

## Holy Family Senior Soccer Team Kicks Off Their League with a Great Win Against Scoil Christ Rí Portlaoise

*Yesterday, the 24th of September, the Holy Family senior soccer team secured a fantastic win against Scoil Christ Rí Portlaoise. The match kicked off at 11:00 in Newbridge Town.*

At the beginning of the game, the girls were strong in defence, with Laura Jane Kaye making a great block that gave the opposition a corner. The resulting corner led to a shot, but it was saved by Betty Dunne. The ball then made its way up the pitch, resulting in a shot taken by Jessica McNulty, which was saved by the goalkeeper. The keeper's kick-out was won by Eimear Flood, who passed to Jessica McNulty. Jessica then played a through ball to Ella Donellan, leading to Holy Family's first goal.

After the goal, Kate McNulty won another kick-out and passed to Shauna Stafford. Later in the game, Ella Donellan provided a great pass to Tara Christie, resulting in another goal. Not long after, Olivia Hyland scored two goals near the end of the first half.

Early in the second half, Tara Christie scored again, bringing the score to 5-0. Shortly after, the opposition scored their first goal. However, Tara Christie completed her hat-trick by scoring her third goal. Holy Family then brought on three substitutes: Sara Di Gregorio, Malvina Dvrockova, and Lea Jones.



Later in the game, Newbridge won a free kick taken by Jessica McNulty, resulting in yet another goal for Newbridge. Soon after, Ella Donellan scored her second goal. Towards the end of the match, Newbridge also won a penalty, which Jessica McNulty converted, placing the ball in the bottom left corner. The final score of the match was 9-1 to Newbridge.

A great start for the Senior girls! They now move onto the next round of the cup versus Colaiste Phobal Roscrea.