



Dear Families,

It was a week of two battles at Lancing Prep Worthing - one against the opposition and another against the elements - with thunder, lightning and hailstones providing a rather dramatic backdrop to what should have been a packed cricket schedule. Fixtures at Lancing College, Dorset House, St Christopher's and Shoreham College were all frustratingly curtailed, with the weather very much having the final say. Yet in those precious windows where conditions allowed, pupils seized their moments brilliantly and there was no shortage of individual and team performances to celebrate.

Wednesday's fixtures produced some of the week's most memorable performances. At Lancing College, Nick M showed tremendous accuracy with the ball, while Emily T produced an impressive batting display - resilient and fearless against county-level bowlers. Emeka O, Max B and Otilie S also caught the eye both with the bat and in the field in their match. Over at Dorset House, Harry A claimed a couple of fine wickets in a brilliant LPW victory, while Bertie C stood firm against high-level bowling to finish impressively unbeaten as Lochie S also caught the eye with the ball on his U13 debut. Stormy skies then intervened once more, cutting short two mixed team fixtures at St Christopher's - though both sides earned praise for their togetherness, resilience and team spirit before the heavens closed in.

Closer to home, those involved in the on-site inter-school fixture enjoyed kinder weather and a spot of match tea, as our new 'Sport for All' initiative got off to a wonderful start with a fun-filled, competitive game of cricket played in great spirits - a real reflection of what LPW is all about.



Thursday, sadly, brought further frustration at Shoreham College, where both Under 9 boys fixtures were cut short. Noah A-S was the standout player in his fixture with the bat, beating the boundary line on multiple occasions. Elsewhere Rory B came agonisingly close to a hat-trick in his game - clean-bowling two batters before a catch off the third slipped through his fingers. Theo L did take a stunning catch above his head, however, as Toby C and Joshua L-B bowled really well throughout. Player of the match Rory also impressed with the bat, producing an enormous six, with Louis M adding some fine boundary shots of his own.

A special mention must, however, go to Noah B, who was spotted quietly offering his jumper to a cold teammate. It is moments like this that remind us the ethos of LPW runs far deeper than the scorecard - and Noah's act of kindness is a perfect example of the compassion we so admire here.

Looking ahead, we hope for brighter skies and a great week of sport as we travel to many external fixtures and host some of our own. Indeed, this Wednesday, LPW have two further inter-school fixtures on site, followed by the visit of Sompting Abbotts on Thursday - and we would love to see parents come along and cheer the children on. As ever, our thanks go to Chef Ron, whose match teas remain a highlight for players and spectators alike.