



## DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

### UNDER 15 CRICKET WIN EALING BOROUGH CRICKET LEAGUE

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This year, the U15 Cricket team won the Ealing Borough Cricket League after defeating Brentside High School in the final. The result capped a remarkable four seasons in which the team had overcome heartbreak and setbacks. In 2016, members of the team suffered an agonising defeat, losing by just 3 runs in the U13 final. The following season, this squad, competing as a combination of Year 7's and 8's, again suffered defeat by just 6 runs in the 2017 U13 final. 2018 saw another competitive yet painful year for the squad as they again fell short, this time at the semi-final stages despite an undefeated league season.

The path to the 2019 season final was much more challenging. The team managed to qualify for the final, despite weather affected results and a close defeat to an experienced Featherstone High School in the last league game of the season. However, the strength of this squad lies in their resilience, team ethos and selfless work-ethic. Subsequently, in a climactic finish defending just 9 runs from 6 balls, the team's hard work in training; high pressure match experience and incredibly supportive team-identity meant that they were able to defend their total against the same Featherstone team who had beaten them earlier in the season. After coming through such a close encounter in the semi's, Drayton's final performance was a culmination of four years of hard work and experience. The team were clinical with the bat, accumulating 123 runs from 14 overs, including a 50 run opening partnership between A. Shahid and J. Perves. Perves would go on to make 55 not out including striking four 6's. The team gave Brentside High School no respite in the field. Drayton's U15 fielding unit allowed only four boundaries in 13 overs through the combination of accurate bowling and aggressive fielding. Eventually Drayton Manor High School bowled out the opposition for 64 in 13 overs to secure a 59 run victory and celebrate a victory four years in the making.