

Rugby



Under 9

Every boy in year four has played at least one match this term with thirteen representing the school at A level and the remaining five boys playing for the B team in a very enjoyable game of tag rugby versus St Andrews. The A team played six matches this season, winning three matches comfortably and losing three, twice to a very strong St Andrews team and also against Heathfield Rugby Club.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the boys who played and to all the parents for their support both home and away.

Players' player of the Season: Jasper Piper

Results

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| St Andrews | Lost 5-0 |
| St Ronans | Won 75-5 |
| Claremont | Won 55-5 |
| St Andrews | Lost 30-0 |
| Heathfield | Lost 20-5 |
| Ashdown House | Won 40-10 |

J Newman

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Under 10

“A” Played 6, Won 1, Lost 5. “B” Played 3 Won 3

The under 10 squad were a challenging group to coach this season with some able rugby players alongside some less able! The potential is there with some skilful individuals but they need to blend together to make a **team**. “Together Everyone Achieves More”.

The boys have reached the stage in their rugby development where they need to start to hone their personal and team skills and it is no longer every man for himself. The role of players within the team has to be established and they must stick to their roles if play is to be fluent and progressive towards the 15 a side game.

This season started with a training match v St Andrews in which we managed to score a few tries and gave me a chance to see the boys in action.

Against Holmewood House the “A” team gave away a 5-0 half time lead to lose 5-10 in a game where we dominated most areas of play but failed to tackle two break away runners who scored their two tries. The commitment from the players was excellent. The “B” team fared better and won a good game 15 5.

A similar story against Marlborough House - a 5-0 half time lead was given away in the second half and we lost 10 5 with some suspect tackling allowing their boys through to score twice as team concentration faded.

Claremont school gave us a good hard match and against a more powerful team the boys stuck to their tasks but ended up losing 25 10. Good team spirit was again a feature of this match.

St Ronans were the only team we beat and the score was 35 5.

Two cancelled matches early in 2007 saw us up against St Andrews again for the full match this time. The “A” team was squashed 30 0 but the “B” team recorded a win 10-15.

Against Ashdown House the “A” team contested a bad tempered affair but even with two of their players sent off we still lost 25 10. . The “B” team held the flag high and won 15 10.

Some moments of good individual play during the season to look back on and the teams showed some promise for future success.

The “A” team player of the season was James Mc Neilly

The “B” team player of the season was Jack Winchester

