

## U11A Soccer v Manchester Grammar School (Away)

### Won 4-1

At last, a result which reflected our performance! The team has been playing well for a while now but this has not always been apparent from our scorelines. However, against MGS matters changed.

Despite falling behind against the run of play midway through the first half, we played some excellent and incisive football and deservedly drew level by the interval. In fact, we probably deserved to have been a couple of goals in front.

The second half saw us step up a notch further, continue our high work rate and move the ball around with great skill and panache. It was a very good performance and a well-deserved victory.

*Luca Scott:* Made two excellent saves, one in each half. Still needs to be a little more commanding and communicate with his defenders. Good ground kicking throughout.

*Seb Corry:* Celebrated his signing for Tranmere Rovers with another cultured display. Scored his first goal of the season (and made one) when moved into midfield following an excellent tactical switch by the manager!

*William Barker:* Solid as usual; ever reliable. Is a better player than he thinks. Held the 'back line' together well. Would benefit from being more communicative.

*Robin Fryar:* As ever, worked extremely hard, despite being ill for much of the week. Gives the team excellent width and a good crosser of the ball. A slightly quieter game than usual but still contributed well. Small in stature but big in desire.

*Liam Shortall:* What energy! Never stops working and possesses much skill. Has become more of a team player and this has helped his own performance. Not in the team at the start of the year; he has become a key player as was the case versus MGS.

*Sam Flory:* Had an excellent game. Missed a couple of good chances but was always a threat. His movement was impressive and he, too, worked very hard. Scored two goals and made a most noteworthy contribution. Sam's showing was a very good example of how to play the role of centre forward well.

*Joshua Andrady:* Another player who had been off-school and passed a late fitness test. Had his best game of the season and scored his first goal. Has a cultured left foot and always tries to play a neat pass. Is learning quickly how to operate the left side of the team.

*Toby Bellis:* A revelation on the Cambridge Tour. Toby was playing his first seven-a-side game for the A team, although he had represented the 11s. A natural defender, who knows his job and carries it out well. A very good debut.