

# Spotlight On Sport Rugby

## Under 11

Played: 9 Won: 4 Drawn: 1 Lost: 4

The approach to training has been fully committed by up to 20 players working in the squad throughout the term. We made an excellent start to the season with a good win against Harenc. We followed this up with a home fixture against an unbeaten Eltham side, which we lost despite a valiant effort all round. Once again we hosted our Annual St Dunstan's Rugby Tournament. The team played with tremendous team spirit and a lot of courage. In the end we beat King's Rochester to come 5th against very strong competition throughout the matches. Our final fixture of the season was a Festival with Colfe's, St. Christopher's and Harenc last Friday. We won our first match against St. Christopher's but were then beaten by Colfe's. We finished by drawing against a much-improved Harenc side.

I would like to extend my grateful thanks as usual to Mr Duckworth who has been a tremendous member of the coaching team. Overall I feel that the squad and I have enjoyed a good season.

This year's rugby captain: Chris Murray – who has always led quietly by example and is learning to motivate the team with encouraging words.

**Player of the Season:** Chris Murray – he is a determined runner and has worked hard to improve his tackling. He sets a good example, motivating those around him and always wanting the team to do well. He has displayed great enthusiasm and focus in captaining the side this season.

**Most improved player:** Baltek Pawlowski – Baltek has really come on as a player over the course of this term. He has worked very hard to improve his skills as a back and now tackles committedly and with excellent skill. He is certainly a player whose prime commitment is to the team.

**Colours:** Luke Elliott, Edmund Owen, Matthew Bunting, George Kamenou, Chris Murray, James Nash, Shaun Gaisie, Stephen Coley, Baltek Pawlowski, Alex Fox, Ben Ryan, Brett Lynch, James Middleton, Richard Tatum

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## Football

**The U11 team** had a fine season remaining unbeaten in the 11-a-side game. We packed defence and midfield, and worked the ball patiently forward for George Kamenou to score 90% of the goals. A typical scoreline was 4-3 to St Dunstan's with George scoring 3 goals.

Luke Elliot represented Orpington and District Schools Football Association and has been a colossus for the school teams in the last two years. Steven Coley performed admirably in midfield. The back four played as a unit, defending superbly with good positioning the main feature of their play.

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## Cricket

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Played: 6 Won: 4 Lost: 2

We suffered from the usual St Dunstan's disease this year, not scoring enough runs, indeed, many of the runs that we did score were given to us from extras. Our bowling and fielding were excellent throughout the season.

We started off with a very satisfying win against Alleyn's where very tight, straight bowling, not giving anything away and a couple of excellent, stinging catches were held gave us the win in a very close, tense match.

A week later a slightly easier win over Bishop Challoner with some good batting from Zunair Lodhi gave us a good total to try to defend and once again our bowlers and fielding skills were up to the task.

We were runners up in the SDC kwik cricket competition winning two of our three matches, losing just the one to the eventual winners, St Mary's.

We lost our final match to St David's. Once again we did not make the most of the opportunities that were offered to us when batting, scoring very slowly at the beginning. We then came across one very talented batsman that we could not dismiss. The pleasing aspect of this match was the perseverance that the boys showed.

Throughout the season a large number of children have attended Monday night squad sessions and the standard of cricket has certainly improved. The enthusiasm of the children at St Dunstan's never ceases to amaze me and this group is no different from any other. We were warned about the amount of noise on the field as the bowler was coming in to bowl at Alleyn's, they were only encouraging their friends to bowl straight and the fielders to stay alert. There was a real fizz about the way they approached their cricket and I am sure that they will continue the successes of this season next year as Under 11s.

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The U11 cricket team had a busy season and did quite well. We won all of our matches against the smaller schools and were competitive when we met the stronger schools such as Alleyns, Whitgift, Cumnor House, KCS Wimbledon and Dulwich.

Our bowling was good and straight. Our principal bowlers were Douglas Butt, Stephen Coley, Chris Murray, Richard Tatum, George Holloway, James Nash and Mala Bhandari. Our batting was not as strong, but Chris Murray, George Kamenou and Stephen Coley all batted consistently well. George Kamenou was also a very lively wicketkeeper.

**The Most Improved Player** award goes to an all rounder who played every match – James Nash.

**The Player of the Year** award goes to another all rounder and captain – Chris Murray.

## Results

SDC 95-7 (C.Murray 25, G.Kamenou 14\*,  
S.Gaisie 10\*)  
St Christophers 80-4  
*SDC won by 15 runs*

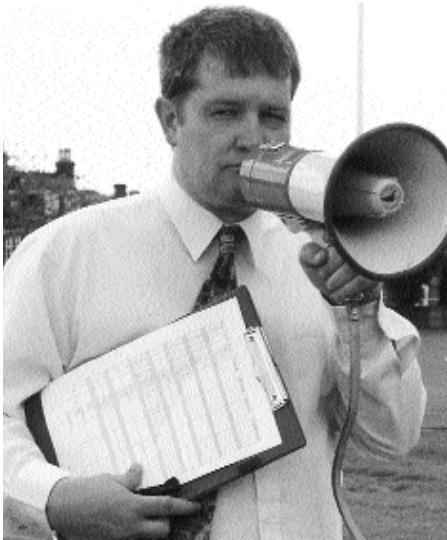
SDC 93-8 (S.Coley 15, C.Murray 25, J.Patterson  
25)  
Eltham College 92-5  
*SDC won by 1 run*

SDC 115-5 (G.Kamenou 18, T.Rathborn 13,

Elliott 13\*)  
Bishop Challoner 31 all out  
*SDC won by 84 runs*

Alleyns 87-8  
SDC 47 all out  
*SDC lost by 40 runs*

SDC 77-5 (S.Coley 20)  
Whitgift  
*game abandoned due to rain*





## Netball

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This year the U11 A team were a very strong side. No matter what, we always tried our best and never gave up. Unfortunately we lost our first match but we trained much harder and won our next game against Alleyn's 2-0. As the term went on we improved magnificently and won a match against F.A.S.H 11-1. We would not have been able to get this brilliant score if we didn't have our very good shooters (Isabella Burley, Mala Bhanderi and Tajana Bunton-Williams). After this, out of the 15 matches we played, we won 12 matches. We also took part in two tournaments and came 2nd in both. Laura Kastoryano our captain has encouraged the team throughout the netball season. Our team had some brilliant defence by Amy De Zoysa, Simone Dawkins and Fiona Gray.

We owe all our achievements to Mrs Poole and Miss Reid who have helped us throughout the whole year by teaching us good skills.

All of the team enjoyed playing netball throughout the netball season and look forward to playing it again next year.

*Amy De Zoysa and Isabella Burley*

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The members of the U10 netball team sometimes included all the girls in Year 5. At the beginning of the year the A, B and C teams each played a match against Alleyn's and we all won. Later in the term the A and B teams played in the U10 St Christopher's netball tournament. The B team came an impressive first place. By the end of the first term the A team were unbeatable and the B's were winning most matches. Towards the end of the second term, one tournament and a few matches, including one for the A, B and C teams, were postponed until the beginning of the next term. All the girls have improved greatly throughout the season and have had lots of fun. Well done girls!

*Sarah Shapcott and Clare Skinner*

### Under 9

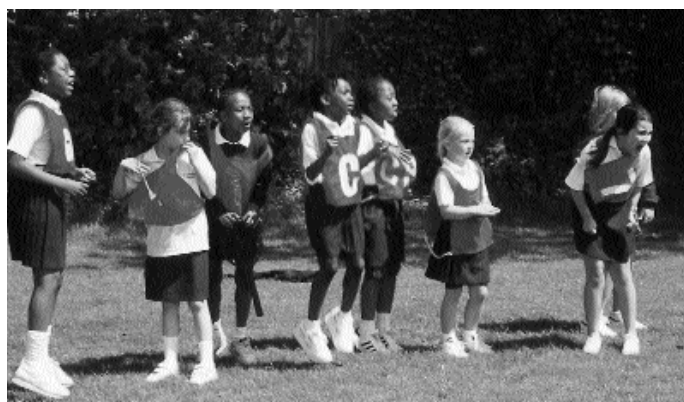
Being in the U9 netball squad is really great, you get a

lot of really fun games sessions while you build up your stamina and also a sense of defiance. During the tournaments and matches the girls start trusting each other more and making friends with each other.

Our first match we lost 13-2 to St Christopher's who turned out to be practically invincible. The second match against Braeside was cancelled but the third match was our best even through hail and rain we still managed to win 3-0. We got jammy doughnuts at the end, mmmmm! We also entered one tournament in which we came fourth out of eight, but we did try very hard.

Whether we won or lost we did our best and didn't give up which was the best thing about being an U9 netballer apart from the doughnuts of course!

*Guilia Spissu and Opal Jordan*





## Swimming

This year there has been a marked improvement in the standard of the swimming teams, which has been due to the commitment of the children in Years 4, 5 & 6 turning up for early morning training and the introduction of a swimming club for Year 3.

It has been a busy year with inter-school matches as well as London Schools Galas and a national IAPS competition. We have had varying successes culminating in winning our own Junior School Gala for the first time by a significant margin.

Year 3 have also competed in many of the galas with the help of James Walton and Peter Mears from Year 2 who became the youngest children ever to represent the College.

Particular mention must go to Year 3 and Year 5 teams who won their age group in most of the galas.

We were able to take part in the London Schools Swimming Gala for the first time and qualified for the Finals in several events. The team consisting of Anna Maria Dixon (Captain), Chris Murray, Oliver Vidgeon, James Hibberd, Alun Simpson, Jessica Pearce and Kieran Miyamoto all came away with medals.

Our biggest success was Oliver Vidgeon and James Hibberd qualifying for the National IAPS Boys Final at Millfield School. This was a fantastic achievement as 122 Schools entered the qualifying rounds.

We were delighted when Oliver won a silver medal for U10 25m Front Crawl and James came 6th in U10 Backstroke. Congratulations to them both and to all our swimming club members lets hope that the success continues next year.

*SP and HM*