



## DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

### UNDER 13 CRICKET SEASON

24 JULY 2019



This season saw huge improvements for the U13 Cricket team. Initially they reached the final four of the Middlesex McKinsey Cup U13 regional qualifiers. In 2018 the team had been knocked out during the group stages. However, this season, the team's hard work in training dramatically improved their fielding, running between the wickets and tactical understanding.

Subsequently, Drayton's U13's were able to outwit several more experienced opponents at this year's competition. Despite facing older, more experienced cricketers, Drayton won their final two groups games, in closely contested, tense encounters that both went to the final ball. As a result, the team won all their games in the league and knockout stages until eventually being defeated in the final four.

Inspired by their successes in the 8aside format, numbers at training increased and subsequently boosted Drayton U13's Ealing Borough League performances. Drayton recorded an impressive victory over Brentside High School but suffered the disappointment of numerous weather affected league results. However, Drayton's U13's reached the semi-finals. Consequently, the team gathered essential experience in the highly charged, pressurised later stages of tournaments that will hopefully allow them to continue to compete in future seasons.