



Football Newsletter



Football Update Sept-Oct 2009

A strong start to the Football season has been made by all Barclay teams. Year 7, Year 9, Year 10 have safely managed to get through the first round of the Hertfordshire Cup competitions. Year 11 won their first round English Schools game against a tough Longdean (Hemel Hempstead) side. Year 9 have also managed to get through the first round of the English Schools Cup as they beat Burnt Mill (Essex) in the first round on penalties.

The senior squad have been training on a regular basis and were harshly knocked out of the English Schools Cup to a very strong Champion School side (Essex). The seniors also have a tough first round draw to Goff's school next week.

The Year 7 team have started well and training has been attended on a regular basis. After four games undefeated last Saturday was the first defeat against a very strong Mount Grace side. Wins against Marriots, Alleyne's and Townsend have all been high points to date.

Year 8 have also started well with wins over Marriots, Mount Grace, Sir Fredrick Osbourne. There have been two defeats, a 1-0 defeat at Parmiters School and 1-4 to Kings Langley School in the County Cup. This team continues to grow from strength to strength. Both Josh Terry and Tom Gardner have impressed in all games to date. A special mention to Ryan Cook who was outstanding against a strong Marriots side. Tom Paine has been consistently a man of the match consideration.

Year 9 managed an amazing 4-3 win away to John Warner Sports College in the first round of the County Cup. Having been 3-1 down at half time the team managed to win 4-3. This was a great result and showed what the team could do when they put their minds to the task. The Year 9 boys are a strong side but are plagued with lack of consistency. Jaquain Harsham has been regularly playing for the North Herts District side.

Year 10 have made a strong start to the season. Having beat Townsend in the first round of the County Cup it was a tough trip to Dagenham to play the London Champions in the ESFA Cup. The game was lost 4-2 but we gave the London Champions a good game. Sometimes we learn in defeat and this has since improved our performances. Rory Davidson, Josh Howard Dobson, George Arno, Jo Earnshaw, Josh Nye, Josh Simpson have all represented the North Herts District side.

At the time of writing the Year 11 team are waiting to play Queens Academy in a crucial County Cup game. Their ESFA game was a dominant win over a physical Longdean side. It has been great to see Phil Smeaton, Patrick Owen, Daniel McCardal, Alfie Adamson all representing the School firstX.

We look forward to see how much further we can progress in the cups and this year has already shown the signs that Barclay has the potential to get to the County Cup finals in all year groups.