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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN - JOSEPH EASON

Joe has played a huge role within school sport throughout his time at Red House. He has not only been a key performer for school teams but he has been a positive role model for his peers in terms of his effort, commitment and attitude in lessons, fixtures and school practices.

Football is Joe's strongest sport and has been throughout his time at school. He has always been comfortable in possession as a centre midfielder and regularly uses his ball control skills to manoeuvre himself out of pressured situations so he can move the ball into space. As Joe has grown older, he has developed physically and can now use his physicality to protect the ball when in possession and to win the ball from opposition players. Joe's strongest asset has always been his vision, he moves the ball quickly and at a high tempo which has allowed the school team to attack space. He also repositions well to help progress the attack and to give the ball carrier a passing option. In defence, he defends at a high intensity, not allowing his man any time on the ball and is rarely caught out of position in turnovers. He reads the game well which allows him to be successful in winning 50/50s and interceptions. One area for Joe's development is that sometimes he can be too unselfish and will elect to pass the ball to a teammate when the space opens up for himself. If he can be more positive himself when the space opens up, it will make him more of an attacking threat. Joe plays for the school team as a defensive centre midfielder but as he plays at a higher standard I believe he will develop into an exceptional ball playing centre back.

Having read some previous reports, one area of improvement Joe has worked on in recent years is his communication on the pitch. This is something which didn't come easy to him and while he always set standards in terms of work rate and attitude on the pitch, communication did not come naturally to him. I have personally seen a big improvement in this area this year, Joe not only communicates on the pitch to help organise his team but he vocalises messages as captain in pre match and half time team talks which have clear messages for the team.

Joe's attitude towards school sport has always been exemplary, he attends all training sessions for every sport and has represented the school hockey, rugby, cricket and athletics teams throughout his time at school. He has been made captain of numerous school teams where he has been responsible for helping organise logistics and reading match reports out in front of the whole school. He is a diligent GCSE PE pupil and is always organised with his work. He is well liked amongst his year group and the staff at Red House which resulted in him being voted as Head Boy this year and he has been an excellent ambassador for Red House.

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