

# Rugby



## 1<sup>st</sup> XV

**Played 8, won 2, and lost 6.**

The team has had to contend with very strong and a bigger opposition this year and it is to their credit that they have maintained their spirit and determination. The team managed two convincing wins against St. Ronan's School and Heathfield.

The forwards were well led by James Mannion and he showed tremendous spirit even when the team were struggling. William Colderick was a very effective fly half and his aggressive runs posed a constant threat to the opposition defence. The Wardle brothers were always very committed at the tackle area and their spirited rucking often created turnover ball for the forwards.

A number of Year 7 boys gained experience in the team this season.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> XV

The team had a terrific season and enjoyed lots of success in their matches. The highlights included the narrow victory against Ashdown House and the convincing 40-0 win at St Andrew's. The team were fortunate to have an excellent scrum half in Archie Todd and fast running backs in Oliver Giles and Alexander Pugh.

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> XII

The 3rds have had an enjoyable season even if it was disrupted by the weather and injuries to various players leading to inconsistency in team selection. The opening match against St. Andrews was a close fought encounter with St. Andrews just edging it by one try. The re-match was less exciting as a new Thai boy ran rings round, through and over us! Chris Boshier deserves a special mention here for his tenacity even in the face of a mounting score line! Against DPS we were not able to put out a full strength team owing to illness and injury but the boys are to be commended for the way that they kept battling. Special mention must go to Jarvis Duthie-Jackson whose ferocious tackling all afternoon was commented on by a number of people. He scored a deserved try to lift team spirits in an otherwise one-sided affair. The highlight of the season was the 37 7 win against Ashdown House with Tom Grant and Harry Buxton playing particularly well. Buster Russell also impressed with one dazzling run which was stopped just short of the line.

Much progress was made in the course of the season and the boys certainly enjoyed their rugby. Well done everybody!