The Scots 1st XI (237) resumed its match against Shore (1/10) on the weekend. Scots were able to take early wickets thanks to a great opening spell from Lewis McMahon. Shore went to lunch at 5/110.

Scots resumed after lunch and were under pressure, but hung tough throughout, a trait that this team is beginning to show on a regular basis. The breakthrough finally came when Gavin Ho took 2 wickets in one over.

Shore steadied the ship again, and at 7/187, the game was very much in the balance. Within 1 over however the game was concluded. Tim Allworth took 2 of the best catches that are likely to be seen in schoolboy cricket for some time to come, and David Horwitz had a direct hit run out, that was also spectacular. Shore was dismissed for 187.

It was very pleasing to see that our fielding, something that the team has worked hard on and prides itself on, contributed heavily to our victory in the end. This coupled with the efforts of Lewis McMahon (6/34 off 18 overs) and Gavin Ho (3/57 off 22 overs) enabled the team to take 6 points from this round.

There was also a great win for the 2nd XI due to some late order hitting (Andrew Kellaway 39, Seamus Frost 28) and inspired bowling (Andrew Kellaway 5/29, John Duff 1/17, Seamus Frost 1/13, Nick Webster 1/9) in the 1st innings. With shore 5-58 at the start of day 2, the continued intensity both by the bowlers and fieldsman saw the boys wrap up the Shore tail for a great 1st innings victory. Some tense moments in the second innings with early fall of wickets and slow run making before Andrew Kellaway (19), Johnathan Duff (16) and Seamus Frost (20) hit our way out of trouble. Henry Mitton made a great contribution of 39 at the top of the order. Shore required 150 off 27 overs but the rain brought a closure to proceedings after only 12 overs.

Shore chose to bat first at home. They got away to a solid start before we started to pick up wickets to have them at 3-75. They ended on 7-195 thanks to a very good over from Frend who picked up 3-1. Our biggest problem on the day was the Sundries which continued to build and erode our confidence meaning we found it difficult to build pressure on their batsmen. When it was our turn to bat we started well but by then the weather had started to close in and the cricket was hard all round. What was a boundary in their innings was only a 2 at best for us on a very slow outfield. The game was eventually abandoned at 3-78.

In the 4th XI, Scots won the toss and elected to bowl first. The students faced a new look Shore team. The bowlers did well and kept Shore to 140 runs all out after 25 overs. Scots started their batting disastrously with quick wickets in succession taken by the Shore bowlers. Scots batting concentration was lacking due to rain, slippery surfaces and batting out of line due to the ground condition around the stumps. The Scots 4ths fought valiantly but lost by 30 runs and gave us our first defeat of the season. Scots and Shore now share the top position.

The 14B’s came up against a strong Shore side, on a windy day in which condition for batting were difficult. They did well to keep Shore to 6-143 after losing the toss, but unfortunately were unable to sustain partnerships and were all out for 86 during the chase. Well done Lavender, for bowling figures of 2-5 off five, Horton for a quick fire 24, batting at the end of the innings.

The 13D’s came up against a very competitive Shore outfit. Bowling first, some tight overs from Ben Smethills restricted Shore early but unfortunately the Shore innings
ended at 209 runs. The Scots run chase never really got started and the game was called early.