

Saturday 24th September

Ladies 1st XI vs Merton

The first league game of the season was a sunny one. It was a physical game immediately with Merton fighting hard to dominate from the start. However, we kept our focus and tried to play our game. In the first half, we pressed them well with the mid fielders playing hard to get the ball up to the forwards. Nikki in the mid field played tirelessly in the sun and worked with Liz, Jackie and Ali to get the ball up to the forwards. Georgie played a fierce game, always on top of the defenders, hustling for the ball. Richie and Fletch picked up the ball well and made light work of side stepping their defence. We won a few short corners but no goal. The sun was relentless and affected a few decision making capabilities but we dug deep and the first half finished at 0 - 0.

The defence had a solid game, Helen playing an attacking centre back supported by Sophie M and Emma. Sophie DH and Emily finished the defensive line with excellent channelling and tackles. Lucy, in goal played well and stopped a few conceded short corners. A short corner was won and we finally scored a goal. At this point, Merton were getting more physical and there were a few barges and tumbles but we tried to stick to our game even with fatigue setting in. Another shorty was won and almost another goal scored but the ball just glanced off an OC foot before going in so we were denied. A few more attempts at goal during the second half was positive but no more were realised.

The game ended at 1 - 0 - a good start to the league!