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# NEWSLETTER

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It has been a remarkable season of growth. Our academy has expanded; our teams have strengthened; our coaches have developed, and most importantly, our players have truly blossomed, both on and off the field. We are proud of every step we have taken thus far, and are excited for what's to come.

## Manager's

## *Feedback*

The term kicked off well, and I have been most impressed by the growth of each team, I'm proud of all the work that has been put in by the players, the coaches and all who are involved in the academy. I'm looking forward to seeing all the teams develop their communication skills on the field, because once they trust each other, they'll make significant strides in their game strategy.

*-Nolan Koopman*



# MD SPORTS ACADEMY UPDATE



Our main goal this term was to ensure full league compliance and eligibility. SAFA registration was a critical priority, and despite a few hiccups, we're pleased to confirm that all academy players are now registered. We are diligently working to finalise our overall league compliance.

SAFA

Kitted Out

We have distributed practice kits to unify our players across each team. The players have worn them with great pride to every match, presenting a smart and cohesive appearance on the field. Our next step is to secure match kits for every player, so that we can have unity both on match days as well at practice.



Our academic support programme launched this term, and we have four dedicated students that are being tutored regularly. Our focus now is expansion, as we'd love to include more students on the programme. In order to make this a reality, we are looking to add more volunteers to the tutoring team.

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# TEAM UPDATES

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## U/18's



The team has shown mental toughness in their continual eagerness to learn and improve. Our next focus is on patterns of play, as well as helping each player understand their roles and duties on the field. - **Coach Bassier**

## U/16's



The team has taken to the tactics that we have introduced well, and are building onto what we are doing each week. Our next focus is on our consistency in matches and our intensity when pressing to win the ball back - **Coach Cassidy**

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## U/14's



The team has grown and their ability to adapt to new football techniques, as well as bounce back from set backs, is undeniable. Our next focus is to build a solid and stable team that can develop with consistency. - **Coach Abraham**

## U/12's



The team's willingness to learn from and fix their mistakes has been most impressive. Our biggest focus now, is to increase their attention span. This underrated skill is a crucial part of their learning. - **Coach Jo-Den**

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## U/10's & U/8's



This team's never give up attitude, is their most obvious superpower. They're always willing to keep playing whether fouled or injured, and are in some games, competing with opponents older than they are. Our next focus is to help them understand the different positions on the field, as everyone wants to play everywhere, all at the same time. - **Coach Alex**

## Support Team



**Coach Glory**

I have been working with the players, helping them with discipline and character building.



**Coach Jolobe**

I have ensured that all the necessary equipment is ready and available for each team, to use at practices.

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# HONOURABLE MENTIONS

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## WOW Players



**Syler** enjoys having fun and engaging with his team mates, however when game time comes, he never fails to put in the hard work. He is always soaking up information, even when he seems a little distracted.

u/12

**Kupakwashe** has been the most impressive during training sessions and has shown a lot of improvement during game time.



u/14



**Chuma** has shown the ability to press at the right times, as well as find space and time to create chances for others and himself. He has continuously improved his game and earned a consistent starting spot in the team.

u/16

**Abuyile** has grown consistently since the day he started at the academy. He is always polite and very underrated. He takes in information well, never complains when he is on the bench and is just a great team player.

u/18

## Chairman's Review



I am truly seeing a positive change in the boys, particularly in their discipline, and especially during away games. The level of respect they demonstrate reflects across the entire academy. It excites me to witness and be a part of their growth, not just as athletes, but in all areas of their lives. *Justin Davis*

# MD SPORTS GET INVOLVED



We are incredibly proud of all our teams and the dedication that they pour into each session. Their weekly investment continues to inspire us, as we strive to bring out the star in each player. You too can make a difference, by partnering up with us in one of 3 meaningful ways:



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