girls	8 Girls	9 Girls	10 Girls	11 Girls
2026	**Ayse Hira Celebi**	**Francesca Huey**	**Millie Warren**	**Livie Richardson**	**Freya Smith**
2025	Francesca Huey	Millie Warren	Blythe Martineau	Eve Ward	Maisie Thorn
2024	Millie Warren	Lola A.R.	Eve Ward	Heidi Martineau	Manon Herzog
2023	Blythe Martineau	Eve Ward	Heidi Martineau		Eva Hayes
2022	Eve Ward	Heidi Martineau	Manon Herzog	Eva Hayes	Leah Wardingley
2021	Heidi Martineau	Tianna Grigg	Eva Hayes	Leah Wardingley	Scarlett Newby
2020	Anaiya Brady	Eva Hayes	Leah Wardingley		Maya V.H.
2019	Thea Sheldon	Leah Wardingley	Rose Barker	Maya V.H.	Judit Molnar
2018	Leah Wardingley	Rose Barker	Leah Porter	Judit Molnar	Ruby Webber
2017	Jamie Packham	Leah Porter	Judit Molnar		
2016	Maya Matthews	Judit Molnar	Ruby Webber		
2015	Judit Molnar	Ava Heglar	Elise Wear		
2014	Molly Peppin	Ella Burgess	Antonia Khalif		
2013	Sophie Porch	Antonia Khalif	Lili Harvey		

Year	7 Boys	8 Boys	9 Boys	10 Boys	11 Boys
2026	**Theo Dingwall**	**Mason Richards**	**Isaac Isom**	**Wilf Fellowes**	**George Hallford**
2025	Mason Richards	Isaac Isom	Wilf Fellowes	Oscar Warren	Connor Chick
2024	Ned Fellowes	Wilf Fellowes	Oscar Warren	Connor Chick	Marcus Perry
2023	Wilf Fellowes	Oscar Warren	Connor Chick	Marcus Perry	Joel Martineau
2022	Oscar Warren	Connor Chick	Ben Palmer	Joel Martineau	Cosmo Browne
2021	Freddie Franklin	Luca J.N.	Abdul Yusuf	Josh Harvey	Mo Warsame
2020	Dan Stokes	Joel Martineau	Charlie Topp	Mo Warsame	Lewis Cole
2019	Joel Martineau	Jake Packham	Najiib Yusuf	Hugh Lewis	Jazper Peacey
2018	Jake Packham	Gabe AF	Hugh Lewis	Mursal Sharif	Finn O'Rourke
2017	Ryan Bundy	Corey Garland	Mursal Sharif		
2016	Isaac Adebo	Jazper Peacey	Henry Welch		
2015	Jazper Peacey	Joe Harvey	Caolán Pearce		
2014	Joe Harvey	Caolán Pearce	Ciaran DH		
2013	Caolán Pearce	Jude Noon	Dan Parslow		

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Current Records

School Records (archived records shown in grey following changes to English Schools age groups in 2026)

Year & Course		Girls	Boys
7	A	Heidi Martineau | 6 minutes 40 seconds (2021)	Joel Martineau | 6 minutes 25 seconds (2019)
7	F	Blythe Martineau | 4 minutes 40 seconds (2023)	Wilf Fellowes | 4 minutes 23 seconds (2023)
7	D	**Ayse Hira Celebi** | 9 minutes 36 seconds (2026)	**Theo Dingwall** | 7 minutes 46 seconds (2026)
8	B	Heidi Martineau | 10 minutes 41 seconds (2022)	Oscar Warren & Wilf Fellowes | 10 minutes 27 seconds (2023) & (2024)
8	D	**Mason Richards** | 7 minutes 50 seconds (2026)	**Francesca Huey** | 9 minutes 27 seconds (2026)
9	B	**Eve Ward** | 11 minutes 09 seconds (2024)	**Oscar Warren** | 10 minutes 07 seconds (2024)
10	C	Eve Ward | 16 minutes 44 seconds (2025)	**Wilf Fellowes** | 14 minutes 35 seconds (2026)
10	B	**Livie Richardson** | 13 minutes 58 seconds (2026)	
11	C	Judit Molnar | 18 minutes 35 seconds (2019)	Marcus Perry | 14 minutes 30 seconds (2024)
11	G	**Freya Smith** | 17 minutes 45 seconds (2026)	
11	H		**George Hallford** | 16 minutes 47 seconds (2026)

Best in School Records (best course times for current members of the school community only)

Year & Course		Girls	Boys
7	D	**Ayse Hira Celebi** | 9 minutes 36 seconds (2026)	**Theo Dingwall** | 7 minutes 46 seconds (2026)
8	D	**Mason Richards** | 7 minutes 50 seconds (2026)	**Francesca Huey** | 9 minutes 27 seconds (2026)
9	B	**Eve Ward** | 11 minutes 09 seconds (2024)	**Oscar Warren** | 10 minutes 07 seconds (2024)
10	C		**Wilf Fellowes** | 14 minutes 35 seconds (2026)
10	B	**Livie Richardson** | 13 minutes 58 seconds (2026)	
11	G	**Freya Smith** | 17 minutes 45 seconds (2026)	
11	H		**George Hallford** | 16 minutes 47 seconds (2026)

Year 7

Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Girls	Ayse Hira Celebi *Turing*	Neave Griffin *Turing*	Maisie Allen *Stephenson*
Boys	Theo Dingwall *Turing*	James Bridge *Yousafzai*	Elliott Hooper *Turing*

Year 7 took on a brand new race distance this year but wouldn't have been any the wiser what with this being their first house cross country event at St Katherine's. Historically, students have run 1.7km but this year and moving forward the distance was 1.960km which meant that the winners were new school record holders by default. With students running in their normal PE lessons, we had two separate races and had a podium finisher from each of the races in the girls' event whilst the top 3 all came from the same boys' race.

In the girls' race it was Ayse Hira who crossed the line first with her effort of 9:36 the winning time. Ayse Hira and Neave were locked in a pretty fierce battle all of the way around the beautiful course with just one second separating the girls on the finishing line. Amazingly, despite running in a completely different race, Maisie Allen finished just two seconds behind Neave meaning that our top 3 racers were split by just 3 seconds! Despite the race distance increasing, the top 15 girls all crossed the line having run at an average race pace of under 6 minutes and 30 seconds per kilometre. There were stacks of fantastic efforts from across the field but in the team competition it was Yousafzai who finished with the quickest average time of 16:57 which just proves my point about participation being rewarded. The highest placed individual

athlete from Yousafzai finished in 6th yet their house finished top because every single one of their girls crossed the finish line to post a time - the only house where this was the case in the girls' races.





In the boys' race all three podium finishers came from the same race and all ran excellent times. Theo Dingwall was some way out in front and determined to post a fast effort. Theo actually ended up running the quickest time of any athlete from Year 7 or Year 8 which is a pretty impressive achievement! James Bridge finished just a smidge over 8 minutes for his 1.22-mile effort to claim the silver medal whilst 11 seconds later, Elliott Hooper crossed the line to make sure that the gold and bronze medals went the way of Turing house. Gilbie Fellowes ran a superb race and can consider himself mightily unlucky that he was 43 seconds clear of his next nearest competitor when he crossed the line. It's pretty tricky to push yourself when you've got no guide for your pace. I'm sure that Gilbie will feel like he could have contested the medals had he run with the boys on the other side. In the team competition, participation was rewarded once more as Turing were the only house where all of the boys posted a time meaning that they finished with the lowest average effort of 13:25. Considering that the average time for all of the boys this year was 14:31, that's a pretty impressive statistic!





Special mentions to the athletes below who made it into the top 10

1. Ayse Hira CELEBI (Turing) - 9:36 for 1.218 miles @ 07:52 min/mi
2. Neave GRIFFIN (Turing) - 9:37 for 1.218 miles @ 07:53 min/mi
3. Maisie ALLEN (Stephenson) - 9:39 for 1.218 miles @ 07:55 min/mi
4. Lily GREEN (Turing) - 9:59 for 1.218 miles @ 08:11 min/mi
5. Bethan TOWNLEY (Pankhurst) - 10:04 for 1.218 miles @ 08:15 min/mi
6. Charlotte BIGWOOD (Yousafzai) - 10:17 for 1.218 miles @ 08:26 min/mi
7. Adèle CAUBLOT CLAVEL (Pankhurst) - 10:56 for 1.218 miles @ 08:58 min/mi
8. Emma STREET (Stephenson) - 11:04 for 1.218 miles @ 09:05 min/mi
9. Emma NUGENT (Stephenson) - 11:24 for 1.218 miles @ 09:21 min/mi
10. Jocelyn ARDEN (Yousafzai) - 11:28 for 1.218 miles @ 09:24 min/mi

1. Theo DINGWALL (Turing) - 7:46 for 1.218 miles @ 06:22 min/mi
2. James BRIDGE (Yousafzai) - 8:05 for 1.218 miles @ 06:38 min/mi
3. Elliott HOOPER (Turing) - 8:16 for 1.218 miles @ 06:47 min/mi
4. Gilbie FELLOWES (Stephenson) - 8:35 for 1.218 miles @ 07:02 min/mi
5. Felix DAVIS (Yousafzai) - 8:38 for 1.218 miles @ 07:05 min/mi
6. Billy TRENCHARD (Turing) - 8:38 for 1.218 miles @ 07:05 min/mi
7. Billy SANDS (Stephenson) - 9:14 for 1.218 miles @ 07:34 min/mi
8. Magnus HAY (Stephenson) - 9:18 for 1.218 miles @ 07:38 min/mi
9. Owen MATTHEWS (Pankhurst) - 9:22 for 1.218 miles @ 07:41 min/mi
10. Arthur ALVES-SUSIGAN (Turing) - 9:30 for 1.218 miles @ 07:47 min/mi
10. Preston COLE (Pankhurst) - 9:30 for 1.218 miles @ 07:47 min/mi

Every year we also pick out two athletes who win endeavour awards. The endeavour award isn't decided until every runner has crossed the line. Every year the award goes to the athlete who finishes exactly one third of the way through their race field. The thinking behind the award is that it will go to a student who has worked hard to finish in a strong position but otherwise wouldn't get recognised as one of the top finishers. As well as two endeavour awards, we also recognise our biggest pace improvers. Obviously, we won't be able to make any judgements about pace improvement until runners from Year 7 go again next year when they are in Year 8!

Well done to everyone in Year 7 who completed the course!

Endeavour Awards	Isla Thorn	Ben Blakeney

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Year 8

Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Girls	Francesca Huey *Turing*	Audrey Griffiths *Pankhurst*	Mollie Smith *Stephenson*
Boys	Mason Richards *Pankhurst*	Rupert Harrison *Yousafzai*	Sebastian Carr *Yousafzai*

In the girls' race it was a title retained for Turing's Francesca Huey when she crossed the line in 9 minutes and 27 seconds to post the fastest time of any Year 7 and 8 girl on the course this year. It must have felt to Francesca like she was a long way clear of the field what with the next nearest competitor in her race coming home in 10:54 but on the other side of the year there was some seriously close racing going on. Audrey Griffiths and Mollie Smith were locked in a battle all the way around the course and ended up finishing with just one second separating them. Audrey nudged ahead ever so slightly at the finish line but Mollie gave everything she had in search of her best time. We'll recognise her efforts below but my goodness, the improvement from Abi Richardson this year was off the scale. Abi finished in fourth with a time of 10:23 which was 4:15 per mile quicker than last year! Josefine and Esme both gave huge efforts too and I was so proud of them for pushing themselves all the way around. There was just one Turing girl who didn't post a time around the course which was the reason that Turing Year 8 girls finished with an average time of 16:52 which was a couple of minutes better than Stephenson who finished in second.





In the boys' race it was Mason Richards who was desperate to prove himself and boy did he succeed! Mason was so keen to race that when he fell ill on his race day, he was gutted. Desperate to retain his title from Year 7, Mason ran with the other half of the year group. How can you refuse someone so keen to run? As it turned out, it worked out well for Mason and he chose the right race. Mason finished with a time of 7:50 but the fastest time on the other side of the year was 8:12. Mason took the gold but Rupert Harrison continued his fantastic start to the school year with a brilliant silver medal. Rupert has already impressed on the rugby pitch and football pitch and when he went out hard for his first lap, we wondered whether he might suffer later on. Suffer he did but he hauled himself across the finish line just four seconds clear of Sebastian with a time of 7:57. Sebastian pushed Ru and Mason all the way and looked strong into the finish with his effort of 8:01 for the bronze medal. Josh Coley and Hugo were both close at the end, as were Seb and Arlie. Every single Pankhurst boy recorded a time on the course, and they were the only house to do so. No surprises then that they finished with the best average of 11:32 with the other three houses all in the teens.





Special mentions to the athletes below who made it into the top 10

1. Francesca HUEY (Turing) - 9:27 for 1.218 miles @ 07:45 min/mi
2. Audrey GRIFFITHS (Pankhurst) - 9:42 for 1.218 miles @ 07:57 min/mi
3. Mollie SMITH (Stephenson) - 9:43 for 1.218 miles @ 07:58 min/mi
4. Abi RICHARDSON (Stephenson) - 10:23 for 1.218 miles @ 08:31 min/mi
5. Josefine ALVES (Turing) - 10:54 for 1.218 miles @ 08:56 min/mi
5. Esme PALMER-BEWLEY (Turing) - 10:54 for 1.218 miles @ 08:56 min/mi
5. Cara HARRISON (Turing) - 10:54 for 1.218 miles @ 08:56 min/mi
8. Madison BROCKLEHURST (Yousafzai) - 11:28 for 1.218 miles @ 09:24 min/mi
9. Aaliyah BAMBURY (Turing) - 11:42 for 1.218 miles @ 09:36 min/mi
10. Rosie MARSHALL (Yousafzai) - 11:44 for 1.218 miles @ 09:37 min/mi

1. Mason RICHARDS (Pankhurst) - 7:50 for 1.218 miles @ 06:25 min/mi
2. Rupert HARRISON (Yousafzai) - 7:57 for 1.218 miles @ 06:31 min/mi
3. Sebastian CARR (Yousafzai) - 8:01 for 1.218 miles @ 06:34 min/mi
4. Joshua COLEY (Yousafzai) - 8:06 for 1.218 miles @ 06:39 min/mi
5. Hugo JOHN (Pankhurst) - 8:12 for 1.218 miles @ 06:44 min/mi
6. Seb EDWARDS (Pankhurst) - 8:22 for 1.218 miles @ 06:52 min/mi
7. Arlie PARKER (Turing) - 8:24 for 1.218 miles @ 06:53 min/mi
8. Zach ROBERTS (Turing) - 8:44 for 1.218 miles @ 07:10 min/mi
9. Frankie MAURICE (Pankhurst) - 8:45 for 1.218 miles @ 07:11 min/mi
10. Kasra AMINZAD (Yousafzai) - 8:52 for 1.218 miles @ 07:16 min/mi

There were 65 students who ran the increased distance from last year at a faster pace than they ran last year which is pretty impressive. Some of the improvers were ridiculous! Darci Thomas takes the prize for the biggest improver in pace with a massive 6 minutes per mile improvement. Abi Richardson, we have mentioned above and her race this year was 4:15 per mile faster! Jake and James enjoyed similar improvements of around 3 and a half minutes per mile which is a massive difference. It's so good to see so many students pushing themselves all the way down to those that ran seconds per mile quicker.

Congratulations to the two Year 8 winners of the Endeavour Award and also to the biggest Year 8 pace improvers. Well done to everyone in Year 8 who completed the course!

Endeavour Awards	Ellie Sage	Douglas Henderson

Pace Improver Awards	Darci Thomas	Abi Richardson	Jake Davis	James Popel

Year 9

Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Girls	Millie Warren *Turing*	Rosie Martin *Turing*	Nadia Ahmed *Stephenson*
Boys	Isaac Isom *Turing*	Rex Artus *Yousafzai*	Ben Chambers *Yousafzai*

In the girls' race it was three from three for Millie Warren who retained her title once more. Those who know Millie will know that she is a pretty determined character. As an impressive sprinter, Millie will probably tell you that cross country running isn't top of her list of favourite athletics disciplines. A race is a race though and Millie loves to race. Millie took the gold with her time of 11:49 which was 38 seconds per mile quicker than the pace she covered the same distance last year. Closely behind Millie, crossing with a time of 11:54, was Rosie Martin. Rosie's middle distance running exploits in the summer were clear for everyone to see and so to watch her back it up on the cross country course was great. Again, Rosie picked up her pace from last year by more than 90 seconds per mile! Nadia Ahmed crossed to claim the bronze for Stephenson as the top 3 all came from the same Year 9 girls' race. The next three racers all came from the other side of the year so I am sure that Minna, Maya and Lilly would be interested to see how much quicker they could go against the top 3. In the team competition it was the Turing girls who finished with the best average time by some margin. Unfortunately, all four houses had runners without times but Turing had the fewest so it was no surprise to see them take victory with an average time of 25:54. Course B which is the course that Year 9 run has the most data and this year's average time of 20:47 is slightly below the all-time average for Year 9 girls at 21:26.







In the boys' race it was victory for Isaac Isom who retained his title from Year 8. The top three finishers all came from the same race with Isaac crossing in 10:31, Rex in 10:34 and Ben in 10:47. It has become customary for Ned and Tom to find themselves locked in a pretty intense head-to-head whenever there is any distance racing to be done. Ned went out ahead for the majority of the race but Tom kept the gap close enough to pip him on a sprint finish to the line. The boys finished with the same time but Tom took the spot ahead of Ned based on position. Impressively for the Year 9 boys, almost all of the top finishers improved on their pace from last year. You've got to go down as far as 29th place to find a boy notably slower than last year and even then, they were only 14 seconds per mile slower. The team competition for

the Year 9 boys was won by Yousafzai with only two boys missing times. Yousafzai's average time was 22:11 which beat the second place effort of Turing who recorded an average of 24:58. This year's Year 9 boys posted an average time of 17:31 with the all-time average for Year 9 boys at 17:36.







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1. Millie WARREN (Turing) - 11:49 for 1.65 miles @ 07:09 min/mi
2. Rosie MARTIN (Turing) - 11:54 for 1.65 miles @ 07:12 min/mi
3. Nadia AHMED (Stephenson) - 12:33 for 1.65 miles @ 07:36 min/mi
4. Minna BADDELEY (Yousafzai) - 13:59 for 1.65 miles @ 08:28 min/mi
5. Maya AHMED (Stephenson) - 14:01 for 1.65 miles @ 08:29 min/mi
6. Lilly BARRETT (Turing) - 14:12 for 1.65 miles @ 08:36 min/mi
7. Mathilda CULVERHOUSE (Yousafzai) - 14:15 for 1.65 miles @ 08:38 min/mi
8. Amelia JOHNSON (Pankhurst) - 14:36 for 1.65 miles @ 08:50 min/mi
9. Hollie FERGUSON (Turing) - 14:49 for 1.65 miles @ 08:58 min/mi
10. Bella WELTI (Stephenson) - 15:06 for 1.65 miles @ 09:09 min/mi

1. Isaac ISOM (Turing) - 10:31 for 1.65 miles @ 06:22 min/mi
2. Rex ARTUS (Yousafzai) - 10:34 for 1.65 miles @ 06:24 min/mi
3. Ben CHAMBERS (Yousafzai) - 10:47 for 1.65 miles @ 06:32 min/mi
4. Tom WINTER (Pankhurst) - 11:02 for 1.65 miles @ 06:41 min/mi
4. Ned FELLOWES (Stephenson) - 11:02 for 1.65 miles @ 06:41 min/mi
6. Noah THORN (Stephenson) - 11:20 for 1.65 miles @ 06:52 min/mi
7. Vincent HENNESSY-PRICE (Stephenson) - 11:21 for 1.65 miles @ 06:52 min/mi
8. Asa FISHBOURNE (Stephenson) - 11:26 for 1.65 miles @ 06:55 min/mi
9. Jasper HALLFORD (Turing) - 11:30 for 1.65 miles @ 06:58 min/mi
10. Arthur MAGDA-SMITH (Stephenson) - 11:36 for 1.65 miles @ 07:01 min/mi

Of the 139 runners who recorded times, 78 of them recorded times which were quicker than the pace they ran at last year. This makes Year 9 the best year group in terms of improvement. The vast majority of those times are significant pace improvements. Mason Challenger recorded a time which was 5 minutes per mile quicker this year in comparison with last year. Hailey Marshall and Louisa were another two runners who were both more than 5 minutes per mile quicker - that's a crazy improvement. Charlie Young was another big improver with a pace of 8:11 per mile this year which was more than 4 minutes per mile quicker. The number of pace improvers in Year 9 is quite staggering.

Congratulations to the two Year 9 winners of the Endeavour Award and also to the biggest Year 9 pace improvers. Well done to everyone in Year 9 who completed the course!

Endeavour Awards	Holly Ford	Faelan Savy

Pace Improver Awards	Mason Challenger	Hailey Marshall	Louisa Drane	Charlie Young

Year 10

Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Girls	Livie Richardson *Stephenson*	Amelie Payne *Yousafzai*	Plum Marris *Stephenson*
Boys	Wilf Fellowes *Stephenson*	Thomas Scott *Pankhurst*	Zach Handcock *Stephenson*

Racing takes on a slightly different feel for the older year group as teams of runners compete for points. The team racing is mixed which means that girls and boys run together in the same teams, despite covering different distances. The Year 10 girls covered a distance of 2.655km with the benchmark time sitting at 16:56. The Year 10 boys covered a distance of 3.965km with a benchmark time of 20:31. When a runner records a time, that equates to a number of points depending on how it relates to the benchmark time. The further under the benchmark you are, the more points you earn. The top 4 point scorers in each team contribute to the team total.

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Sorting the runners by benchmark points makes for some interesting reading! By any measure you like, Wilf Fellowes was the class of the Year 10 field covering his race distance in 14:35 and earning 141 points for his team. Not only was Wilf the top performer in Year 10, but he was also the only athlete this year to break a pre-existing record. Wilf's finishing time was 34 seconds quicker than that of Marcus Perry when he ran back in 2023. Marcus was a great runner with his endurance stemming from his pedigree as an international orienteering competitor. The next highest points scorer was Thomas Scott with his time of 15:31 earning him 133 points for Pankhurst. Livie Richardson took the prize as the third best relative runner with her effort of 13:58 earning her Stephenson team 122 points. Amelie Payne was the next best finisher with her time of 14:30 contributing 117 points for Yousafzai. Plum picked up the bronze medal in the girls' race running her race at more than 1 minute per mile quicker than the pace she ran at last year. It was Zach Handcock who claimed the bronze medal in the boys' event with his time of 17:57 scoring 115 points for Stephenson. In the team competition, Stephenson finished top of the pile with 488 points, Pankhurst were second with 379 points, Yousafzai third with 342 points which meant Turing finished last with 320 points.





For the male runners, there was an increase in the race distance which meant that running at a quicker pace was perhaps less likely. 9 of the 20 athletes managed it with Ria Scanlan and Plum Marris the biggest of the improvers. Ria's time was a crazy 3:51 per mile faster whilst Plum's was 1:25 per mile quicker. Billy Morgan posted the biggest improvement of any of the male runners, finding an extra 50 seconds per mile in comparison with last year.

Special mentions to the athletes below who made it into the top 5

1. Livie RICHARDSON (Stephenson) - 13:58 for 1.65 miles @ 08:27 min/mi
2. Amelie PAYNE (Yousafzai) - 14:30 for 1.65 miles @ 08:47 min/mi
3. Plum MARRIS (Stephenson) - 16:45 for 1.65 miles @ 10:08 min/mi
4. Emily RALPH (Stephenson) - 17:04 for 1.65 miles @ 10:20 min/mi
5. Jarra TOURAY (Stephenson) - 19:05 for 1.65 miles @ 11:33 min/mi

1. Wilf FELLOWES (Stephenson) - 14:35 for 2.464 miles @ 05:55 min/mi
2. Thomas SCOTT (Pankhurst) - 15:31 for 2.464 miles @ 06:17 min/mi
3. Zach HANDCOCK (Stephenson) - 17:57 for 2.464 miles @ 07:17 min/mi
4. Sam ATKINSON (Turing) - 18:03 for 2.464 miles @ 07:19 min/mi
5. Jasper KELLY (Stephenson) - 18:41 for 2.464 miles @ 07:34 min/mi

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Endeavour Award	Jasper Kelly

Pace Improver Award	Ria Scanlan

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Year 11, 12 and 13

Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Girls	Freya Smith *Stephenson*	Eve Ward *Stephenson*	Maddison Lovett *Stephenson*
Boys	George Hallford *Turing*	Oscar Warren *Turing*	Walter Rogers *Turing*

At the oldest age group, both of the race distances increased with girls covering 3.270km and boys covering 4.580km for their respective races. With the absence of any Year 12 and 13 runners, it was left to Year 11 to battle it out!





In the senior boys' race it was victory for George Hallford who has watched Oscar Warren cross the finish line ahead of him for four of his five years of cross country running at secondary school. I think it's fair to say that George has invested in his distance running and cross country running over the last 12 months and the benefits are clear for us all to see. Take nothing away from Oscar. Oscar is what Oscar has always been and that is a super-talented all-round athlete. George's time of 16:47 for his 4.580km course earned his team 141 points - incidentally exactly the same as Wilf. With this being a new course for the age group, George's time was also a new school record. The next best points scorer was Freya Smith for Stephenson who completed her 3.270km course in 17:45 to earn 129 points for her house. Freya's time was also a new school record on a new course. Oscar Warren picked up more vital points for Turing house, finishing second in the boys' race with his time of 19:31 earning 121 points. It was Walter Rogers who crossed the line next. Walter and George occasionally run together outside of school and I would describe Walter as a keen runner. Walter's effort of 20:08 earned Turing 117 points which ultimately secured their spot at the top of the team standings. Eve and Maddison both contributed massively to Stephenson house with their respective efforts which saw them finish in the silver and bronze medal positions. Eve, in particular, turning up to record a time whilst not being fit enough to run shows the sort of competitor that she is. In the team competition, Turing finished top with 476 points whilst it was Stephenson in second with 396 points and Pankhurst in third with 360 points. Unfortunately, despite the efforts of the Yousafzai runners, they were short of a team so couldn't record a team score.





With both girls and boys finding their race distances increasing this year, improvements were hard to come by. Of the 15 runners who recorded times, just 5 were quicker than last year with Walter Rogers taking the prize as the biggest improver with his pace 50 seconds quicker per mile this year in comparison to last year. George also clocked a pace which was 46 seconds per mile quicker this year. Given the way that he ran which I would describe as comfortable for him, that's strong evidence of the hard work he has put in over the last 12 to 18 months. Credit to Lennie, Stan and George Collins for their improved paces too.

Special mentions to the athletes below who made it into the top 5

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1. Freya SMITH (Stephenson) - 17:45 for 2.032 miles @ 08:44 min/mi
2. Eve WARD (Stephenson) - 27:47 for 2.032 miles @ 13:39 min/mi
3. Maddison LOVETT (Stephenson) - 28:30 for 2.032 miles @ 14:01 min/mi

1. George HALLFORD (Turing) - 16:47 for 2.846 miles @ 05:53 min/mi
2. Oscar WARREN (Turing) - 19:31 for 2.846 miles @ 06:51 min/mi
3. Walter ROGERS (Turing) - 20:08 for 2.846 miles @ 07:04 min/mi
4. Lennie LLOYD (Pankhurst) - 22:06 for 2.846 miles @ 07:45 min/mi
4. Stanley MARSHALL (Yousafzai) - 22:06 for 2.846 miles @ 07:45 min/mi

Congratulations to the Year 11 winner of the Endeavour Award and also to the biggest Year 11 pace improver. Well done to everyone in Year 11 who completed the course!

Endeavour Award	Lennie Lloyd

Pace Improver Award	Walter Rogers

Overall

Special mentions to the athletes below who made it into the top 10 overall for their race pace, irrespective of distance

1. Millie WARREN (Turing) - 11:49 for 1.65 miles @ 07:09 min/mi
2. Rosie MARTIN (Turing) - 11:54 for 1.65 miles @ 07:12 min/mi
3. Nadia AHMED (Stephenson) - 12:33 for 1.65 miles @ 07:36 min/mi
4. Francesca HUEY (Turing) - 9:27 for 1.218 miles @ 07:45 min/mi
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2026 Record Breakers

With the changes to England Athletics age groups coming into effect in schools, we were forced to adjust our race distances so that the right age groups are running the same distances. What that has meant is that almost all of our races resulted in new records because they took place over new distances. We did however have one record breaker! That was Wilf Fellowes with his brilliant effort!

Record Type	Category	Old Record Details	New Record Details
School Record	Year 10 Boys Course C	**Marcus Perry** 15 minutes 09 seconds (2023)	**Wilf Fellowes** 14 minutes 35 seconds (2026)

The race distances are new for all Year 7 & 8 students, Year 10 girls as well as Year 11 boys & girls. Congratulations to the students below who find themselves new record holders!

Theo Dingwall & Ayse Hira Celebi in Year 7, Francesca Huey & Mason Richards in Year 8, Livie Richardson for Year 10 as well as Freya Smith and George Hallford in Year 11.

Final Results

In Year 7, 8 and 9 house competitions were decided on the average time posted by all students in each house. Students who did not earn a time were given 60 minutes by default. In Year 10 and 11 house competitions were decided on the top 4 sets of points posted against the benchmark time in each house.

Average times and points below as results for each competition.

Gender	Competition	Average Times				
		7	8	9	10	11
BOYS	Pankhurst	21m 12s	11m 32s	31m 30s	10 & 11 competitions were mixed gender teams with a maximum of 8 runners. The combined points of the top four scorers, calculated against a benchmark time, form the team score.	
	Stephenson	17m 01s	17m 21s	25m 56s		
	Turing	13m 25s	15m 06s	24m 58s		
	Yousafzai	15m 55s	16m 41s	22m 11s		
GIRLS	Pankhurst	24m 45s	21m 51s	36m 51s		
	Stephenson	17m 56s	26m 53s	29m 17s		
	Turing	23m 00s	16m 52s	25m 54s		
	Yousafzai	16m 57s	18m 28s	38m 17s		
TOTALS	Pankhurst	7, 8 and 9 competitions were compulsory for all students. An average time based on every student in the house is the score shown above.			379	360
	Stephenson				488	396
	Turing				320	476
	Yousafzai				342	

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Points taken forward to overall House Sport Competition

	House	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Total	
		Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank
BOYS	Pankhurst	2	4	8	1	2	4	6	2	4	3	22	3
	Stephenson	4	3	2	4	4	3	8	1	6	2	24	2
	Turing	8	1	6	2	6	2	2	4	8	1	30	1
	Yousafzai	6	2	4	3	8	1	4	3	0	4	22	3
GIRLS	Pankhurst	2	4	4	3	4	3	6	2	4	3	20	3
	Stephenson	6	2	2	4	6	2	8	1	6	2	28	2
	Turing	4	3	8	1	8	1	2	4	8	1	30	1
	Yousafzai	8	1	6	2	2	4	4	3	0	4	20	3
OVERALL	Pankhurst	4	4	12	2	6	4	12	2	8	3	42	3
	Stephenson	10	3	4	4	10	2	16	1	12	2	52	2
	Turing	12	2	14	1	14	1	4	4	16	1	60	1
	Yousafzai	14	1	10	3	10	2	8	3	0	4	42	3

Times, positions and records are all great, but what I hope runners are left with is a sense of achievement and enjoyment that stems from moving under their own steam!

Just have a look at the photographs below. How good does St Katherine's look?!







Well done to everyone who completed the course this year for their house! Praise Postcards have already been issued! Thank you also to our older House Captains for their organisation prior to the event.

Another year and another fantastic start to our house sport competition - we are looking forward to continuing our house competitions with dodgeball, benchball, rugby and netball next term!

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9 BOYS FOOTBALL V WRITHLINGTON

Boys enjoy run out including Artúr hat-trick while Isaac pulls the strings like Iniesta

Writhlington briefly threatened early on, but SK responded immediately. Isaac and Oakley forced a corner, and Artúr reacted quickest to score the opener. Artúr was in poacher mode from the start, finding himself on the end of four chances in the opening eight minutes. Tom struck the bar, Artúr went close repeatedly and the opposition goalkeeper made several saves.

SK's passing was outstanding. Noah, Isaac, Ned and Tom combined in a brilliant one-touch move; Rex had a 25-yard effort tipped away; and Rex and Tom dominated midfield. Oakley Newman caused problems with his runs on the right, while switches of play repeatedly opened up Writhlington's defence. A special mention goes to Isaac, who played like Andrés Iniesta all afternoon. He constantly found pockets of space, received the ball on the half-turn and dictated almost every attack with clever movement, close control and imaginative passing.

Vinnie volleyed home the second after the goalkeeper punched a corner clear. Zac Chambers beat his full-back and smashed a superb strike into the top corner for the third. After half-time, Tom Winter scored directly from a free kick awarded when the goalkeeper handled outside the box. Artúr added a composed finish, then completed his hat-trick with a header from Rex's excellent driving run and cross. The seventh came when Rex found Isaac, who released Zach Chambers to finish smartly for his second.

Final scorers: Artúr 3, Zach Chambers 2, Vinnie 1, Tom Winter 1. A wonderful team display, with Artúr's movement and finishing and Isaac's Iniesta-like creativity particularly impressive.

Mr Dawes

7 BOYS RUGBY V GORDANO

Double-header sees two SK teams take on sides from Gordano

On Monday 19 October two teams of Year 7 boys travelled across the M5 to play two friendly matches against Gordano School. There are more than 30 boys who have attended rugby practice in their first term of secondary school and even though a few were unable to make this fixture, we still travelled with plenty of players! For this fixture Magnus and Owen took on captaincy duties and led two teams of players brilliantly. Gordano fielded two strong teams with a large number of their players playing for Gordano RFC. We had club players of our own but also fielded lots of boys who were only playing their second game of contact rugby. It was great to see just how much they'd learnt in just a few short weeks on the rugby pitch.



Arthur ALVES-SUSIGAN, Ralph BEESTON, Mitch BOOTH, Dexter COOK, Arthur COOKSLEY, Fraser COUTTS, Felix DAVIS, Theo DINGWALL, Cruz DUN, Ben FAIRCLOUGH, Gilbie FELLOWES, Magnus HAY, Owen MATTHEWS, William MENADUE, Toby ROMERO-HUNT, Billy SANDS, Angus SPIERS, Jacob THOMSON, Billy TRENCHARD, Bill WEEKS, Lenny WEEKS

For the first match I refereed on the pitch with Owen's team. Owen led Ralph, Dexter, Theo, Cruz, Ben, Gilbie, William, Angus, Billy and Lenny brilliantly against a tough Gordano outfit. The boys worked their socks off in their first match which saw them score courtesy of William Menadue finishing off a heroic last play effort. Prior to their try, the boys defended and attacked with all they had and played some brilliant rugby. Ralph's tackling went from strength to strength as the game wore on, to the point where he was front and centre of our defensive effort, even if he did get his right ear caught in one of his efforts. Dexter's ball carrying was superb - he was tall, strong and dynamic in the contact and drew so much attention from the Gordano defenders. Theo must've covered every single blade of grass in the game too. It didn't matter if he had the ball or was defending, Theo was in the action. His bravery in defence as well as his agile and elusive running made him a massive asset for us. Having really impressed at Clevedon, Cruz was showing no signs of shying away in this fixture. Cruz used his footwork to great effect and his passing ability to keep the ball alive and really test the Gordano defenders.

Gordano were a strong and experienced outfit and provided a brilliant challenge for our boys. It was great to see the way that we stepped up to the challenge. Ben Fairclough was strong with the ball in hand and went on more than one barrelling run, breaking his way through the attempted Gordano tackles and making excellent ground for his team mates. Gilbie picked up where he left off down in Weston with an accomplished performance. Everything I have seen from this talented young sportsman screams rugby player and I cannot wait to see him unlock his potential with his running, passing and kicking abilities. Gilbie made great use of his footwork to beat Gordano defenders but packed a punch in the tackle too! In training last week Gilbie thumped into his big brother, Wilf, who was helping so tackling Year 7s is light work! William was a real handful and used his man of the match performance last week down in Weston as a real

springboard. William just has this ability to cut ball carriers in half, no matter how quickly they are travelling. I lost count of the number of times that he took down a runaway Gordano ball carrier. Angus was dynamic and punchy with the ball in his hands making a number of brilliant support runs and keeping the ball alive in attack. Billy Trenchard really stepped up in defence as the half wore on. Billy has already impressed with the ball in his hands, and it was great to see him growing in confidence and hunting down opposition players. Lenny patrolled his wing brilliantly, kept things quiet out there and looked a threat with the ball in his hands.

Owen captained the boys superbly, motivated them even better and led by example. Owen's rugby was brilliant and although the boys finished on the wrong side of the scoreboard, Owen motivated them to the end to ensure that we spoke the final words in the game. Having just conceded a try, we gathered around and Owen's message was clear - we wanted a try and we weren't leaving until we got it! William certainly listened to him!





For the second mini match I refereed the team captained by Magnus. Magnus led Arthur, Mitch, Fraser, Felix, Toby, Billy, Jacob and Bill. You can't fail to be motivated by Magnus. His personality and the way that he plays the game are infectious and boys certainly benefited from his leadership. Arthur Alves-Susigan was a constant threat throughout the game. Arthur has the deadly combination of speed as well as evasive footwork. His bravery in the tackle and willingness to work hard make him a great all-rounder. In this game Arthur's tackling was superb and there was a constant sense of anticipation whenever he got on the ball. Mitch was dynamic around the pitch and supported his team mates brilliantly. When he got the ball in his hands, Mitch varied his game really well sometimes choosing to run and other times choosing to pass. Fraser was the hero in the match that I refereed and came up with the goods close to the try line when it really mattered. At the end of the match Magnus nominated Fraser as his man of the match for his support play and for his efforts in attack. Picking up from the base of a breakdown, Fraser spotted some space in front of him and managed to get the ball over the line for a great score. Felix was typically everywhere. I love Felix's style of play. He's combative, always on the ball and such a constant thorn in the side of the opposition. Felix's work in and around the tackle area was brilliant and gave our boys a massive boost.





Arthur Cooksley played brilliantly with the ball in hand and demonstrated his ability to time his pass on several occasions. Just when it looked as though the Gordano boys were about to get hold of him, Arthur shifted the ball to a team mate. Toby was excellent at the ruck and showed a brilliant body position and great strength to turn the ball over on a couple of occasions. Toby's strength and bravery in the contact was important for his team and they relied on him. Billy Sands was brilliant all afternoon and gave Magnus' team great go forward. Billy's got a languid and fluid style of running but it's deceptively quick and he gains ground at an impressive rate. As well as his skills running, Billy has a great pass and great vision which are a brilliant combination. Jacob was something of a talisman for this team and got through a huge amount of work. Jacob was playing against a lot of his Gordano RFC team mates which can't have been easy. Jacob made it his mission to get through as much work as he could and was so dynamic in the contact area and skilful with the ball in open spaces. Alongside Jacob it was great to see Bill stepping up so much and getting on the ball in attack and defence. Bill's knowledge of the game is growing with every minute on the pitch and he was excellent in this match.

Magnus captained this group of boys superbly. Towards the end of the match that I was refereeing, Gordano had made a break down our left wing. Everyone watching, including me, thought it was a try. Everyone apart from Magnus that was. Magnus chased the seemingly lost cause before hauling down his man short of the line and forcing the play to be held up over the try line. It was an exceptional piece of defence. I love a player who chases lost causes. Players who chase seemingly lost causes are hugely motivating and Magnus was a brilliant leader.







In Owen's team, William came up with two tries which earned him the man of the match award. Cruz Dun also managed to get his name on the score sheet with another excellent performance. In Magnus' team Arthur Alves-Susigan bagged a brilliant brace whilst Fraser and Billy picked up the other scores.

Congratulations to all of the boys for their efforts in this match. Well played, gentlemen!

Mr Cook

8 BOYS FOOTBALL V WORLE

Boys fight back with Coley's heroic contributions in goal integral to their victory

The opening stages were extremely even, with both sides battling for possession. Seb created an early chance after combining with Kian and Wyatt, but the goalkeeper saved. Worle took the lead on a quick transition down the right when SK were caught out of shape.

SK responded almost immediately. A ball from midfield released Seb, whose initial effort was touched by the goalkeeper, but he followed up to finish. Rupert then put SK ahead with a magnificent back-post header from a corner, sending the ball across goal into the top corner. The second half was a tight battle. SK created fewer chances, but Josh Coley produced three excellent saves to protect the lead. We can forgive his brief heart-in-mouth moment when some attempted time-wasting almost gifted Worle the ball! Rupert, George Morgan and Frankie were excellent in defence, while Rupert showed such composure in possession that he may be far too talented to stay at the back. Wyatt, Kian and Seb were attacking threats throughout. Player of the match Hugo was superb in midfield, with intelligent passing, tidy touches and a composed all-round display.

Special credit to all 15 students who represented SK on a 9-a-side pitch, handling rotations and time on the sidelines brilliantly. A hard-fought victory and an excellent squad performance.

Mr Dawes

7 GIRLS FOOTBALL V PRIORY

Thrilling end-to-end encounter as SK score 3 with lots of positives

St Kath's Year 7 girls put in a fantastic team performance in an exciting 7-a-side clash against Priory School, with plenty of attacking football, determined defending and some excellent teamwork on display. It was an end-to-end game from the first whistle, with both teams creating chances. Priory proved a constant threat, particularly through their lightning-quick striker, who kept the St Kath's defence on their toes throughout.

Sophia Penn was brave and commanding in goal, producing some important interventions and showing excellent distribution to get St Kath's moving forward quickly. In front of her, Ruby Masters-Fry and Madison White were solid in defence, working tirelessly to deal with Priory's dangerous attacks. Out wide, Bethan Townley and Ava Wignall were excellent, providing energy, width and attacking threat. Ava made brilliant use of her strength, driving forward and

delivering plenty of dangerous crosses into the box. One of these proved particularly effective, evading the Priory goalkeeper and finding the net to bring St Kath's level! As the game progressed, some clever positional changes seemed to give St Kath's a better balance. Sophia moved out onto the right wing, while Ava took over between the posts. The changes paid dividends, with St Kath's looking increasingly dangerous going forward. Mia Kocsis was in fine form in front of goal, finding the net twice with two excellent finishes to reward SK's attacking efforts. Lillia Stirling also played a key role, offering great support play, linking up well with her teammates and helping to keep the pressure on Priory.



It was a fantastic team effort, full of determination, resilience and some lovely passages of football. Every player contributed, whether through brave defending, clever passing, powerful running or clinical finishing. Overall it was a 3-1 victory for St Kath's, plenty of excitement and lots of positives to take into the next match!

Miss Ball

8 GIRLS FOOTBALL V PRIORY

Six players, three goals and one fantastic team performance!

The Year 8 Girls produced a brilliant display of determination, teamwork and resilience to secure a fantastic 3-1 victory over Priory School, despite having just six players available! With a few players unable to make the fixture, St Kath's knew they would have to work extra hard, and every single player rose to the challenge.

Captain Lottie Nias led by example, putting in a superb performance at the back. Her strength, determination and perfectly timed tackles were crucial in keeping Priory at bay. Alongside her, Sienna Douglas was equally impressive, winning possession time and again and proving incredibly difficult for the opposition to get past. Together, they formed a formidable defensive partnership. The unusually wide but short pitch made for an interesting contest, with plenty of space to cover and the St Kath's defence needing to remain alert throughout. Abi Richardson was kept busy in goal, dealing with Priory's attacking threat and helping her side stay in the game. Despite being a player short, St Kath's battled tirelessly, and the teams went into half-time level at 1-1, with everything still to play for.

St Kath's came out strongly in the second half, showing real attacking intent. Francesca Huey used her pace brilliantly down the right-hand side, causing problems for the Priory defence. One particularly dangerous long-range effort forced a save from the goalkeeper, but the resulting clearance was poor. Liv Buttery-Lewis was quickest to react, showing great awareness and composure to seize the opportunity and fire home the team's second goal! With confidence growing, St Kath's continued to push forward. Their third goal came following a long clearance that found Lottie, who helped the ball on to Ivy Boon in the box. Ivy kept her cool brilliantly, calmly finishing past the goalkeeper to make it 3-1 and put St Kath's firmly in control.

It was a fantastic all-round performance from a team who refused to let their numerical disadvantage hold them back. Every player worked incredibly hard, covering the ground, supporting each other and showing tremendous character from start to finish. Six players, no substitutes, three goals and a well-deserved victory!

A brilliant example of teamwork, determination and St Kath's spirit. Well played, girls!

Miss Ball

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7 BOYS RUGBY V BACKWELL

Brilliant team performance brings first term to a close at Backwell

On Wednesday 21 October while most of the school were heading home to enjoy their half term holiday, a number of boys from Year 7 were on the minibus on their way over to Backwell School for a friendly rugby fixture. The strong opposition keep on coming and Backwell were another brilliant test. It's been a steep learning curve for the first term, but this group of boys have shown massive progress. Nowhere was this more evident than in their performance against Backwell. It may have been windy and cold, but this was the perfect way to sign off for the end of the first term. Whilst the boys pictured below were responsible for this performance, all credit needs to go to the 32 who have attended rugby already this year. Despite that brilliant turnout and skills that we've seen on the rugby pitch so far, there's lots more talent to add to this Year 7 team. Well done to everyone who has played already this year!



Arthur ALVES-SUSIGAN, Benjamin BLAKENEY, Arthur COOKSLEY, Ben FAIRCLOUGH, Gilbie FELLOWES, Jude HARRYMAN, Magnus HAY, William MENADUE, Sonny MITCHELL, Toby ROMERO-HUNT, Billy SANDS, Angus SPIERS, Jacob THOMSON, Billy TRENCHARD

I can't impress on you enough just how much this was the best performance the team has given so far this year. All fourteen of the boys who travelled contributed a huge amount to the game. Unsurprisingly, Backwell started well and managed to cross our try line on several occasions but it wasn't for any lack of effort on our part defensively. Ben Blakeney was outstanding in the tight areas of the pitch. Ben's tackling was the best that I've seen so far for school and he wasn't shy carrying the ball either. Ben was dynamic around his tackle too, jumping back up to his feet to contest the breakdown. Playing at hooker, we had guaranteed ball on our put in and Ben managed to steal the ball on a number of occasions. When Ben was on the side of the pitch during his rotation off, he asked me, 'who is going to hook now that I've come off?' The answer was anyone but nobody as well as he'd done! Despite our continued defensive efforts, Backwell continued to apply pressure and were able to break through. As has become customary in recent weeks, William sat happily waiting for prey to set foot on his turf before cutting them in two with his textbook tackling technique.

In the first half we enjoyed some good go forwards thanks to the efforts of several players. Billy Trenchard and Jacob Thomson combined well down the left side with Billy picking a nice support line for Jacob to free his arms and get the

offload away having won some hard metres. Billy was well defended by Backwell, but we'd tested their wide defence. Magnus was a constant threat in and around the fringes of the game sniping away and keeping the close defenders honest. Magnus was great at getting the ball away from the breakdown too. In previous weeks we have found it difficult to secure our ball at the breakdown but it was also brilliant to see Jacob, Magnus, Ben and William making it their mission to get over it and ensure that it came back on the red side.

I particularly enjoyed watching Gilbie Fellowes standing in at 10. Getting the ball into Gilbie's hands early gave us so many options. At practice on Tuesday night we'd been looking at holding our depth and running onto the ball so of course Gilbie gave himself a few extra metres and accelerated onto every pass he received. The difference was notable - he got so much go forward from his changes of direction that were occurring at speed. Boys worked hard to get into good support positions around him with Arthur, Arthur and Billy all keeping moves that Gilbie started going! Other boys started to notice the ground that Gilbie was making from his depth and brought it into their own game. Nobody gained more ground in the first half than William Menadue who accelerated onto a pass that came off the back of one of our scrums. William must have made around 10 or 15 metres with ball in hand before Backwell eventually managed to haul him down. We couldn't quite get the support to him quickly enough but we looked so much more threatening with the ball in hand.

We'd played into a bit of a hurricane in the first half and with the sun in our eyes too, it wasn't a surprise that we hadn't scored yet. Ben Fairclough soon put that right in the second half when he enacted the exact thing we'd been speaking about at half time. A late snipe that came from deep and was close to the ball carrier saw him penetrate the line and go straight through the middle. Ben didn't just break the line; he then changed up a gear and sped away to touch the ball down. The boys were delighted but it was clear to see the value in that late, hard, tight support line.







Late in the second half there were a whole host of SK boys putting their hand up and sniping late. Gilbie hit one ball hard and gained himself at least 10 metres before the ball was worked out wide to Jacob who hit it going at quite the sprint. Unsurprisingly, Jacob continued his momentum through the contact before offloading to Sonny who had supported him superbly. Jacob wasn't done there though and looped around to get the ball back before falling awkwardly in a tackle. Jacob had to leave the field due to the injury and so we're sending him our best for a speedy recovery! Jacob leaving the field meant that other boys had to step up and they did exactly that to finish the game. We were penned in deep in our territory towards the end of the game but so many boys came up with so much great rugby. Toby RH carried superbly under pressure from the Backwell defenders before the ball made its way out to Arthur Cooksley. Rather than panic under the pressure, Arthur just calmly used a little bit of smart footwork to stay on his feet that little bit longer which let his support get to him. Perhaps my favourite moment of the second half came with the ball in the hands of our secret weapon Sonny Mitchell. Sonny's change of pace is devastating and when it looked hopeless for him to try and break, near to our try line, Sonny stepped, straightened and accelerated into the Backwell line like his life depended on it. I wouldn't have fancied making that tackle had I been playing for Backwell!

Boys were popping up all over the pitch playing great rugby. Jude was working hard in attack and on defence and was brilliantly supported by Magnus and William who made it their mission for us to keep the ball. Arthur Alves-Susigan treated us all to a flash of brilliance just before the final whistle when he went on one of those runs that looked like he was going to beat the whole Backwell team and score. It took about half of the Backwell team to crowd him out! Despite all of those great efforts, perhaps the performance of the second half came from Angus Spiers who really stood out physically. Angus hit some lovely support lines, took the ball at pace and showed some excellent footwork when he was approaching the contact. As a result, Angus made huge ground going forward and found himself on the ball more in this second half than he did in the last game that he played.

The boys gave a great performance and it was so good to finish on a high note. Man of the match was awarded to Ben Fairclough for his excellent performance and try!

Well done gents - rest up over half term and we'll pick up where you left off in this game!

Mr Cook

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP IN PE

We appoint leaders to positions of responsibility in teams and houses for the year

At the start of this year we were inundated with applications from students wanting to take on leadership roles for their houses. Student leadership is big business at St Katherine's and in PE we are really keen for students to take responsibility for house sport teams, school teams as well as leading at wider events. As well as appointing students to leadership positions within houses, we also appointed students to leadership roles for our school teams. For Year 7, we tend to rotate things around a bit to give everyone an opportunity to lead before settling on our captains in Year 8.

Our thanks to everyone who applied for leadership positions this year. Congratulations to the students below who we know will work tirelessly to improve the standards of PE and house sport across the school for everyone.

House Sport Leadership Team

Captains / Co-Captains

Will BRENNAN, Ella CHICK, Audrey GRIFFITHS, Freya KASZUBSKI, Frankie MAURICE, Lottie NIAS, Sophia PENN, Jakub PTAK, Imogen RENEE-COSH, Milly VOWLES

Captains' Assistants

Adèle CAUBLOT CLAVEL, Serena-Summer CHALLIS, Arjun JUGNARAIN, Leo MARSH, Olivia PERSANO, Lexi SHARP

Captains / Co-Captains

Maisie ALLEN, Max BHAMBRI-LYTE, Gilbie FELLOWES, Wilf FELLOWES, Vincent HENNESSY-PRICE, Henry MENADUE, William MENADUE, Esme NICHOLAS, Joshua PALMER, Emily RALPH, Abi RICHARDSON, Livie RICHARDSON, Caleb SINTON-HEWITT, Bella WELTI, Ava WIGNALL

Captains' Assistants

Romario BANNISTER, Ned FELLOWES, Hugo HUNT, Thomas JENKINS, Toby NEEDS, Jayden ROSSITER

Captains / Co-Captains

Imaan ASIF, Neave GRIFFIN, George HALLFORD, Jasper HALLFORD, Francesca HUEY, Naomi KAUR, Zach ROBERTS, Angus SPIERS, Oscar WARREN

Captains' Assistants

Annie ALLEN, Evie BALL, Rosie MARTIN, Isla PARKIN, Millie WARREN

Captains / Co-Captains

Finn BLAKENEY, James BRIDGE, Lilli BRYANT, Ben CHAMBERS, Mathilda CULVERHOUSE, Kiyanna DYER, Jack KENNEDY, Matthew LEWIS, Rosie MARSHALL, Imogen SLEE

Captains' Assistants

Damon BERRYMAN-MORRIS, Olivia BUTTERY-LEWIS, Joshua COLEY, Leo EMERY, Ruby LAMONT, Osian MURDOCH, Carmen SANTO, Jacob WADE

Team Sport Leadership Team

Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12 & 13
Damon B-M - Rugby Thomas CHEQUER - Rugby Joshua COLEY - Cricket Audrey GRIFFITHS - Netball Francesca HUEY - Rounders Freya KASZUBSKI - Netball Rosie MARSHALL - Hockey Rosie MARSHALL - Rounders Wyatt PARK - Football Abi RICHARDSON - Hockey Theo ROWLES - Football	Nadia AHMED - Hockey Ned FELLOWES - Basketball Rory FERDINANDO - Football Isaac ISOM - Football Isaac ISOM - Cricket Elliott SIMS - Rugby Zach STEPHENS - Rugby Milly VOWLES - Rounders Bella WELTI - Netball Noah WOODS - Rugby	Serena CHALLIS - Hockey Wilf FELLOWES - Football Millie MELIAS - Netball Billy MORGAN - Rugby Frankie PACKHAM - Rounders Thomas SCOTT - Football	Emmie BOBBY - Netball Will BRENNAN - Rugby Emily BROSA - Hockey Ludo FISHBOURNE - Football Eddie HANDCOCK - Cricket Lennie LLOYD - Cricket Lola VOWLES - Rounders Oscar WARREN - Rugby	Shannon BARKER - Netball Liam DAVIES - Basketball Laurie GISBORNE - Football Manon HERZOG - Hockey Benjamin PALMER - Football

Senior Sports Captains - our highest level of student leadership in PE

Senior Sports Captains
Shannon Barker, Liam Davies, Laurie Gisborne, George Hallford, Manon Herzog, Ava Hocking, Lennie Lloyd, Heidi Martineau, Benjamin Palmer, Oscar Warren

We are looking forward to working with all of our student leaders this year.

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HOUSE RESULTS UPDATE - OCTOBER 2026

Turing head to the front of the pack after gun goes for house sport competition

As has become customary, Turing have shown their hand early and headed to the top of the standings following our cross country events. For the last three years, Turing have earned the most points from cross country but with the rest of the houses closer than ever before, each will be hoping to close the gap before Christmas.

Current Standings		
Pos.	House	Points
1	Turing	60
2	Stephenson	52
3	Pankhurst	42
3	Yousafzai	42

Previous Standings		
Pos.	House	Points
1 =	Pankhurst	0
1 =	Stephenson	0
1 =	Turing	0
1 =	Yousafzai	0

This Time Last Year		
Pos.	House	Points
1	Turing	64
2	Pankhurst	58
3	Stephenson	46
4	Yousafzai	32

House		Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Total	
		Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank
BOYS	Pankhurst	2	4	8	1	2	4	6	2	4	3	22	3
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Month	Event	*
TERM 1	HOUSE CAPTAIN APPLICATIONS CROSS COUNTRY	✓
TERM 2	AUTUMN HOUSE SPORT: DODGEBALL & BENCHBALL WINTER HOUSE SPORT: RUGBY & NETBALL	
TERM 3	BADMINTON BASKETBALL	
TERM 4	NINJA WARRIOR & BOCCIA INDOOR ROWING SPRING HOUSE SPORT: FOOTBALL & HOCKEY	
TERM 5	THE CUBE	
TERM 6	SUPERSTARS SUMMER HOUSE SPORT: SOFTBALL & ROUNDERS SPORTS DAY	

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SK SPORTING STUDENTS

Stories of sporting success from our student community

We are really proud of all of the sporting achievements of the students in our school. There is such a wealth of sporting talent in our school that the information below is only the tip of the iceberg! Below are some updates on some of our sporting students.

Vincent qualifies for winter regionals



Back at the start of October Vincent was busy swimming during his first meet of the season. The meet was a quick one with lots of the top swimmers in the country and in typical style, Vincent raised his level! Vinnie came away with personal bests in more than one race as well as swimming times that ensured he qualified for winter regionals down at Millfield; a first for Vinnie.

As always, it is great to see our students stepping up and raising their level. Good luck for any upcoming races and your training, Vinnie!

Matthew crowned UK Junior Series Champion



At the start of this term, Matthew Thomas was busy racing his motorbikes all over the country. Matthew finished a superb season with North Gloucester Road Racing by finishing as the UK Junior Series Champion, champion of the Junior Talent Evo Cup and champion of the Street Stock Championship with Freetech Endurance.

Matthew has one final race out in Spain before he starts his winter training in preparation for moving up to bigger and faster bikes. Next year Matthew will be racing at the same time as the British Superbikes and has a race during MotoGP in the summer holidays.

Good luck with your winter training, Matthew and congratulations for all that you have achieved this season.

Andrew finishes 2nd in the country for his archery classification



At the start of September Andrew Warner from Year 10 had his final shoot of the outdoor season. Andrew shot in keeping with how he has performed over the rest of the season and is now the Overall Recurve U15 Open Silver Medallist - 2nd in the country! This is a fantastic achievement for Andrew!

Having trained and performed well in the first year of his Archery GB talent programme, Andrew has also received the news that he has successfully progressed to his 2nd year.

We'd like to wish Andrew the very best of luck with any upcoming training and competitions.

Amelie wins trampolining bronze at British Championships



We are delighted to share that at the start of October Amelie Nash from Year 10 and her partner won a bronze medal at the British Championships. The duo competed in the Junior Women's Synchro Trampoline event at the Championships.

Amelie has trained hard all year long and this is a fantastic achievement which demonstrates her hard work and talent. As if trampolining wasn't difficult enough, trying to synchronise your routine with a partner just adds another layer of difficulty.

Huge congratulations to Amelie and her partner for this fantastic achievement. The very best of luck for any competitions on the horizon and with your ongoing training. You are a fantastic role model to all of us, Amelie!

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SK SPORTING STUDENTS

Stories of sporting success from our student community

We are really proud of all of the sporting achievements of the students in our school. There is such a wealth of sporting talent in our school that the information below is only the tip of the iceberg! Below are some updates on some of our sporting students.

Frankie crowned Champion at WKO British Championships



At the start of October, Frankie Peacock from Year 9 competed in the WKO British Championships. Frankie can now proudly boast that he is the champion for his weight category! Alongside this, Frankie is top of the table for all three categories that he entered - boxing, light continuous kickboxing and light contact. Frankie is very much on target to achieve his goal of becoming a World Grand Prix Winner this November.

As you can see, Frankie has a pretty impressive belt to show for his achievements! Huge congratulations on this fantastic achievement, Frankie! Wishing you lots of luck for the World Grand Prix!

Sophia's success in taekwondo and on the football pitch



As if starting secondary school wasn't enough of an achievement in itself, Sophia Penn from Year 7 has been eating up sporting achievements left, right and centre.

Sophia recently received her black belt in taekwondo after five years of training and competitions - this is a brilliant achievement. Martial arts aren't Sophia's only talent though. Towards the end of term 1, Sophia travelled to Mallorca with North Somerset RTC to take part in the East Mallorca Cup.

What a fantastic few weeks, Sophia!

We know there are lots of students who have amazing sporting talents and achieve great things outside of school and we don't always know about them. Does your son or daughter deserve to be recognised for their sporting achievements outside of school? If so, we want to know about it! If students don't tell us about their sporting achievements, then we probably don't know about them! Please feel free to send us updates and photographs as regularly as you like! Email cookd@skdrive.org to tell us more.

The best of luck to all St Katherine's students with any upcoming sporting endeavours!

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TERMLY CLUBS AND CAPS - TERM 1

A look back at student achievements in the first term of the academic year 2026/27

We are really pleased to be able to share some information about notable student achievements this term. So many of our students give such substantial and sustained contributions to our faculty and they deserve their recognition!

Top Clubbers

Congratulations to the top male and female clubbers for each year group below! Top overall clubber highlighted!

Includes attendance at any PE club either before school, at lunchtime or after school

Neave Griffin	**Year 7**	Gilbie Fellowes
Francesca Huey	**Year 8**	Frankie Maurice
Rosie Martin and Milly Vowles	**Year 9**	Ben Chambers
Lilli Bryant and Azumi Lucas	**Year 10**	Wilf Fellowes
Willow Griffiths	**Year 11**	**Max Bhambri-Lyte**
Shannon Barker	**Year 12 and 13**	Benjamin Palmer

Congratulations to the students below who are currently the top clubbers in the school! Most clubs highlighted!

Shannon Barker	**835**	**Most Clubs Attended**	**1299**	**George Hallford**
Manon Herzog	802		1022	Benjamin Palmer
Lilli Bryant	521		749	Finn Blakeney

School Caps

Congratulations to the students below who notched up the most school caps during this term! Most caps highlighted!

Includes any occasion whereby a student represents the school in a competition (excluding house competitions, trips or other events).

Mia Kocsis, Sophia Penn and Ava Wignall	**Year 7**	MULTIPLE STUDENTS
Abi Richardson	**Year 8**	Rupert Harrison and Frankie Maurice
Maya Ahmed and Nadia Ahmed	**Year 9**	**Ben Chambers and Noah Thorn**
Serena Challis	**Year 10**	Finn Blakeney and Wilf Fellowes
Poppy Smith	**Year 11**	Eddie Handcock and Oscar Warren
Sophia Toto and Shannon Barker	**Year 12 and 13**	MULTIPLE STUDENTS

Congratulations to the students below who are currently the highest cap earners in the school! Most capped highlighted!

Manon Herzog	**159**	**Most Capped Students**	**186**	**Oscar Warren**
Shannon Barker	150		172	Benjamin Palmer
Heidi Martineau	140		162	George Hallford

Keep working hard - your effort, endeavour, dedication and commitment don't go unnoticed!

Thank you all for your contributions.

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Cap awards for members of our school community

We know that there are lots of students who are really proud to represent the school and are interested in how many school caps they currently hold. Below is information on all students who currently hold cap achievements in school. The information below is correct as of the end of term 1, 2026.

Student details are listed in boxes below in alphabetical order by surname (so students can find their names more easily) with the number of caps shown in brackets.

Diamond - 200 caps +
None
Platinum - 175 caps +
Oscar WARREN (186)
Gold - 150 caps +
Shannon BARKER (150), George HALLFORD (162), Manon HERZOG (159), Benjamin PALMER (172)
Ruby - 125 caps +
Wilf FELLOWES (126), Heidi MARTINEAU (140)
Pearl - 100 caps +
Liam DAVIES (113), Laurie GISBORNE (113), Ava HOCKING (112), Lennie LLOYD (103), Joshua PALMER (120)
Silver - 75 caps +
Serena-Summer CHALLIS (95), Ned FELLOWES (83), George FROST (89), Eddie HANDCOCK (93), Marcel MACIOL (79), Bethany NIEMCZYK (96)
Bronze - 50 caps +
Archie ANDREWS (52), Finn BLAKENEY (61), Emmie BOBBY (63), Will BRENNAN (57), Ben CHAMBERS (73), Grace ELLIOTT (50), Rory FERDINANDO (66), Ava FOWLER (72), Ava GORDON-NIPPRESS (57), Willow GRIFFITHS (68), Jasper HALLFORD (66), Zach HANDCOCK (64), Laurie HOCKING (73), Jacob HUEY (50), Isaac ISOM (61), Ella JOHNSON (57), Teddy LANE (54), Henry MARSH (52), Frankie PACKHAM (72), Vesper PEATE (66), Isla POWELL (52), Victoria REID (58), Joshua RICHARDS (68), Livie RICHARDSON (66), Elliott SIMS (53), Poppy SMITH (61), Evelyn STALEY (55), Will STEPHENSON (59), Charlie THRELFALL (50), Oscar TOPP (73), Esme TOTO (70), Sophia TOTO (66), Eve WARD (61), Millie WARREN (61), George WHERLOCK (65), Sophia WILKINSON (72)
Crystal - 25 caps +
Maya AHMED (44), Nadia AHMED (48), Sam ATKINSON (42), Minna BADDELEY (34), Otto BADDELEY (42), Theo BARTOVSKY (31), Max BHAMBRI-LYTE (34), Michail BLACK (33), Emily BROSA (49), Lilli BRYANT (44), Zac CHAMBERS (45), Ella CHICK (38), Xin Jie CHONG (34), Joshua COLEY (30), Bella COOK (26), Hamish CULVERHOUSE (39), Mathilda CULVERHOUSE (32), Harry CUNNANE-NEILAN (29), Owain DONOVAN (43), Asa FISHBOURNE (34), Ludo FISHBOURNE (38), Marcie FORD (37), Sam FURNISS (35), Louis GARLAND (25), Nico GEORGE (33), Remy GILBERT (28), Marla GREEN (48), Blossom GRIFFITHS (41), Matthew GRIFFITHS (34), Freddie HAYES (31), Baptiste HERZOG (43), Felix HUERTAS (35), Francesca HUEY (28), Iris JACKSON (37), Jay JACKSON (27), Ralphy JAMES (25), Amelia JOHNSON (26), William JUCHAU (28), Jasper KELLY (26), Layla KENDALL (31), Jack KENNEDY (38), Taylor KENYON (40), Dom KOCSIS (25), Jay Jay LINCOLN (33), Tyler LLEWELLYN (33), Daniel LOVELL (32), Azumi LUCAS (39), Ollie MACFARLANE (42), Filip MACIOL (32), Caitlin MARSHALL (27), Stanley MARSHALL (27), Rosie MARTIN (47), Blythe MARTINEAU (40), Artúr MATHE (28), Frankie MAURICE (26), Alicia MCPHERSON (28), Millie MELIAS (39), Henry MENADUE (27), Billy MORGAN (36), Oakley NEWMAN (29), Oscar PACKHAM (38), Bella PERALES-MORRIS (48), Emily RALPH (37), Imogen RENEE-COSH (35), Abi RICHARDSON (25), Tommy RIGBY (41), Carmen SANTO (39), Thomas SCOTT (39), Lexi SHARP (35), Alfie SIMMONDS (34), Imogen SLEE (29), Matthew THOMAS (38), Oskar THOMSON (27), Noah THORN (41), Freddie TRENCHARD (33), Alfie TWEED (31), Lola VOWLES (30), Milly VOWLES (36), Bella WELTI (42), Alice WHITE (32), Erin WHITFIELD (48), Cody WILLIAMS (25), Tom WINTER (41), Noah WOODS (30), Zaym ZAHEER (26)

Well done to all of the students above for their achievements.

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CURRENT SCHOOL CLUBS TALLY

Club stats for members of our current school community

We know that there are lots of students who make a huge effort to attend PE clubs and practices showing massive commitment and dedication. Below is information on all students who have currently attended more than 50 clubs. The information below is correct as of the end of term 1, 2026. Student details are listed in boxes below in alphabetical order by surname (so students can find themselves slightly easier) with the number of clubs shown in brackets.

1500 clubs +
None
1000 clubs +
George HALLFORD (1299), Benjamin PALMER (1022)
750 clubs +
Shannon BARKER (835), Manon HERZOG (802)
500 clubs +
Max BHAMBRI-LYTE (573), Finn BLAKENEY (749), Lilli BRYANT (521), Hamish CULVERHOUSE (508), Liam DAVIES (619), Ned FELLOWES (509), Wilf FELLOWES (703), Laurie GISBORNE (633), Lennie LLOYD (580), Joshua PALMER (737), Oscar WARREN (651)
300 clubs +
Will BRENNAN (402), Ben CHAMBERS (465), Mya CHAMBERS (413), George FROST (394), Jasper HALLFORD (319), Baptiste HERZOG (410), Jacob HUEY (468), Jasper KELLY (381), Azumi LUCAS (410), Henry MARSH (421), Heidi MARTINEAU (455), Curtis PEMBERTON (344), Joshua RICHARDS (391)
200 clubs +
Archie ANDREWS (298), Bella COOK (250), George GITTOES (213), Laurie HOCKING (238), Felix HUERTAS (244), William JUCHAU (228), Frankie MAURICE (213), Billy MORGAN (215), Walter ROGERS (244), Jacob WADE (203), George WHERLOCK (212)
100 clubs +
Imaan ASIF (118), Sam ATKINSON (198), Serena-Summer CHALLIS (138), Zac CHAMBERS (159), Joshua COLEY (160), George COLLINS (170), Mathilda CULVERHOUSE (132), Rory FERDINANDO (164), Ava FOWLER (171), Zachary GARBUTT (126), Louis GARLAND (115), Remy GILBERT (161), Matthew GRIFFITHS (107), Willow GRIFFITHS (133), Freddie HAYES (131), Joshua HEALY-HART (114), Ava HOCKING (148), Francesca HUEY (143), Isaac ISOM (127), Amelia JOHNSON (100), Ella JOHNSON (105), Matthew LEWIS (110), Filip MACIOL (111), Arthur MAGDA-SMITH (114), Rosie MARTIN (157), Alicia MCPHERSON (173), Louie OLIVIER (120), Vesper PEATE (188), Emily RALPH (133), Victoria REID (132), Livie RICHARDSON (157), Zach ROBERTS (132), Carmen SANTO (104), Elliott SIMS (131), Caleb SINTON-HEWITT (177), Evelyn STALEY (125), Will STEPHENSON (135), Charlie STOKES (144), Matthew THOMAS (123), Noah THORN (130), Charlie THRELFALL (125), Oscar TOPP (162), Sophia TOTO (162), Freddie TRENCHARD (154), Milly VOWLES (194), Maddy WHITE (106), Noah WOODS (105)
75 clubs +
Maya AHMED (85), Nadia AHMED (88), Otis BURNETT (80), Jacob BURT (80), Aidan BUTLER (87), Joey DOHERTY (82), Owain DONOVAN (92), Zane ELLIS (81), Joe FREESTON (82), Blossom GRIFFITHS (87), Eddie HANDCOCK (79), Madalena HUERTAS (97), Iris JACKSON (95), Arjun JUGNARAIN (80), Jack KENNEDY (95), Taylor KENYON (92), Teddy LANE (82), Jay Jay LINCOLN (91), Marcel MACIOL (91), Stanley MARSHALL (93), Emma MATTHEWS (92), Henry MENADUE (86), Oliver MORGAN (98), Bethany NIEMCZYK (78), Frankie PACKHAM (84), Ryan SLEIGH (76), Oscar THOMAS (82), Alice WHITE (89), Lucas WHITFIELD (96), Cody WILLIAMS (97), Filip WYRZYKOWSKI (95)
50 clubs +
Damon BERRYMAN-MORRIS (68), Suzi BERRYMAN-MORRIS (58), Emmie BOBBY (51), Ella BOLTON (54), Emily BROSA (74), Fenton BURBRIDGE (57), Kit CASEY (73), Xin Jie CHONG (60), Harry CUNNANE-NEILAN (67), Imogen DYER (61), Orson EDWARDS (59), Sam FREESTON (53), Esme FRENCH (63), Ziggy GARDNER (52), Ava GORDON-NIPPRESS (55), Vincent HENNESSY-PRICE (57), Finley HUXTABLE (64), Hugo JOHN (68), Flora JONES (74), Freddie KINGDON (63), Alex LINCOLN (73), Charlie LONG (52), Ollie MACFARLANE (65), Lucas MARCOVITCH (69), Max MITCHELL (70), Oakley NEWMAN (59), Muhammed NOOR-UL-ARIFEEN (50), Oscar PACKHAM (60), Scott PADDOCK (54), Bella PERALES-MORRIS (54), Harrison POVEY (65), Isla POWELL (54), Tommy RIGBY (64), Jayden ROSSITER (70), Jasmine SAWTELL (56), Lexi SHARP (70), Jaihan SINGARDA (51), Poppy SMITH (60), Zach STEPHENS (59), Ryan TAYLOR (60), Oskar THOMSON (57), Esme TOTO (60), Lola VOWLES (63), Millie WARREN (58), Rufus WOOKEY (56), Zaym ZAHEER (70)

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