Football Match Reports, W/C 8th November

<u>Year 11</u>

2-0 W v Whitburn

Johnston kicked off and were immediately met with awful conditions, the pitch being a real detriment to how they wanted to play. It was a scrappy first half and neither side had any real clear cut chances, other than Durham creating space for a well worked move however Will was tackled as he was about to have a strike. Johnston went on to control the second half and the breakthrough came when a short corner was played to Harry who whipped the ball to the far post and was headed in by James. With little time to go, the Whitburn goalkeeper played a poor pass straight to Kye, who squared the ball to Cameron who sealed the win. This victory sends our Year 11s through to the next round of the National Cup.

Will Robinson-Football Ambassador

Football Match Reports, W/C 15th November

<u>Year 7</u>

2-0 W v Whitburn

5 a side Tournament @ Sedgefield

First game was against Ferryhill which was a simple 1-0 victory, starting just how DJ would have hoped. Durham breezed through the next three games against King James, Staindrop and Teesdale – winning 2-0, 4-0 and 1-0 respectively. This led the team to the semi-final where they conceded their first goal of the tournament within 30 seconds, however quickly regained the lead, and secured their place in the final with a 3-1 win. The final was played against Staindrop and unlike the previous match, DJ were unable to find their way back from 1-0 down. Credit to all the boys who played and shout out to Alfie who won Player of the Tournament.

5-6 L v Dyke House

With four players missing this was always going to be a tough game for Johnston, however the boys put in a great shift. It was a close game throughout but in the end Dyke House just wanted it that little bit more, scoring a last minute winner to win 6-5 despite goals from Zack (4) and Louie.

Year 11

2-2 (5-4 Win on Pens) v Trinity College

The game began evenly in the opening stages and the sides couldn't really be separated, until the Trinity striker headed home a cross. Johnston kept pushing for an equaliser however and Corey did some great trickery on the edge of the box to win a free kick, which was beautifully curled into the top corner to make it 1-1. Neither side could then carve out an opportunity in the remainder of the second half and the sides went into the break even. Johnston were the ones that found the next goal early in the half, a corner whipped into the box and James bagging his second of the game. With only 10 minutes remaining, a calamity at the back allowed the Trinity striker through on goal and he made no mistake in slotting the ball into the back of the net. The game went to penalties and with the score at 4-4 after Trinity missed, Harry confidently stepped up and fired Johnston into the next round of the National Cup.

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