



## SEASON SUMMARY

### U12

Manager: Mr Stone Coach: Mr Evans	Season Summary: W3 D2 L2 F27 A14	League Position: 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 7 Cup Progress: Quarter Final
Manager's Player: Kian Weetman/Jacob Sharman		Player's Player: Tom Chesworth



The season did not start particularly brightly for the year 7 team losing 8-0 to Carres Grammar School in the county cup first round. However, since that defeat the team have gone from strength to strength and exceeded my expectations in their first league campaign.

Early victories vs Bourne Academy (3-0) and Peele (8-0) helped the team get off to an excellent start in the league competition with Aidan McMurray scoring goals at will. Goalkeeper Tom Flanz marshalled the defence well keeping a clean sheet up until the last game of the season. A further three points came vs UAH via an 11-0 win and the performance of the season. The next match was away at Deeping school, and despite dominating the match the team were unable to score and the game finished 0-0. This meant that the team needed a win vs Bourne Grammar School, who were top of the league, in the last fixture of the season. The team applied themselves brilliantly but could only manage a 1-1 draw. This resulted in a second place finish in the league.

After a difficult start the squad can be very proud of their season making many improvements when compared with their first fixture.

### U13

Managers: Mr Kirby and Mr Venables	Season Summary: W5 D1 L1 F33 A13	League Position: 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 6 Cup Progress: Round of 16
Manager's Player: Will Van Lier		Player's Player: Charlie Earth



Competing for the first time at 11-a-side has been a positive for this year's U13's. Being blessed with a large squad with strength in depth has meant convincing victories all season and a closing of the gap with our nemesis, Deeping.

The County Cup saw us up against last season's winners, Deeping, in the first round. 70 minutes and extra time could not separate the two teams with Deeping finding a late equaliser after several good chances for us to make it 3-1. Only a close fought Penalty Shoot saw us crash out at the first hurdle.

The League campaign started with comfortable wins against Bourne Academy and away at UAH. Deeping was next up and despite a couple of notable absences, Spalding easily held their own against their strong opponents. Both teams struggled to create many chances but with 8 minutes left, Deeping broke down the left and the cross was scrambled in at the far post, leaving Deeping, once again, favourites for the top spot. More good wins followed against a well organised Bourne Grammar and away at Spalding Academy but Deeping also remained unbeaten to clinch the title.

Another great season from the U13's with notable performances throughout. New additions Harry Walsh and Elijah Aistrup both grabbed the opportunity and cemented their places in the squad and should hopefully help us see the same improvement next year as we have this.

## U14

Manager: Mr Endersbee	Season Summary: W9 D0 L2 F63 A14	League Position: 1 <sup>st</sup> of 7 League Final: Winner Cup Progress: Semi Final
Manager's Player: Jack Cunnington		Player's Player: Luke Fox



This was a 'coming-of-age' season which saw an already technically gifted team develop the physical grit and healthy aggression element of their game. The team built itself around the solid and combative foundation of



Sepiso Irothume and Jack Cunnington in the centre of midfield, sat in front of the organised defence led by Jack Forster and Luke Fox. When combined with captain Jonah Gill proving a near-unbeatable force in goal and the pacey clinical attack of Josh Ling, Jordan Elston, James Clark and Willis Wright, the team possesses outstanding balance. Spoilt for choice with squad in depth, a staggering 24 players have been used for the twelve matches this season, which proved once again successful. It was pleasing to see 'fringe players' from last year become regular faces in the team, including Corey Compton and George Thornley. A 100% league campaign led to the league final against Haven High and a superb victory of 7-2. In the county cup, the team showed outstanding performances to face a very strong Carres team in the semi final, where they lost 3-1 having in a game of two halves. Next season the team aim to go one further in the county cup, having been eliminated in the semi final two years running.



## U15

Manager: Mr Hedges	Season Summary: W6 D1 L3 F29 A12	League Position: 1 <sup>st</sup> of 6 League Final: Runners-up Cup Progress: Semi Final
Manager's Player: Will Barnes		Player's Player: Sam Burden



This season saw the under 15 football team lose their first league game in four years, but they still managed to retain their league title with a late 1-0 win against Bourne Grammar proving crucial. It has been somewhat of a transition season, as some players have moved on to focus on other sports, whilst new players have come into the squad. This has been the cause of some inconsistency as we have searched for the right players in the right formation. The work rate of Will Barnes, Michael Bailey, Daniel Simpson and Aaron Buckley in midfield has been excellent, whilst Connor Bell has continued to be lethal in front of goal. Sam Burden and Brandon Andrews have continued to build their central defensive partnership in front of the excellent Oliver Murfet in goal.

Unfortunately the team suffered a 1-0 defeat in the league final to rivals Boston Grammar. The team produced some good performances in the County Cup too, but also came up well short against Boston Grammar in the semi final. The challenge next year will be to find more players who can chip in with goals, whilst ensuring that the back four are still well protected. Well done to all the boys who were involved this season.

## **U16**

Manager: Mr Crane	Season Summary: W8 D1 L2 F39 A14	League Position: 1 <sup>st</sup> of 7 League Playoff: Runners-up Cup Progress: Semi Final
Manager's Player: Alex Richardson		Player's Player: Brad Waters



In their last year of playing as a year group, the Year 11s have continued to make great improvements. It was also pleasing to see that throughout the season twenty two players have been involved in one way or another. Despite two disappointing and vital losses, the season has been a success with the team making the Semi Final of the Lincolnshire County Cup and the Final of the South Lincs League. In The County Cup, the U16s played some great football and took some massive scalps including impressive victories over Caistor Grammar School and Bourne Grammar. Unfortunately the Cup run was ended by a disappointing display in the Semi Final. In the League, the U16s remained undefeated with some great performances against Spalding Academy and Peele. In the Final, the U16s came up against their nemesis Boston Grammar. The team went into the final without influential Bradley Waters, who broke his leg the week before and sprint demon William Hughes. Unfortunately the Spalding team gave away some soft goals and trailed by three half time. In the second half, it was a much better displayed and goals from Patrick Harrington and Alex Richardson gave the U16s some hope. However a fourth Boston goal put the game to bed. It was not the fairy tale ending, however the boys can be proud of their achievements this year. Captain Alex Richardson and Fenn Storey have worked hard in the midfield whilst Kyle Compton has impressed with his energy up front. Patrick Harrington has shown his versatility as a footballer as he has played in most positions on the pitch. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players for their continued commitment to the school team and for the parents who have supported throughout the season. Also a massive thank you to Captain Alex Richardson for his strong leadership. I wish all the players every success wherever they play their football next year.

## **Senior 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

Manager: Mr Venables	Season Summary: W2 D1 L8 F21 A39	League Position: 5 <sup>th</sup> of 7 Cup Progress: N/A
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*Manager and Player's Player awards will be announced at the Senior Sports Dinner*

Having a squad gifted with talented players willing to work hard, who on the most part have played together for a number of years, we would have hoped for a more successful season. With a strong spine of Harry Wilkinson-Roberts, Jamie Balding, James Hook and Alex Want, we went into games confident. Although we battled through and offered some promising performances, we rarely came up with the result. As a team filled with defenders we often couldn't find the goals needed when dominating games. A clear example of this was against Priory Ruskin in the last game of the season, with the whole team working hard in terrible conditions and putting pressure on their defence but not being able to get shots on target. Joe Oxby (Captain).

A truly committed and reliable set of players who listened and worked hard all season, results did not reflect their efforts but throughout they remained a pleasure to work with and were a credit to the PE department, very well done to all. Mr Venables (Manager)

## **Senior 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

Manager: Mr Endersbee	Season Summary: W8 D3 L3 F35 A10	League Position: 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 8 LB Cup Progress: Quarter Final
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With a technically gifted squad with respect to passing, defending and goalkeeping (in the shape of Harry Ford) I was confident we would have a solid season defensively. However, the two problems were going to be how to fit a collection of 'similar' players into a formation, and how we were going to score goals. Experimentation with a 4-4-2 diamond seemed to be the answer, getting the best out of our creative midfield players of Luke Russon, Josh Burrows, Callum Davies and Sam East. Midfielder Max Neil also adapted superbly once again to right back, becoming our most consistent player. A number of players adapted well to playing in a more forward role, with Luke Barnett providing the main spearhead and being involved in around half of the teams goals. Supporting performances from Jack Baker, Aidan Armstrong and Josh Lawrence offered pace, work rate and goal threats too.

The team soon gelled on and off the pitch, and the quality of performances were generally high. Although points were dropped in three draws in the league, we can take great credit for being the only team to beat Carres Grammar in the past couple of seasons; when we beat them 3-0 away. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the league was the highest in a number of seasons.

A disappointing exit from the LB Cup in the quarter final for the third season running was one of the low points of the season, although the team can take spirit from the way they dominated large parts of the game against Oakham.

## **Refereeing**

I was thrilled this year to add another dimension to the football season; that of refereeing. Nine SGS students from Years 10-12 joined others from around the county to take part in the course that was hosted here at the School. Through liaison with Michael Brader and his team at Lincs FA, the course was a huge success, with the 'graduating' students now undertaking their five matches of refereeing before sitting their final exam to become a fully qualified referee. Credit must be given to Sam Nickels of Year 12, who drove the idea of hosting the course initially.



SGS referees: Callum Green, Brad Waters, Michael Baxter, Sam Nickels, Eirik Otis, Joe Summers, Amy Magnus, Jordan Elston, Tom McManamon-Cookson.

Mr Endersbee, Director of Football