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1st XI Team Won 5: Drew 2: Lost 2.

Good wins against Holmewood House and Yardley Court. Thank you all the boys who contributed to another successful season and to the loyal band of parents who supported us.

J Newman



Trying to maintain such a high standard after last year's successful campaign was not going to be easy. Although having six of the 1st XI returning (albeit with Christian West never being fit throughout the whole term due to a knee injury) I was full of high hopes. After returning to school after a long hot summer, our season began a week later with a home match against D.P.S. with both teams looking like they needed the match - a 0-0 scoreline was a fitting result.

Our next game was away at New Beacon. After winning this fixture last year they were sure to be looking to gain revenge. After a good first half with the score 0-0 we had every chance of repeating last year's success. Unfortunately some poor defending in the second half led to New Beacon ending up deserving winners 4-1. I have to say this was our worse performance of the term.

Holmewood House were to be our next opponents. This is always a tough game but the team rose to the challenge and ran out worthy winners 2-1 (the only Vinehall team to beat Holmewood House).

The matches were coming thick and fast and three days later Skippers Hill arrived at Vinehall. This turned out to be one way traffic, Vinehall winning the game 15-1 (just what we needed). Our next match was against St Bedes away. Whoever said football was a game of two halves, well this one definitely was! St Bedes going one up in the first half and Ewen Cameron's well thought-out goal straight from the the kick off in the second half to level the score at 1-1. Ashdown House were our next opponents and not only did they produce some of the best football I had seen in the first fifteen minutes, they also scored three goals. To our credit the team could quite easily have thrown in the towel there and then, but we are made of sterner stuff at Vinehall and in the second half we had much more of the game and were unlucky not to reduce the deficit.



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Our next two matches, firstly away at Marlborough House and then at home to St Ronans, we were completely in control, winning them 7-1 and 7-2 respectively. Our last match was away at Yardley Court. After changing in their new sports hall and making the long walk down to the pitch, the first thing I noticed was the size of their goalkeeper - he was taller than me! On to the match itself - it turned out to be a thriller and with a lot of the boys playing their last game of football for Vinehall, they were certainly up for the challenge, going a goal down early, they responded to score twice to go in at half time 2-1. Early in the second half Yardley levelled the score until a superb strike from William Wheeler gave us the winner, the final score being 3-2. I must give a huge thank you to Mr Perry whose vocal support on the side lines lifted the whole team. I would like to thank all the boys who contributed to another successful season and to our loyal band of parents who supported us both home and away.

D.P.S.	H	Drew 0-0	Ashdown/H	H	Lost 3-0
New Beacon	A	Lost 4-1	Marlborough/H	A	Won 7-1
H/House	H	Won 2-1	St Ronans	H	Won 7-2
Skippers	H	Won 15-1	Yardley/C	A	Won 3-2
St Bedes	A	Drew 1-1			
Goals For 39 Against 15					

Highlights of the season.

Good wins against both Holmewood House and Yardley Court
 Robert Perry being voted players' *player of the season*
 Won 5 Drew 2 Lost 2
 Full colours going to= R Perry, WWheeler, E Cameron,
 HAuld, S Flint and M Weston.

Mr J Newman (Team Coach)



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2nd XI Team The 2nd XI football team have had their ups and downs, but mainly had a successful season. The team seemed to improve as the season went along, starting averagely and ending excellently. *J Fancourt*



One of the main highlights of the season was the tense but exciting game against Holmewood House. In this match, Vinehall kept the quick and skilful attackers of Holmewood out with some great defending from all the team, especially from Chris Goldsack, who deserves a special mention for his fantastic service to the team right through the season. The final result of this match was 0-0.

Vinehall's attackers were an important part of the 2nd XI's success, consisting of Edward Stapley and Fred Keeling. Edward Stapley, the top scorer for the team with twelve goals, seemed to be able to score in the most stylish fashions, even when under immense pressure.

The midfielders, Max Spedding, Nick Weston-Smith, Felix Canetty-Clarke, Sam Gilbert and Felix Keeling, challenged courageously and fed the attack with brilliant passes throughout the season. These five players took great strain off the other members of the team as well as providing confidence to them.

The 2nd XI's defence consisted of Chris Goldsack, Imran Iqbal, Edward Neill and Chris Doherty. These players frustrated and puzzled other teams with brave and valiant tackling in addition to powerful clearances. Having such a reliable defence, the other players were permitted to relax a bit and play their own game without having to help the defence. This benefited the team's performance.

Having such extraordinary goalkeepers, Benjamin Huntington-Rainey and William Gage, was a great privilege for the 2nd XI. The goalkeepers were truly amazing. Their commitment to not letting the other teams score was dazzling and they pulled off the most athletic saves at times. Without these two incredible goalkeepers, the team's success would not have existed.

The 2nd XI's achievements and improvements were also due to Mr. Fancourt, an inspirational coach who has transformed the 2nd XI, from a good team to a great team. But the main factor of this accomplishment of good results is the way the team worked well together and the attitude that all the players took into each game. It seemed, even when the going was tough, that the 2nd XI never gave up, but carried on until the final whistle blew. Also, it is fair to say that all the players of this cheerful team put 100% effort into every game that they played during the season.



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3rd Team



Colts 'A' Played 9: Won 1: Lost 8: Goals for, 4: Goals against, 23
Yes, it's dismal reading! We were not very good! For the loyal bunch of parents/spectators who watched the matches I have few words of comfort only heart-felt gratitude that you stuck by the team ! *N J Butcher*



To have scored only 4 goals in 9 matches and to concede 24 is a sorry reflection on any team and I should know I'm a Manchester City supporter!

Who would have thought that after a 1-0 win away to New Beacon in our first match the team would not win another match? Well, not me, but that is exactly what happened. The team only really came to life against St Bedes which we lost 2-3.

NINE of the goals against us were scored in the last 2 matches FIVE of them in the second half against Yardley Court! What a contrast between the first and last matches of the season.

For the loyal bunch of parents/spectators who watched the matches I have few words of comfort only heart felt gratitude that you stuck by the team through hell and high water!

The players voted Warat Thavisin the *Player of the Season* and junior colours were awarded to William Howard Smith, Jake Willis- Flemming, Daniel Cope and Tom Harvey.
N J Butcher.



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Colts 'B' Played 5: Lost 5



Results:

New Beacon	1-5	Lost
St. Andrews	0-2	Lost
Marlborough House	0-1	Lost
St. Bedes	1-4	Lost
Yardley Court	0-8	Lost

This was very much a learning season for quite an inexperienced side and the results reflect that. On a number of occasions, the team was unlucky to concede several goals towards the end of a match, when tiredness and lack of concentration played a part. This in some instances, distorted the score line. There was much enthusiasm in the squad, all of whom tried hard and made progress as the season unfolded. Bradley Hayes and James Ralph played particularly well in defence and Richard Rogers was a stalwart of the side, playing in a variety of different positions. Alasdair Bremner also showed promise, staying faithfully in his position of Left Wing, and also playing in goal later in the season. The team was well captained by Angus Duthie-Jackson, who was also the main goal keeper and winner of the squad's 'player of the season' award. James Burke and Peter Weston-Smith made some exciting runs in the course of the season, the former scoring a good goal against St. Bedes. Joshua Powell was one of the most improved players. The main problem tended to be a lack of positional awareness and a lack of support play so that too often players were left isolated with no options. All in all, however, the boys played with enthusiasm and enjoyment and can take plenty of positives out of the season. *E Yeats-Brown*



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U10 A



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This was obviously not a vintage season for the under tens, with only one victory recorded. However, after a poor start against strong opposition in the first two games, good progress was made during the rest of the term.

To begin with, many of the boys had too individual an approach and were overly concerned with their own performance. After a lot of hard work in training the message began to sink in that teamwork is absolutely vital. I was pleased with the way the boys began to work for each other, and the improvement, especially in passing, was quite marked in the later matches. One other positive aspect from the season was that there are many boys of similar ability in this group.

The B team had a fine season, and this depth of talent should make for an effective 11 a side team next year.

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U10 B





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U9 A Results Played 7: Won 5: Drew 1: Lost 1



Holmewood House	0-2	Lost
Skippers Hill	2-0	Won
St. Andrews	1-1	Drew
St. Bedes	5-0	Won
Marlborough House	2-0	Won
St. Ronans	4-3	Won
Ashdown House	1-0	Won

The U9A have completed a very successful season with five wins and only one defeat in their seven games. The highlight of the term was the determined performance against a strong Marlborough House side. There was also a seven goal thriller at St. Ronans with Vinehall just coming out on top thanks to excellent finishing from Edward Jeremy and the athletic goalkeeping of Charlie Williamson. The St. Andrews match looked like finishing in a goalless stalemate until both sides scored in a crazy final minute. The one defeat of the term was in the first match against Holmewood House; the U9's defended bravely but lacked any cutting edge in the opposition half.

Oliver Giles and Alexander Pugh proved to be excellent defenders and managed to ensure that we kept a 'clean sheet' in four games. Charlie Williamson was a very agile goalkeeper and he made a number of remarkable saves throughout the term. James Wardle was a tireless presence in midfield and was voted the boys' 'player of the season' for his efforts. William Furlong and Hugo Davies were skillful partners in midfield and their thoughtful passing created lots of opportunities for the sharp shooting striker, Edward Jeremy

.N Butler



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U9 B Results Played 5: Won 2: Lost 3



U9 B Results

Holmwood House	0-1	Lost
St. Andrews	1-3	Lost
Skippers Hill	1-0	Won
St. Bedes	3-0	Won
Marlborough House	0-2	Lost

The U.9 B team played with increasing confidence through the season and recorded an excellent win at St. Bedes. Jasper Keeling was the most impressive striker and his pace up front regularly posed problems for our opponents. Edward Rogers was a sturdy defender with a powerful clearing kick and he was well supported by the highly reliable David Roberts at full back. Joshua Jones made a good contribution with his control skills in midfield in tandem with the energetic Archie Todd. *N Butler*