

## MATCH REPORT

### **Millfield 0 International College 2**

SAT 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010

The College kicked off 2010 with a very convincing 2-0 win over Millfield on Saturday. After a fortnight of snow and miserable temperatures, the blue skies and sunshine were certainly welcome, as the College U16s took to the field for the first game after the Christmas break.

It turned out to be a tightly contested affair, with the College boys showing their mettle as they absorbed pressure from the Millfield team, whilst managing to remain calm and composed throughout. This side is growing in confidence and it's hugely encouraging to see the development so far this year.

After a period of sustained pressure from Millfield, the College's defence bravely won possession and began a counter attack on the right flank which culminated in our winger, Sergey, taking on the opponent's defence. After beating a defender, Sergey's shot came from well outside the box, to completely take the keeper by surprise as it slid in the bottom right hand corner. A fantastic strike, that takes Sergey's tally to five goals this season.

With new found momentum, the College continued to pile on the pressure, however, the Millfield players were equally competitive and although there were many chances on both sides, the teams went into the break with only the one goal separating them.

The second half was as equally hard fought and entertaining. The College came close to scoring a number of times, with one shot hitting the upright, another also clipping the cross bar and many other opportunities being denied by the Millfield keeper. The constant pressure paid off, however, as a well struck shot bounced back off the keeper and man-of-the-match Igor was there to catch the rebound and put it into the back of the net.

A fantastic opening to the second half of the season, and with a busy fixture list coming up, the U16s will be pleased to have got off to a winning start. Congratulations to Sunnat and the boys on a well fought victory. Special mention must go to Igor for his outstanding contribution, as he walked away with not only the man-of-the-match performance, but also a deserved goal.