

## Year 10 Football

The eagerly awaited start of the Year 10 football season kicked off a week before the half-term break. It was the National Cup Competition and a rare home fixture. We were drawn against Langley who came with a strong reputation having beaten our Year 9 lads convincingly earlier in the season. They have the advantage of Norwich City FC Academy being based at their School, with Darren Eady in charge of their football. We are entered in the Open competition which means that there is an unlimited amount of Academy players that can play for the school. We have two players who fit that category, Josh Smedley and Teddy Baker. Unfortunately, Teddy was unavailable for this game as he was playing for Ipswich Academy. Langley clearly had a good number of boys, who played for Norwich. This is the kind of challenge we relish and we set about trying to undo our opposition right from the first whistle. Josh Knight had an early chance as did George Fricker after some nice passing. It was Josh Knight who opened the scoring with a neat finish just inside the far post. A special mention goes to our defence, who faced a formidable attack but held strong. Olly Fisher was particularly impressive but Ben Saberton, Dylan Hassan and Josh Smedley played a big part in ensuring we did not concede before half time.

The second half continued in a similar manner with Farlingaye having more possession and looking threatening. Again, it was Josh knight who scored an excellent goal. He worked tirelessly throughout the game and took his chances well! He was named man of the match and thoroughly deserved it. Farlingaye grew in confidence once the second goal was scored and started to play with freedom. They had outwitted a strong opposition and dominated the final stages of the game. Matt Sheridan and Sean Nethercott added goals to make it a convincing 4-0 win. A great way to start the new season with a fantastic result and team performance. Well done lads!

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