



## Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

### Queen Mary's Grammar School – Rugby Round Up

#### October 2023:

Hello and welcome back to the Queen Mary's Rugby round up. October was a busy month for the school Rugby teams with some fantastic performances from all year groups, setting us up for a strong November and for the rest of the season.

We started the month with a block vs King Edward Camp Hill which turned out to be a successful block for our teams who came out on top in several highly competitive fixtures. The week started with our U15 A's picking up a 38-17 win which saw a great performance at full back from L. Gilmore and another great performance from C. Smylie and B. Omoleye who continue to progress ready for senior rugby next season. The U14 A's lost out in a high scoring affair 22-38 but the B team recorded a great 28-5 win. The seniors continued their solid start to the season with a close 17-12 win, with S. Thomas and B. Fellows leading the way with some solid performances. The end of the block saw four games played from the U13 and U12 A and B teams with the U13's both maintaining their 100% records.

We started the following week with a weekend block vs NULS with the U13 A's winning 65-15 and the U12 A's coming from 20-5 down to draw 20-20. This was followed with a block against OSH which turned out to be tough week but gave all of the playing squads a lot to work on and learn from. Unfortunately we finished the week losing six out of the ten fixtures. However, there were some positives with the U13 A's continuing their fine form with another dominant win with E. Gini becoming an unstoppable ball carrier at that level. On the same day the U13 B's recorded an 85-0 win with C. Gabriel scoring four tries. On the Friday the Year 7's had three games winning two and losing one. There was some great Rugby on show but the highlight was definitely the boys being exposed to Rugby in such beautiful monsoon like weather, with the pitches ending up more like swimming pools by the end of the games. A great performance in the U12 B team by M. Bhardwaj has now seen him promoted to the A team where he continues to shine



Next up was a block against Solihull school, with the pick of the ties being the U15 A's 27-14 loss. It is not often a loss is celebrated, but the rugby on show would not have looked out of place at a higher senior level. The highlight being a great conversion from the 5m channel by C. Smylie. There were five wins across the rest of the week from our lower year groups showing that there is some serious talent and depth lower down the school.

The month finished with some of our first County Cup Fixtures of the season vs The Hart School and John Taylor High School. The U14 A's won their first round game convincingly with a 65-0 win vs Hart with some great performances from J. Wu and A. Marney. The

U16 A team ran out 10-7 winner in a close encounter with T. Iddrisu playing a year up dominating at the breakdown to win numerous turnovers gaining the man of the match award.

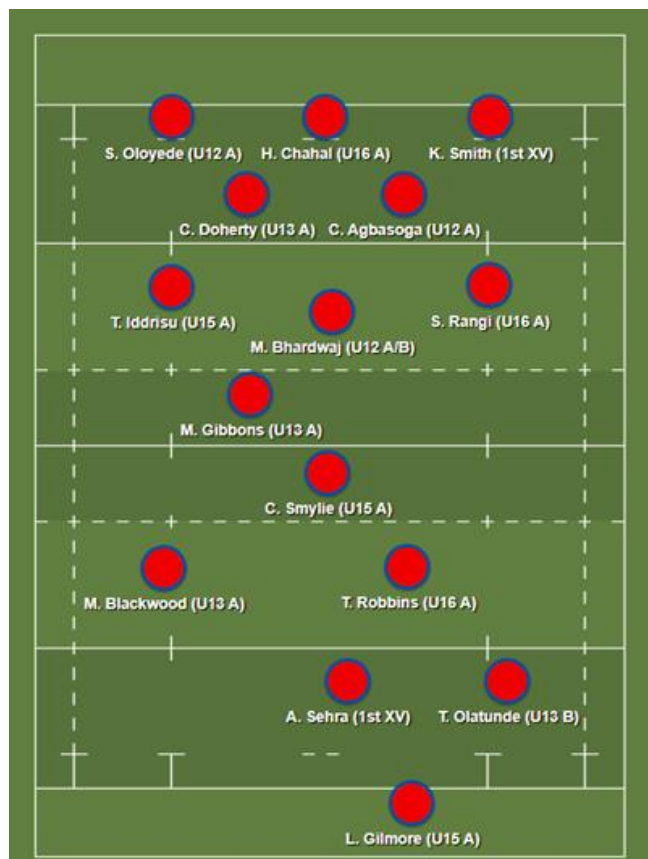
## Team of the month:

This year we are starting a new tradition for the Queen Mary's rugby program which is the team of the month you may have seen over on X @QMGRugby. The places in the team are given to boys who have performed to the best of their ability's and who have been a CREDIT to the school when representing their team in fixtures.

**C. Smylie** – A great ball player from the Number 10 position who is also solid defensively. Has continued his development from last season which has seen him also start numerous games for the North Midlands Academy.

**C. Doherty** – Has come into the second row for the U13 A team after being a B team for most of his school career. This is a result of his hard work in training and his ability to not miss a tackle which has resulted in some dominant performances.

Congratulations to all of the boys who were selected!



QMGS 1<sup>st</sup> XV Kit Sample

## Future Sport Project:

As part of the Future Sport Project at Queen Mary's Grammar School we are looking for individuals or businesses to sponsor our 1<sup>st</sup> XV kit for next season. If you are interested in sponsoring the team and playing your part in creating a lasting legacy for sport at the school please visit: [FutureSport@QMGS](mailto:FutureSport@QMGS) – [Queen Mary's Club \(qmclub.org\)](http://QueenMary'sClub(qmclub.org)) or you can email [a.riley@QMGS.merciantrust.org.uk](mailto:a.riley@QMGS.merciantrust.org.uk) for more information.



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### Local Rugby Clubs:

If your son has enjoyed rugby at school and would like to pursue it outside of school, please see below links and contact's for Rugby clubs in the area. If you have any more questions please email Mr Ryley.

### Handsworth RUFC:

Facebook – Handsworth Junior Rugby



**HRUFC**  
**Junior Rugby**  
*Boys Taster Session*

WHEN: Sunday 19th November  
TIME: 10:15 - 11:30  
YEAR GROUPS: Year 7-11  
WHERE TO FIND US: Handsworth  
RUFC, Walsall. WS5 3JP.  
WHAT TO BRING: Boots/Trainers &  
Water Bottle

*For more information message our  
Facebook Page 'Handsworth Junior Rugby'*



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### Walsall RFC - @WalsallRFC

<https://walsallrugbyclub.rfu.club/>  
[walsallrfc@gmail.com](mailto:walsallrfc@gmail.com)

### Veseyans RFC - @VeseyansRugby

<https://www.veseyansrugby.co.uk/>  
[info@veseyansrugby.co.uk](mailto:info@veseyansrugby.co.uk)

For latest updates on QMGS Rugby please follow **@QmgsRugby** on X. It has been a successful first month for all of our teams and as we start to look towards the future the development of the players is only going to get stronger. Keep your eyes out for our next results update in October.

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