



# ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

CANTERBURY

## U13 Boys Football Chronicle Report 2021

The Under 13 boys returned to competitive action for the first time in two years with yet another excellent season. With the previous cohort of Under 13 boys going unbeaten to win the Molten League & to share the prestigious Shapira Cup, this current group had a lot to live to up to...!

The season began in true pre-season style in the warm, bright sunshine with an emphatic 9-1 victory over King's Rochester with goals from Alfie Allan & Jack Edwards amongst others. The week after saw us get down to proper business and to begin our title defence of the Molten League with our fierce rivals Junior King's travelling up the hill to St Edmund's. This end-to-end game swayed in control from one team to the other with us holding on at the end to record a thrilling 5-4 win!

Attention then turned to our co-defence of the Shapira Cup which was played this year at Junior King's. Impressive victories over Marlborough House (9-0) & New Beacon (6-0, who we shared the cup with previously) saw us top our group. The semi-final draw then saw us come up against the hosts where we came from behind to secure a 4-2 victory and with it, a place in the final for the second successive season and hopes that we would take the trophy back with us to St Edmund's. The final itself saw us come up against an excellent Holmewood House School and, in the end it wasn't meant to be losing 4-0 in the final. Special mention must go to Oliver Edwards who secured the Golden Boot with 9 goals across the tournament.

Our next fixture saw us return to Junior King's for our return Molten League fixture. In what was yet another exciting encounter we ended up on the wrong side of a 3-2 score line. However, two convincing 6-0 victories against Wellesley House either side of half term put us firmly back in the driving seat to retain the Molten League. Monty White & Sonny Mortensen, who shared the goalkeeping duties this term both recording clean sheets.

Friendly victories against Dover College & Kent College towards the end of November put us in good shape ahead of our final two fixtures against Northbourne Park. Coming from behind again, the boys showed maturity & composure to record a 3-2

win in the home fixture with Captain Evan Gallagher scoring in the final few minutes with a superb strike to put the Lemonade on Ice.

Unfortunately, the pandemic was always somewhat inevitably going to have an impact on the season with our return fixture at Northbourne Park being cancelled due to a number of cases at NBP but calculations made on a points-per-game basis crowned us winners of the 2021 Molten League and with it, a successful defence of the title. A brilliant achievement!

Elsewhere across the U13 group this season, highlights include the U13B team showing real potential with impressive victories over Wellesley House and the U13C & U13D teams recording excellent wins over King's Rochester.

Overall, this campaign was a truly fantastic one & the football on show was a delight to watch. I have no doubt that this group will go on to achieve many more great moments as they progress in to the Senior School.

Well done all!

Mr Adam Southey







