# **Cricket Report - Summer 2021**

#### **U12 Hardball**

The U12's showed a lot of heart and determination this season and were very committed to training. The group showed great enthusiasm on the field and their level of skill improved as the season went on. Things look positive for this group of boys and girls as they progress on to U13 level next year.

Mr Hamilton

# **U13 Hardball**

It has been a positive, if frustrating season for the U13s and as was the case with all our teams, the weather prevented many games from taking place. In the three fixtures we did manage to play there were certainly glimmers of potential for the future however. Although the boys were fairly outgunned by a very strong Langley Park team, they demonstrated their team spirit and levels of improvement in competitive matches against both Judd and Marlborough House. Tom Herbert led the team admirably in all fixtures and we saw strong performances from the likes of Will Savage, Jesse Fisho, George De Daranyi and Alex Zaki.

Mr McConnochie

# U13/U12 Softball

The U'12s have only played two games this season winning one and losing the other. The win was convincing against Benenden, and the girls show great potential going forward. Stand out performances from: Kitty Cochrane, Goergia Glass, Nel Hoye, Clara Shimmin and Honor Marlowe Barham.

Sadly, the U'13s have faced some very strong opposition and were unable to convert some excellent play into a win. There is more to come from this squad, and I expect with further experience and renewed confidence the team will make good progress next season. Stand out performances from: Isabel Elms, Flossy Webster, Verity Lees and Elsie Hamerton-Stone.

**Mrs Burnett** 

## **U14 Hardball**

The U14's have had a disappointing season in terms of practices and fixtures being cancelled due to the rain. Despite this a keen group of boys have committed to the sport and with class players such as Alec Stephen, Ed Steele and Ewan Campbell leading the way technically and James Baskett and Gordon Taylor providing the humour, this team have the potential to have fun next year and hopefully play a bit more Cricket together!

Mr McConnochie

#### **U14 Softball**

The U14 girls have hugely developed their cricket ability and knowledge throughout the term. Coming up against some strong opposition throughout the season, the girls always put up a good fight and have been especially strong with their bowling and fielding. A

special mention must go to Beth Chandler, Isabel O'Neill and Kayla Brown for their consistently accurate bowling when playing on both astro and grass pitches. Arianna Gbemudu has also stepped up to play wicket keeper having never previously played cricket before this year. We were unfortunate with a few results including a loss to Mayfield and Benenden where our batting and communication between batters were identified as areas for improvement. However, it has been hugely positive to see the girls work on this aspect of their game and to finish the season with a win against Claremont.

**Miss Scott** 

### **U15 Hardball**

The Under 15 team were frustrated by poor weather for the most part. They hardly played a game that wasn't impacted by the weather. Despite this a number of young players are showing promise, with Hamish Bignell making his 1st XI debut. The team were well led by Barnaby Webster with George Herbert, Tom Morgan and Charlie Streeten all making sound contributions throughout the season. There is a lot of promise with this group of players, most of whom will be ready for 1st XI cricket by the start of next season.

Mr Hamilton

## **U15 Softball**

The U15 girls went from strength to strength this season, continuously building on their previous week's performance. I was incredibly impressed by not only their skill and cricket ability, but also by their attitude and perseverance throughout the season. Highlights have to be when we got 7 wickets off Sutton Valence school, with them only getting 3 from us due to some fantastic bowling and fielding from the girls. The batting was spectacular too, with Emily Hues getting not only the first 6 of the season but getting it twice! A big shoutout to Molly Edwards as well, who captained the team and led by example, turning up to every single training practice and match throughout the whole season. A fantastic season girl's, it's been a pleasure to coach you!

#### **Miss Williams**



#### 1st team

Despite the very poor weather and concerns regarding Covid, the 1st XI managed to

complete a larger number of close competitive fixtures this season. A highlight of the season was our victory over Tonbridge School 3rd XI, where Cameron Cummings scored a rapid century (his hundred came up in the 14th over). The season finished with an





enjoyable day out at St Lawrence College, followed by an extremely close game against the OC's which we won by 1 run. The team were well led by Tom Laver and there are a number of talented younger players coming through in Year 12. Thank you to Maisie Wright, Wilf Andrews and Kaspar Bottle for stepping up as soon as they were available after exams. The future of senior cricket looks bright and 2022 looks to be a very exciting season.

Mr Hamilton

#### Thank you and Farewell to Year 13

Full Cricket colours are awarded to Cameron Cummings (1st team since Year 9) and Piers Townsend (1st team from Year 10). A huge thank you to all the Year 13's that stepped up to play 1st team this season in between exams, especially the Laver twins who showed a real dedication to the very limited cricket they have experienced since joining in Year 12.

Thanks also to Mr Hamilton, Dan and Mr Chuter for their team effort taking this lovely bunch of boys.

We wish you all the best and hope that you all continue playing cricket at university, club and beyond.

