## **Year 8 Football – 07/11/23**

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November the DBK Year 8 boys' football team played in the Excel Division 1 against St Matthew's High School, looking to follow up their result versus Wright Robinson 'B' team. The students showed determination throughout the first half, trying to control the game and find the opening goal, but the first 10 minutes were difficult. With 15 minutes gone, we finally found the breakthrough we wanted with a misplaced pass by the away team falling to Peter V who finished in the left corner. Five minutes later however, a through ball by the St Matthew's left midfielder to the striker was finished with a flick with his right foot, past the onrushing DBK keeper to level the game up.

Into the second half and both teams were sharing possession of the ball with chances scarce for the first 10 minutes. But on 13 minutes a ball played round the side of the right back was taken to the byline by Peter V who squared it to Charlie D, with his shot saved and the follow up slide into the net by Ethan M for us to take control of the tie. From then on it was St Matthew's who had the majority of possession, looking threatening with every attack. The striker for St Matthew's took the ball from a throw-in and weaved his way past a couple of players before being clipped by the DBK defender resulting in a penalty. Fortunately for us, St Matthew's blazed the ball over the goal. With 5 minutes left on the clock, St Matthew's had a corner from the right side and the ball went through the crowd of players to their striker who turned with his back to goal and was again tripped by a DBK defender. From the resulting penalty, the striker put the ball wide and the game ended with a 2-1 win to Dixons Brooklands Academy.

A fantastic result which was well deserved. Well done to all the players.