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Saturday 1st December was the date of our first football match of the season it was also, unfortunately, the day when we had some of our worst weather! We weren't sure what to expect from TISC as they would field a completely different side from the one we faced last year. We knew we had to play a passing game as the wind was too strong to try any long balls. Joan was brave enough to take on the role of goalkeeper and we started with a strong first 11. Dasha was a great captain and got everyone hyped up for the game.

We got off to a dream start with both Audrey and Ksenia netting in quick succession. We endured a brief but heavy hailstorm which meant that everyone was soaked to the skin. Still the girls did not give up, they were fearless in the tackle, quick off the ball and made better use of the space available than the opposition. With all this attention to the basics, we went into the half-time break 3:0 in the lead after another goal from Ksenia.

At half-time the sun started to fight through the clouds and we made a few changes, bringing on Emily and Helen to keep a strong defence and ensure we didn't concede a goal.

The second half saw an even better effort and the goals kept coming, a College shot took a deflection off a Taunton defender to make it 4:0, Ksenia completed a marvellous hat-trick and Audrey grabbed another goal. Dasha scored a late penalty after a Taunton handball to seal a magnificent 7:0 win for the International College.

After just one term of coaching I was so proud of the girls who played, they endured some of the worst playing conditions I have seen and they didn't let it dampen their fantastic team spirit or their will to win - well done!

International College Team - Joan, Amy, Bam, Maria, Yulia Pesh, Audrey, Valeriya, Anna, Jenny, Ksenia, Dasha (c)
Subs - Emily and Helen