COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS 2018/19

Under 14s Boys (Managers: Carl Papworth, Liam Saxton, Nick Andrews)

Early October saw the trials at Plume Academy for outer Essex, and the London Marathon Playing Fields for the London Boroughs. Again, it was pleasing to see so many young players out there wanting to represent their county.

Both trials were well-attended, and players represented their schools and districts very well, making it very difficult for the Management Team to narrow it down. Two squads of 16 were created after a second and final trial was completed during a competitive fixture at Brentwood School. It was a well-spirited and competitive match with a high standard of performance.

A squad then travelled to face Surrey, who we had been drawn to face in the First Round of the English Schools Cup. You couldn't get a much tougher First Round draw! Surrey travelled to Essex on a November Saturday morning, and the sides were pretty much full-strength, so a close game was on the cards.

However, it was Surrey who came out of the blocks quicker and dominated the early proceedings, getting the ball down in midfield and moving it out wide to their quick wingers. The visitors were dominating the midfield and their wide players were causing the Essex defensive several problems.

Surrey had chance after chance, then the deadlock was broken as they broke one-on-one, with goalkeeper Jamie Tedaldi, slotting home a fine finish. The visitors were ahead at the break, which is what they deserved after that fine first-half performance.

In the second half it was immediately clear they had upped their intensity of play and an early chance fell to Michael Reindorf who narrowing missed. These chances were going to be few and far between. Immediately Surrey bounced back to dominate the midfield, controlling the tempo of the game. They could have made it two or three.

Essex were giving it a good go, trying to attack from wide areas but to no avail as the visitors stood strong at the back. We were out of the national competition, which was disappointing, but there was still the SEESFA Competition to concentrate on. The second game saw us open our SEESFA campaign away to Bedfordshire at the impressive Flitwick Centre.

However... we'd been allocated a 9v9 pitch! This would massively change how we went about the game. It kicked-off and, as predicted, it was a congested game with not much room to play, which suited the home side more than Essex. It took a good 20 minutes for the visitors to settle into their style of play. In the early stages it was end-to-end, with many mistakes.

The home side had the better of the early stages but the outstanding Tedaldi was there to prevent Beds going in front. The scores were level at the break, which was a fair reflection of the game. There were some tactical changes going into the second half which the visitors thought would make an impact.

Ten minutes into the half a well-worked move on the right from debutant Callum Malcolm found its way to Reindorf, who brilliantly controlled the ball and turned in one movement then fired into the top right-hand corner. 1-0 to the visitors. With the game still close, and at only 1-0, players were nervous on the ball, which led to a stop-start game.

Half-way into the second half the visitors won a corner, which was swung in with pace to be met by centre back Bobby Brayley, 2-0, and the pressure was slightly off. Bedfordshire bounced straight

back by taking an advantage of a mistake made in the Essex defence, so it was 2-1. Game on.

Essex started to dominate and full-back and captain, Tommy Kilcast, popped up with a long-range effort which ends up in the top corner. The visitors then ran away with it and dominated the final proceedings with goals from Owen Knapman and a second from Reindorf. 5-1 was a convincing start to the SEESFA campaign.

Next up saw Hertfordshire visit Fairlop on a cold and frosty December morning. It was looking like this could potentially settle the standings between first and second teams in the league early on in the fixtures, which was to be the case. The home side had several late withdrawals which depleted them. Essex started with a high intensity.

They looked to be on top early on with several chances. The visitors rode their luck and were very much still in it. Two consecutive mistakes in the Essex defence would take them into the break 2-0 down, so the second half would be a challenge. Essex came out strongly, looking to pounce on Herts errors, but the home side failed to convert these chances.

Mid-way into the second half, Finlay Corrigan brought the home side back into the game with a fantastic solo effort. Was it too late, or would there be a twist? Unfortunately for Essex, there wasn't and, no matter how many more chances were created, they would never have drawn level on that day.

The first game after the Christmas break saw us travel to Bedfordshire looking to put the last game behind us and push on to ensure qualification to the SEESFA semi-finals. Playing on a small pitch led to a tight first half, with both sides finding it difficult in tight spaces and struggling to get shots away.

The second half saw Essex start to gain dominance in midfield and exploit the wide areas to good effect, starting to create more and more chances. Essex found their rhythm and ended up pulling away for a comfortable win and a very assured second-half performance.

Our last league game saw Suffolk visit us at home, and Essex knew a point would be enough to reach the semi-final stage. There'd been a short gap since our previous game, which definitely helped us to start brightly and put Suffolk under pressure straight away.

Essex looked technically superior from the first whistle and instantly got control of the game, moving the ball around nicely. A prolonged spell of dominance led to Essex taking the lead, then building on it instantly and, during the second half, they pulled out of sight for a comfortable 4-0 win. This paved a route to the semi-finals.

After a lengthy break from competitive action, Essex were then at Thamesmead Town FC for their SEESFA semi-final. Kent had made it to the National Final too, so they were no easy opponents and they proved to be very organised and tough to break down.

Essex started the brighter and had some good chances when managing to get in behind, but Kent proved to be the more clinical when some sloppy defending allowed them through. They took full advantage and managed to get ahead in the game.

During the second half, Essex continued to have chances whilst giving opportunities away as well. Tedaldi made a string of saves in goal to keep the deficit to one. Essex continued to create chances through the pace up-front, with Callum Malcolm, Kewin Kwick, Finlay Corrigan and Owen Knapman all causing problems at times.

But they were unable to get the breakthrough. Kent remained organised and managed to hold on to a 1-0 lead to get themselves into the final.

English Schools FA Inter-County Competition (28 Entries)

First Round (13th November 2018) **Surrey**, 0-1, London Playing Fields, Fairlop

South-East England Schools FA Competition

24th November 2018

Norfolk, 5-1, London Playing Fields, Fairlop

Kevin Kwiek [2], David Roberts, Sahid Nallo, Omarie

8th December 2018 **Hertfordshire**, 1-0, London Playing Fields, Fairlop
Finlay Corrigan

5th January 2019 **Bedfordshire**, 3-1, Flitwick Football Centre, Flitwick

Omarie, Tommy Kilcast, Michael Reindorf

20th January 2019 **Suffolk**, 4-0, London Playing Fields, Fairlop

Callum Malcom [3], Finlay Corrigan

	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Hertfordshire	4	4	0	0	9	2	12
Essex	4	3	0	1	13	4	9
Norfolk	4	1	1	2	9	11	4
Suffolk	4	1	0	3	2	12	3
Bedfordshire	4	0	1	3	4	8	1

Semi-Final: 28th April 2019, Kent, 0-1, Sporting Thamesmead FC

Squad: Jamie Tedaldi (Belfairs Academy), Josh Taylor (Hall Mead), Tommy Kilcast (Great Baddow High School), Bobatito Bada (Kingsford Community), Bobby Brayley (King John), Louis Freeman (Thurstable), Isaach Aquah (Southend High School for Boys), David Roberts (Ockendon Academy), Finlay Corrigan (Trinity Catholic), Owen Knapman (Marshalls Park), Ibrahim Hassan (Robert Clack), Michael Reindorf (Chobham Academy), Joe Tuskin (FitzWimarc), Jonas Mukuna (Kingsford Community), Kevin Kwiek (Cecil Jones Academy), Sahid Nallo (Oasis Academy Silvertown), Omarie (Chobham Academy), Callum Malcolm (Highams Park), Dennis Antal (Buxton), Jack Hellen (Gable Hall)

<u>Under 15s Boys (Managers: Matt Hall, Paul Preston, Tom Byford)</u>

In our first SEESFA match against Norfolk we were trailing 1-0 after five minutes, and 2-1 by ten, which certainly wasn't the start of the season we'd hoped for! However, the boys showed unbelievable character to turn the game around and eventually run out 7-2 winners.

Hertfordshire were then a tough, battling team with a physical presence in midfield and up top who made it difficult for us to play the type of football we wanted to. Our defenders had to deal with a lot of long balls and the midfielders had to be sharp to win the knock downs.

One of the most pleasing aspects of this game was the fact our defenders had learnt from mistakes from the previous season, knowing when to play out from the back and when they had to be defenders and do their job.

This was a big part of keeping a clean sheet in a 1-0 victory, as well as some excellent saves from our goalkeeper. Kyrell Lisbie scored our goal with a stunning strike late on, his second in as many games.

Our first away game was the most disappointing game of the season where we lacked any real creativity, losing 3-2 against Bedfordshire. Our rock solid defence from the previous game were making individual errors early on in the match.

Bedfordshire had a direct style of play which suited their front three, who were all willing to run in behind. Two dubious offside decisions went against us and, unfortunately, cost us on the day. Lisbie continued his excellent scoring form and a brilliant free kick from Tobias Braney was all a little too late for our Essex boys.

With seven of the starting eleven unavailable for the match with Suffolk, it gave another seven boys who'd impressed from the trials an opportunity to show their worth. They certainly didn't disappoint. With a new back four, it was also going to be difficult to keep a clean sheet, so it was simply a case of outscoring the opposition to get the three points.

Luckily for us we had our in-form wide man Lisbie, who scored a brilliant hat-trick in a 5-3 victory. Kacy Parish and Kenny Coker also got on the score sheet. Kacy was outstanding in midfield and Kenny is always a threat to any defence he plays against.

Our semi-final against Hampshire was simply the best performance in two years working with the squad. The boys showed a great attitude and work rate and controlled the game from the first minute to the last. Parish, Andre Anderson and Joe Ling were instrumental in our possession football in the middle of midfield.

Super Lisbe added another two to his tally for the season along, with Andre Anderson, Ling, James Jenkins and Braney, earning a 6-0 win. We now had a job of picking a squad of 16 for the final where we would face Bedfordshire, who had already beaten us earlier in the season.

After a disappointing result against Beds in the group stage, we were all really motivated to put in a good performance to set the record straight. Having scored 22 goals and conceded seven, we were always confident of scoring at some point during the game. Essex started on the front foot and dominated large parts of the first half, pressing high and creating chances.

Bedfordshire always looked dangerous on the counter-attack, but as a defensive unit we were strong, with good instruction from our goalkeeper. Essex scored the first goal on the stroke of half time which settled some of the nerves. We found ourselves 2-1 up with about 25 minutes to play and were still competing for every ball and working hard.

As the time was ticking on, Bedfordshire continued to use their pace up-front to run into wide areas in our defensive third and they scored a header directly from a set-piece, which set-up an extremely tense last ten minutes. With two minutes left on the clock, and five players substituted off with cramp and injury, we thought another cup final victory was going to be taken away.

Suddenly, out of nowhere, super sub Coker won the ball back, pressing high and dribbling his way into the box past three defenders squaring the ball for Braney to slot into an empty net. 3-2 Essex!

The final whistle blew and there followed a big celebration from the Essex players and staff alike. This is nothing more than this group of players deserve after their efforts over the last two seasons,

and it has been a pleasure to work with them.

South-East England Schools FA Competition

24th November 2018

Norfolk, 7-2, London Playing Fields, Fairlop
Tobias Braney [3], Rhian Fowler [2], Dennis Rusevicious, Kyrell Lisbie

8th December 2018 **Hertfordshire**, 1-2, London Playing Fields, Fairlop Kyrell Lisbie

5th January 2019 **Bedfordshire**, 2-3, Flitwick Football Centre, Flitwick Kyrell Lisbie, Tobias Braney

20th January 2019 **Suffolk**, 5-3, London Playing Fields, Fairlop Kacy Parish, Kenny Coker, Kyrell Lisbie [3]

	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Essex	4	3	0	1	14	8	9
Bedfordshire	4	3	0	1	11	9	9
Hertfordshire	4	2	0	2	9	7	6
Suffolk	4	2	0	2	11	11	6
Norfolk	4	0	0	4	7	17	0

Semi-Final: 27th April 2019, **Hampshire**, 6-0, Brampton Manor Academy Kyrell Lisbie [2], Andre Anderson, Tobias Braney, James Jenkins, Joe Ling

Final: 15th May 2019, **Bedfordshire**, 3-2, Parkside, Aveley FC Tobias Braney, Kenny Coker, Kyrell Lisbie

Squad: Callum McEvoy (West Hatch), Tommy Lawrence (Heathcote), Alfie Smith (Harris Academy Chafford Hundred), Tyreece Cyrus (Heathcote), Camron Nipah (Riverside), Rhian Fowler (Sanders), Kacy Parish (Shenfield), Joe Ling (Woodbridge), Andre Anderson (Lammas), Albert James (Davenant Foundation), Tobias Braney (Ormiston Rivers Academy), Dennis Rusevicius (All Saints), James Jenkins (Redden Court), Kenny Coker (Beauchamps), Kyrell Lisbie (West Hatch), Charlie Sayers (Beauchamps), Daniel Nkpumah (Robert Clack), Bobby Dailey (Anglo European), Harvey Salmon (Beauchamps), Jordon Sogbeson (St Edward's), Callum Glanville (West Hatch)

<u>Under 16s Boys (Managers: David Agass MBE, David Croker, Keith Thwaites, Reece Powell)</u>

Although we only had five of the original squad from previous years, we were still optimistic of having a good season.

We started well with a defeat of Bedfordshire (who won the SEESFA group) in the National Cup, 3-2, but, as the season unfolded, we displayed two glaring faults. One was giving teams soft goals and the other was not being able to finish teams off.

In all the games we played some good football, but never learnt the lesson of concentrating in defence and being ruthlessness in attack. Even in the next round of the National Cup, we kept conceding soft goals and lost on penalties after drawing 4-4 after extra time.

In both Saturday and Sunday games we scored plenty of goals to win games but kept giving away silly goals. The only game where we got it right was against Suffolk, where we won 8-1. No other team in the group managed this.

So, there were some disappointing results, but I was very pleased with the attitude and efforts of the boys, who continued to play some good football throughout the season.

Friendly

14th October 2018

South-East Independent Schools, A Team 1-6, B Team 3-2, Chigwell School

English Schools FA Inter-County Competition (32 Entries)

First Round (3rd November 2018) **Bedfordshire**, 3-1, Flitwick Football Centre, Flitwick

Ted Turnham, Kai Stephen, Luke May-Parrott

Second Round (1st December 2018) **Hertfordshire**, 4-4 (4-5 on penalties), Woollams Playing Fields

South-East England Schools FA Competition

24th November 2018
Norfolk, 1-3, London Playing Fields, Fairlop
Josh Ambrose

8th December 2018

Hertfordshire, 1-7, London Playing Fields, Fairlop

5th January 2019

Bedfordshire, 2-3, Flitwick Football Centre, Flitwick Josh Ambrose, Jack Glenister

20th January 2019

Suffolk, 8-1, London Playing Fields, Fairlop

Lukas Zabulionis, Jack Glenister 2, Josh Ambrose, Bradley Green, Tom Ainsworth, Shane Temple

	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Bedfordshire	4	4	0	0	14	4	12
Norfolk	4	2	0	2	10	8	6
Hertfordshire	4	2	0	2	7	10	6
Essex	4	1	0	3	12	14	3
Suffolk	4	1	0	3	7	14	3

Squad: Jamie Drake (Hall Mead), Thomas Ballard (Hall Mead), Ted Turnham (St Thomas More), Myles Omu (St Edward's), Mason McCorkell (Heathcote), Taylon Welcome (Kingsford), Matthew Newberry (Emerson Park), Kai Stephen (St Edward's), Lukas Zabulionis (Anglo European), Luke May-Parrott (Heathcote), Jack Glenister (Marshalls Park), Casey Lockhart (Roding Valley), Josh Ambrose (Honywood), Finley Long (Notley), Luis Shamshoum (King John), Ted Penn (Marshalls Park), Sam Bayon (Brampton Manor), Billy Harrison (Southend High School for Boys), Bradley Green (William Edwards), Shane Temple (Mayflower), Tom Ainsworth (Emerson Park)

Under 18s Boys (Managers: Graham Hall, Andy Tickner)

It is, again, a pleasure to report on another eventful season for the Under 18s. Although, unusually, it's been a season without any silverware, the players involved have represented their county with the usual level of commitment and endeavour which made them excellent ambassadors for the county set-up.

With only two players from the previous season eligible to play, the campaign started with its usual numerous trials and scouting missions. The goal was to find players who fit the criteria of being good enough to play at this level, but also possessing the necessary character to be relied upon to represent the county in the required manner.

In October, the games came thick and fast. SEESFA matches against Sussex, played in a gale force wind, and away at Hampshire, where we were stuck on the motorway for hours before arriving post arranged kick-off time, produced narrow losses in games that we should have come away with, at the very least, a share of the spoils.

However, a 3-0 win against Hertfordshire in the FA County Youth Cup showed the squad's potential and gave us all optimism for the games ahead. November started with a weekend trip to Guernsey in the County Youth Cup and a successful 5-0 victory after a few early scares. The value to the squad of a weekend away is always immeasurable in terms of team bonding.

And so it proved, with wins over Bedfordshire in the English Schools FA Cup - 9-0. Later in the month we faced a dogged Hertfordshire side in the South East Counties, where we were stretched squadwise, and we suffered a 1-0 defeat from a deflected cross which looped over our goalkeeper, Josh Harrison, to produce the only effort on goal by our opponents in the whole game.

The last fixture before the New Year was played against the Manchester FA in the Third Round of the County Youth Cup. Backed by the County FA for an overnight stay, our preparations for the game were first class. The Manchester weather, however, was horrendous, with floodlights on at 1:00pm, torrential rain and a mud bath of a pitch.

Manchester, represented by the Salford City Academy, were a formidable side. But an even first half had us with a penalty opportunity at 2-1 down, just before half time. Unfortunately, the penalty was saved and the second half was a one-sided affair, with us losing 4-1. Manchester/Salford went on to win the trophy convincingly.

January started well, with a good 4-2 win against a much-fancied Surrey side in the English Schools Second Round. Next came a competitive 1-1 SEESFA game against Kent, where we just couldn't finish off the numerous chances created. The Quarter-Finals of the English Schools at Lancing FC was the next game.

Our unbeaten run of two and a half seasons in this competition was at stake on a freezing cold day. A very even game was decided on a small mistake by the Essex defence, capitalised on by Sussex, to go 1-0 up. Despite an Essex onslaught in the last 15 minutes, Sussex defended for their lives. Essex were unable to score an equalizer, and so our winning run came to an end.

Sussex would go on to reach the final, as so often happens between the two sides over recent years. The 'B' Squad competition was restricted to friendlies and two competitive games against Kent, where we proved too strong, winning 5-0 and 8-1. The 'B' Side continues to provide an important stepping stone to the 'A' Side, despite the lack of competitive games against other counties.

The season ended with South-East Counties wins against Middlesex (3-2) and the Amateur Football Alliance (6-0). But, like with much of the season, other results went against us and we were pipped for top spot in the group by Hertfordshire, who amassed two goals in their three games.

In all, 19 games were played (five friendlies), with 23 players representing the 'A' Squad and 22 in the 'B' Squad. Congratulations to Jack McQueen, Tom Duffy, Tyler Cavener, Callum Fitzer and Peter Oyetunji on receiving their County Schools Caps for ten appearances. We'd like to thank all the players for their commitment throughout the season, and wish them well in the future.

South-East England Schools FA Competition

12th October 2018 (A Team) **Sussex**, 2-3, Brentwood School Callum Fitzer, Rhys Sika-Nartey

26th October 2018 (A Team) **Hampshire**, 0-1, Alton Town FC

12th November 2018 (B Team) **Kent**, 5-0, Maplesden Noakes School, Maidstone Adetokunbo Sotoynbo (Tbo) [4], Jimi Reynolds

7th January 2019 (A Team) **Surrey**, 4-2, Barking Abbey School

Callum Fitzer (pen), Peter Oyetunji, JJ De Souza Quissua [2]

A Team Squad: Josh Harrison (USP Seevic), Lorcan Morrisey (Billericay School), Billy Le Fevre (Barking Abbey School), Torgbor Torto-Tetteh (Coopers Coborn School), Tom Troubridge (Shenfield High School), Tom Duffy (USP Palmer's), Jack McQueen (Barking Abbey School), Jay Bacon (Barking Abbey School), Harvey Jolliffe (Shenfield High School), Andre Orgema (Shenfield High School), Tyler Cavener (USP Seevic), Jess Norey (Barking Abbey School), Callum Fitzer (Chelmsford College), Soffian Maghouz (Barking Abbey School), Ramzi Mahmoudi (Barking Abbey School), Obi Molefi (Woodlands School), Louis Young (Woodlands School), John De Souza-Quissua (Barking Abbey School), Rashard Ogun (Barking Abbey School), Sonny Dutton (Woodlands School), Peter Oyetunji (Barking Abbey School), Rhys Sika-Nartey (Barking Abbey School), Adetokunbo Sotoynbo (Harris Academy)

B Team Squad: Callum Calder (Newham College), Kaya Ali (Woodford County High School), Tom Puleston (Westcliff High School for Boys), Aaron Harney (Barking Abbey School), Robinson Wokoma (Harris Academy), Harry Harvey (Clacton High School), Evan Collard (Sixth Form College Colchester), David Owierdu-Ross (South Chingford School), Joe De Bell (Chelmsford College), Albert Perry (USP Seevic), Bleron Ademi (Barking Abbey), Harrison Oakley (Southend High School for Boys), Jimi Reynolds (Davenant High School), George Cooper (Shenfield High School), Jack Hauser (USP Seevic), Kieran Moynihan (Shenfield High School), Jack Dickinson (Shenfield High School), Alan Dighton (Shenfield High School), Mason Muzib (Newham College), Kiah Froud (King John School), Toyeeb Elegushi (Barking Abbey School)

Under 14s Girls (Manager: Georgina Maxwell-Jones. Coaches: Charlotte Stephens, Lindsey Cowell)

It was a busy campaign, with a record eleven fixtures in one season! Most of the ever-present players received their County Caps in their first year representing Essex.

Our three female coaches - Georgia, Charlotte and Lindsey - are all from an education background. There were positive results all round for this team, with many of the girls making the Second Round of English Schools FA Under 15s Squad trials.

Three games ended in positive penalty shootouts in the English Schools FA National Cup, one of which was required as Lancashire were beaten in the final at Stoke City FC after an exciting 3-3 draw. The SEESFA Final against Middlesex concluded a long season and, sadly, the girls were unable to complete the double, losing to late goals.

South-East England Schools FA Competition

13th October 2018

Hertfordshire, 15-2, Woollams Playing Fields

Leonnie Bezant [3], Mia Filipiak [4], Elle Moore [2], Leonie Telford [2], Ruby Sealey, Katie McClean, Amy Taylor, Ruby Barnes

10th November 2018

Cambridgeshire, 9-0, Huntingdon Town FC

Megan Wearing, Leonnie Bezant, Ruby Sealey [4], Isabella Darby [2], Mia Filipiak

9th March 2019

Suffolk, 6-2, Shrub End

Kelsey Morgan, Megan Wearing, Ruby Sealey, Amy Taylor [2], Mia Filipiak

13th April 2019

Bedfordshire, 9-0, London Playing Fields, Fairlop

Ruby Sealey [3], Amy Taylor [3], Ruby Barnes, Leonnie Bezant, Carlie Dinham

	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Essex	4	4	0	0	39	4	12
Bedfordshire	4	3	0	1	13	15	9
Suffolk	4	2	0	2	7	11	6
Cambridgeshire	4	1	0	3	3	14	3
Hertfordshire	4	0	0	4	9	27	0

Semi-Final: 25 May 2019, **Kent**, 2-0, Noak Hill Sports Centre Amy Taylor, Kelsey Morgan

Final: 15 June 2019, **Middlesex**, 2-3, Rectory Park, Northolt Katie McClean, Ruby Sealey

English Schools FA Inter-County Competition (29 Entries)

1st Round (9th November 2018) **Hertfordshire**, 6-0, Noak Hill Sports Complex Mia Filipiak [4], Amy Taylor, Elle Moore

2nd Round (8th December 2018) **Surrey**, 4-4 (3-2 on penalties), Surrey Sports Park
Ruby Sealey [3], Amy Taylor

3rd Round (12th January 2019) **Sussex**, 5-2, Parkside, Aveley FC

Mia Filipiak [4], Ruby Sealey

Semi-Final: 8th February 2019, **Kent**, 2-2 (after extra time, 4-2 on penalties), Maidstone United FC Ruby Sealey [2]

Final: 10th May 2019, **Lancashire**, 3-3 (after extra time, 4-3 on penalties), Stoke City FC Amy Taylor [2], Leonnie Bezant

Squad: Alicia Garwood (Deanes Academy), Megan Wearing (Chingford Foundation), Leonie Telford (Philip Morant), Leonnie Bezant (Thurstable), Katie McClean (Davenant Foundation), Kelsey Morgan (Appleton), Elle Moore (Shenfield High School), Jessica Wright (Sacred Heart of Mary) (Captain), Amy Taylor (Thurstable), Mia Filipiak (Coopers' Company and Coborn), Ruby Sealey (Philip Morant), Lucy Ogden (Southend High School for Boys), Ruby Barnes (Hall Mead), Chloe Brand (Coopers' Company and Coborn), Carlie Dinham (Woodlands), Isabella Darby (Belfairs Academy), Learna Daniels (Stanway), Emma Clark (Greensward Academy), Sophia Cocca (St John Payne), Pahris Cotterell (Sydney Russell)

Under 16s Girls (Managers: Jo Sibley, Sasha McDonald)

This was a tough season for the girls, being knocked out of both the English Schools FA and SEESFA competitions by Kent.

However, it was a positive league campaign, with our best fixture probably being our first game against Hertfordshire in a tightly-contested 4-3 loss.

One player reached the final stages of the English Schools FA national Under 15s trials, but she was unsuccessful in the end. Coaches Jo and Sasha McDonald are both teachers, and they'll be involved next season. They will be complemented by the return of Sharon Brownlie.

South-East England Schools FA Competition

13th October 2018 **Hertfordshire**, 3-4, Woollams Playing Fields

Abbie Jackson [2], Lauren Hart

10th November 2018 **Cambridgeshire**, 6-1, Huntingdon Town FC

Freya Fuller [2], Maya Turner [2], Emilia Parsons, TBC

9th March 2019 **Suffolk**, 7-0, Shrub End Emilia Parsons [2], Robyn Moody, Lily Sokhi, Mya Turner [2], Lauren Hart

Bedfordshire withdrew

	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Hertfordshire	4	4	0	0	12	4	12
Essex	4	3	0	1	16	5	9
Bedfordshire	4	2	0	2	10	6	6
Suffolk	4	1	0	3	0	14	3
Cambridgeshire	4	0	0	4	4	13	0

Semi-Final: 8th June 2019, Kent, 1-3, Sporting Thamesmead FC

Emilia Parsons

English Schools FA Inter-County Competition (32 Entries)

1st Round (10th November 2018) **Cambridgeshire**, 6-1, Huntingdon Town FC

Freya Fuller [2], Maya Turner [2], Emilia Parsons, TBC

2nd Round (8th December 2018) **Surrey**, 4-3, Surrey Sports Park Lily Sokhi, Mya Turner, Lauren Hart.

3rd Round (12th January 2019) **Kent**, 2-1 (after extra time), Sporting Thamesmead FC Robyn Moody (pen)

Squad: Ella Skidmore (Coopers' Company and Coborn), Abbie Jackson (FitzWimarc), Freya Fuller (Billericay), Hannah Humm (Notley High), Lauren Baker (Manningtree High), Emilia Parsons (Bancrofts), Robyn Moody (Gaynes), Keanne Jervier (Brentwood Ursuline), Millie Stacey (Brentwood), Rebecca Alderton (Tabor Academy), Charis Howell (Passmores Academy), Haneeka Thandi (Westcliff High School for Girls), Maya Croft (Plume), Lily Sokhi (Sandon), Lauren Hart (Gable Hall), Mya Turner (Emerson Park)

Special Award (21 appearances): Abbie Jackson

<u>Awarded County Caps</u>: Abbie Jackson, Freya Fuller, Emilia Parsons, Robyn Moody, Keanne Jervier, Millie Stacey, Rebecca Alderton, Haneeka Thandi, Lily Sokhi, Lauren Hart, Mya Turner

International: Lauren Hart