



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL
An Academy Trust



Newsletter

July 2014

Head Teacher's Comment

So yet another busy and exciting year draws to a close and for a short while we draw breath and regroup for an energetic start in September.

There have been many delightful occasions for the school this half-term including our Founders' Day Celebration, at which Professor Slater from the University of Hertfordshire spoke interestingly about what the future would hold for our leavers. Of course we were sad as always to see our Year 13 boys leave us, but to see the change from the little lads who joined us in Year 7 to the young men at the start of their university or working lives is such a joy. We wish them well and hope that they keep in touch and come back to the Old Boys' Association Annual Dinner in future.

We have also had outstanding sporting and musical performances and numerous exciting trips and other events which you will read more about in these pages.

We must, however, single out the outstanding performance of the Intermediate Boys' Athletics team (Year 9/10). The squad reached the National School Finals – a first for Hitchin Boys' and a rarity for Hertfordshire and state schools in general. Most of the other nine schools at the finals were selective or independent, often with far better facilities for athletics. Nonetheless our boys were ranked 6th going into the finals, came 4th overall and were only a couple of points from 2nd in the country. Great praise to them and their coach Mr Bajak.

One vital aspect of that success (and indeed any success whether sporting, artistic or academic) is of course the close relationship between the school and parents. We have surveyed parent views of school at every parents' evening throughout 2013-14. Included in this newsletter you will find a summary of all parents' evening survey responses for the last year. We are pleased to note that we are continuing to receive excellent feedback.

Finally, I am reminded again as I look through the details of this newsletter what an outstanding group of boys, staff and parents we are lucky enough to have at Hitchin Boys' School. Thank you all.

I wish you all a relaxing and, hopefully, sunny summer break.

Martin Brown

Farewell to Mr Booton!

Mr Booton is leaving at the end of this term. In his time here he has transformed the physical appearance of the school by working tirelessly to create new facilities for Hitchin Boys. He is directly responsible for helping to create the astroturf pitch, the Sports Centre, the Tennis Centre and the Sixth Form Centre.

As well as these major projects, he also contributes on a daily basis to the life of the school with his unflappable good humour and supportive leadership style.

His continued commitment to sports, including coaching basketball every day before school, and his regular support of musical and drama performances, extra-curricular trips, school productions and many other events, means that he has been a vital part of this successful organisation for 24 years.

We will miss Mr Booton and everything he has done and continues to do for the school, the staff, the parents, the community, but most especially for the boys. Good luck for the future!



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Senior Prefect Team 2014 - 2015



Back Row L-R - Oscar Elliott, Tom Shelley, Ben Chennells, Ross Embleton, Alex Gillan, Josh Daramola, Tim Cranfield, Dominic Stevens. Front Row L-R - Jeremy Luzinda, Nathan May, Alex Hawkins, Daniel Saville (Head Boy), David Clark, Temj Labinjo

Year 8 Trip to Thorpe Park

On Thursday 26th June, 3 coaches full of year 8's travelled to Thorpe Park on the yearly maths trip. Everybody arrived at the Junior Playground at 7:30 am, and got on the coaches. After around two and a half hours on the road everyone was buzzing as we parked in Thorpe Park. After scanning our tickets to get in, we were 'let loose' from the Dome. Most of us rushed towards the 'Big 5': the five roller-coasters that make Thorpe Park famous.

I'll explain these rides. Stealth does 0-80 miles an hour in less than two seconds; Swarm is the first winged roller-coaster in the UK and Saw-The Ride is the first horror movie coaster in the world. Also included in the 'Big 5' is Nemesis Inferno, which does loop-the-loops and barrel rolls

The Stealth ride at Thorpe Park

as your legs dangle, and Colossus, which has ten loops overall.

At 3:45 pm, it was time for my half of the year's talk on engineering and maths in Thorpe Park. This showed us how they make the money to build new rides (Swarm cost them £20 million!) and how physics helps you stay in your seat during the rides. We also discovered how G-force on many of the rides was the same as the G-Force experienced by astronauts during a rocket launch. The session finished with a demonstration of the ride simulator software. We all had a brilliant time and would recommend the trip to students next year.

By Jamie Addison 8Ph



Summer Holiday Activities

There are lots of activities and clubs taking place locally over the summer holidays, including courses at HBS Sports Centre and Tennis Club plus hockey, ballet, football and stage school, to name a few. More details can be found by following the link on the front page of our website at www.hbs.herts.sch.uk.

September Dates

Just a reminder for your diaries:

Autumn Term 2014

Starts:

Tuesday 2nd September 2014 for Years 7, 12 and 13

Starts:

Wednesday 3rd September 2014 for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11

Ends: Friday 19th December 2014

Half-Term: 27th - 31st October 2014

Inset Days:

Monday 1st September 2014
Friday 10th October 2014

Outstanding Achievers in Key Stage 3

The following boys were the most outstanding achievers in the High Performance Group across the whole of Key Stage 3 (Years 7 - 9):

Year 7

Archie Summerhayes - 7 subjects
Oscar Pryle - 6 subjects
Daniel English - 5 subjects

Year 8:

Paul Robertson - 6 Subjects
Louis Condon - 5 subjects
Chris Holes - 5 subjects
Joshua Rickard - 5 subjects

Year 9:

Stepan Mysko von-Schultze - 11 subjects
Joe Keech - 8 Subjects
George Sewall - 6 subjects
Elliott Simpson-Rooke - 6 subjects
Lee Brown - 6 subjects
Lewis Gibbs - 6 subjects
Thomas Pickett - 6 subjects
William Rodway - 6 subjects

Congratulations to all of them for their continued hard work.

Mr Kelly

D of E team members tackle their first expedition

Students taking part have been really enthused with the Duke of Edinburgh program and have been working hard on their skills, physical and volunteer sections of the award. This term we embarked on our first D of E expedition. 21 boys planned and organised their two-day expedition, which saw them take on a 15 mile (or more for those who got lost!) walk on one of the hottest weekends of the year so far. Working as a team the boys independently navigated their way around the Bedfordshire countryside whilst carrying their kit. When reaching camp they then cooked their dinners, and with their physics exam on the Monday morning, Mr Bashford then joined the camp to provide a revision session. The boys did fantastically well and are now fully prepared for their qualifying expedition later in the year.

A massive thank you must go to the leadership team, as without them kindly offering their time there would not be the opportunity to offer the D of E program to the boys. Mrs Konanec, Mrs Cavill, Mr Shergold and Mr McDonough - thank you!!!

Could you help D of E ?

Do you have any old walking and camping equipment that might be of use to our D of E participants? We are looking to build a bank of equipment to lend to our boys in future expeditions. We would love 2 or 3 men tents, walking ruck sacks, sleeping bags, walking boots, carry mats, the list goes on.....



If you can help please contact Miss Rainbow: krainbow@hitchinboys.co.uk

Parents' Evening Surveys: Summary of Results

Please see below a summary of the results of the parents' survey carried out at each Parents' Evening during the last academic year, as referred to in the Head Teacher's Comment on page 1:

Years 7-11 Parents Evenings Surveys Summary 2013-14 (Percentage)	Agree	Disagree
My son likes the school	98	2
My son has settled in well to the year group	98	2
My son is making good progress in the school	99	1
Behaviour in the school is good	97	3
Any difficulties have been well-managed	96	4
The teaching is good	99	1
My son knows what is expected of him at school	99	1
My son is receiving regular homework	91	9
My son is motivated to do well by his teacher	98	2
I would feel comfortable about approaching the school	98	2
The school expects my son to work hard and achieve	98	2
The school is well led and managed	97	3
The school works closely with parents	87	13
There is an interesting range of activities outside lessons	94	6
My son has been involved in activities outside lessons	81	19
Overall satisfaction	95	5

Sports Reports

Athletics Report

English Schools Championships 2014

Selected for England – George Marvell Intermediate Boys’ Hammer Throw 63.52m.

Hitchin Boys provided five members of the 60-strong Hertfordshire schools team who competed last weekend at the English Schools Championships in Birmingham. Peter Keefe finished in 13th place in the junior boys shot with 11.71m. Kim Sobotie finished 8th in his heat of the Senior Boys 400m with 51.5. Louis Lomas finished 10th in the final of the Junior Boys high jump with 1.64m. Michael Stocker made the podium and finished in 6th place with 3.20m in the Junior Boys pole vault final. The performance of the weekend came from Year 10 pupil George Marvell, who still has another year in the same age group. He threw 63.52m to win a silver medal and be selected to represent England next weekend in Cardiff in a match against Wales, Scotland and Ireland.



George Marvell (second right) with his silver medal

National Cup Athletics

Hitchin Boys’ School placed 4th in England at The English Schools Track & Field Cup final in July at Bedford International Stadium. The Intermediate boys’ team, made up of 14 Year 9 & 10 pupils plus reserves, scored a huge total of 535 points.

Each athlete had to compete in both a track and field event. The whole team deserve our congratulations on what

is an amazing achievement. The middle distance runners of Ben Hilton, Ben Wilmot and Alex Evens had to contend with a big headwind coming down the back straight but were still able to post times close to their personal bests.

Tyler Gray and Josh Kingsland scored huge points in the 300m. Josh Kingsland’s time of 37.5 was a National record; unfortunately it was beaten in the next heat. George Fitter came close to his PB in the long jump with 5.52m and Tyler Gray recorded a 50cm PB in the triple jump going out to 11.44m.

The pole vault specialists of Michael Stocker and Josh Breaker-Rolfe had to contend with wet and blustery conditions but still managed to record vaults of 3.20m and 3.10m. Peter Keefe, the Year 9 school record holder in the shot put, threw big again with 12.63m. Antoine Oget is the new school record holder in the javelin after launching it to 44.77m.

The team’s biggest points haul came in the hammer with Will Broadhurst throwing 43.74, which is a new personal best - all the more remarkable as he only had his cast for a broken arm removed recently. George Marvell, who is the current

English Schools Hammer Champion, threw a season’s best throw of 67.14m, which smashed the existing national record by 13 metres (once again unfortunately this was eclipsed by another talented thrower who increased the new national record to over 70 metres)

Hitchin Boys’ Athletics Squad for the National Final 2014:

Jacob Ngwala, Michael Stocker, George Marvell, Antoine Oget, Ben Hilton, Ben Wilmot, Alex Evens, Austin Ephgrave, Tyler Gray, Josh Kingsland, Gawsul Alam, Josh Pritchard, George Fitter, Will Rodway, Peter Keefe, Will Broadhurst, Josh Breaker-Rolfe and Thanushan Aravinthan.

County Champions

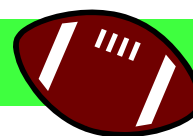
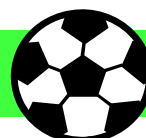
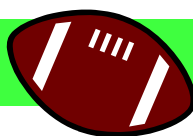
The Intermediate Boys team won the County League U16 title, sharing first place with Habs Boys (both schools scoring 80 points in the final).

The U14 team produced some amazing results on the track and in the field and came second, only one point behind 1st place in the county final.

District Champions Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and Senior (11, 12 & 13)



The 2014 National Cup Squad



Sports Reports (continued)

2014 District Athletics Championship Results

22 District Champions
2 New School Records
2 New District Record

Year 7

75m Hurdles 1st Place 12.4 Jean Claude Aka (District Champion)
200m 1st Place 28.0 David Koffi (District Champion)
800m 2nd Place Ike Laseinde 2.37
1500m 2nd Place Daniel English 5.22.1
Relay 2nd Place 54.7
Long Jump 1st Place Dylan Baines 4.48m (District Champion)
Shot 1st Place David Koffi 10.53m (District Champion)
Javelin 1st Place Ben Simpkins 25.30 (District Champion)
Discus 1st Place Aman Johal 24.23 (District Champion)
High Jump 3rd Place Alex Smith 1.37m

Year 8

75m Hurdles 2nd Place 13.7 Finlay Macrailld
100m 1st Place Ricardo Green 13.1 (District Champion)
200m 4th Place Isaac Strickland 28.7
300m 1st Place Brent Morris 42.7 (District Champion and new District Record)
800m 1st Place Louis Lomas 2.12.0 (District Champion, new District record and new school record)
1500m 4th Place Ryan Large 5.03.5
Relay 8th Place 64.1
Long Jump 2nd Place Gowan McQuade 5.05
Triple Jump 1st Place Isaac Strickland 11.14m (District Champion)
High Jump 1st Place Louis Lomas 1.63m (District Champion)
Shot 3rd Place Brent Morris 9.73m
Javelin 3rd Place Sam Bellinger 23.57m
Discus 2nd Place Ira Johal 26.94m

Year 9

80m Hurdles 1st Will Rodway 12.8 (District Champion)
100m 2nd Ed Spindler 12.4
200m 1st Cassius Shabbir 25.0

300m 1st George Fitter 40.1 (District Champion)
800m 2nd Ben Wilmot 2.15.7
1500m 3rd Sam Kester 5.03.8
Relay 1st 49.2 (District Champions)
Long Jump 1st George Fitter 5.62m (District Champion and new school record)
Triple Jump 2nd Ben Wilmot 10.94m
High Jump 3rd Archie Garrett 1.60m
Javelin 1st Matthew Waters 33.02m (District Champion)
Discus 1st Brandon Norman 27.63m (District Champion)

Year 10

100m Hurdles 1st Antoine Oget 16.2 (District Champion)
100m 2nd Josh Kingsland 11.7
200m 1st Thanushan Aravinthan 24.6 (District Champion)
400m 1st Tyler Gray 53.6 (District Champion)
800m 1st Ben Hilton 2.09.8 (District Champion)
1500m 1st Alex Evens 4.37.8 (District Champion)
Relay 1st 46.9 (District Champions)
Long Jump 2nd Jacob Ngwala 5.83m
Triple Jump 2nd 11.79m Josh Pritchard
High Jump 1st Gawsul Alam 1.71m (District Champion)
Discus 2nd Ben Hilton 22.86m
Shot 3rd George Marvell 9.94m

Tennis

This year our tennis success continued with Daniel Martin and James Smith winning the Herts County doubles tournament at the Royal Masonic School in Rickmansworth, beating St Albans in the final 6-3. Our success continued in the Aegon competition, winning our division. Unfortunately our winning streak came to an end as we lost in the semi - final to Watford Grammar 8-4. Congratulations to all players on a great season of tennis and we look forward to even more success next year.

Mr Bajak



Mr Pugh

Summer Sports Awards 2014

Cricket

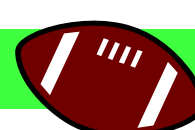
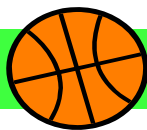
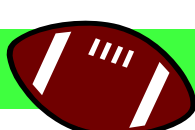
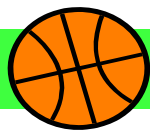
Year 7 Player of the Year: George Crouch
Year 7 Most Improved Player of the Year: Kavilan Canagasabey
Year 8 Player of the Year: Connor Dudley
Year 8 Most Improved Player of the Year: Will Stewardson
Year 9 Player of the Year: Ben Wilmot
Year 9 Most Improved Player of the Year: Remi Burgon
Year 10 Player of the Year: Tom Manning
Year 10 Most Improved Player of the Year: Billy Mulley
Most Valuable Player in all age groups: Matthew Maylin

Athletics

Year 7 Athlete of the Year: Aman Johal
Year 7 Most Improved Athlete of the Year: Jean-Claude Aka
Year 8 Athlete of the Year: Louis Lomas
Year 8 Most Improved Athlete of the Year: Brent Morris
Year 9 Athlete of the Year: Michael Stocker
Year 9 Most Improved Athlete of the Year: William Rodway
Year 10 Athlete of the Year: George Marvell
Year 10 Most Improved Athlete of the Year: Alex Evens

Sports Person of the Year

Year 7 Runners-Up: Aman Johal/Oscar Pryle
Year 7 Winner: Ben Guest
Year 8 Runners-Up: Brent Morris/Adam Mountney
Year 8 Winner: Isaac Strickland
Year 9 Runners-Up: Brandon Norman/George Fitter
Year 9 Winner: Ben Wilmot
Year 10 Runners-Up: Tyler Gray/Alex Evens
Year 10 Winner: Dominic Lloyd-Williams



Sports Reports (continued)

Team of the Year

INTER BOYS ATHLETICS TEAM
- 4th at English Schools Athletics
Track and Field Cup

Junior Full Colours

Josh Kingsland Year 10 (Athletics)
George Marvell* Year 10 (Athletics)
Tyler Gray Year 10 (Athletics)
Ben Hilton* Year 10 (Athletics)
Peter Keefe* Year 9 (Athletics)
Michael Stocker Year 9 (Athletics)
Will Rodway Year 9 (Athletics)
Tom Manning Year 10 (Cricket)
Jay Patadia Year 10 (Cricket)
Matthew Maylin Year 10 (Cricket)

Junior ½ Colours

Daniel Martin Year 8 (Tennis)
James Smith Year 8 (Tennis)
George Fitter* Year 9 (Athletics)
Brandon Norman* Year 9
(Athletics)
Ben Wilmot* Year 9 (Athletics)
Josh Breaker-Rolfe Year 10
(Athletics)
Alex Evens Year 10 (Athletics)
Gawsul Alam Year 10 (Athletics)
Antoine Oget Year 10 (Athletics)
Dominic Taylor* Year 10 (Cricket)
Billy Mulley* Year 10 (Cricket)
* Colours re-awarded

Lastly if any parents have any running spikes or hockey sticks that your son has grown out of, the PE Department can always find them a good home!

Mr McPherson

Reminder from the Exam Office

A Level results day:

Thursday 14th August

GCSE results day:

Thursday 21st August

Certificates available from reception:

Monday 24th November to

Friday 12th December

Cricket Report

2014 Results

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1 st XI	4	1	3
Year 10	5	4	1
Year 9	5	2	3
Year 8	8	4	4
Year 7	13	10	3
Totals	35	21	14

This season proved to be another successful one for our boys as we continued to develop and improve in all areas of the game. As part of our High Performance Excellence Programme Oli Pitts, Ben Cowell and Jason Timm attended a Talent ID Day at Loughborough University where they watched the National T20 MCCU Competition, were treated to a session with the Elite Cricket Strength and Conditioning Coach and took part in specialised net sessions at the National Cricket Performance Centre. Our 1st XI were invited to a strong invitational T20 Tournament at St Albans School involving top cricketing schools in the country and two overseas sides from Australia and South Africa.

Congratulations to Ben Cowell, Oli Pitts, Connor Dudley and James Smith who all achieved County Representative Honours this summer.

This season we introduced a new award for the Most Valuable Cricketer in the school based on an average points system for runs scored, wickets, catches and stumpings taken. Matthew Maylin in Year 10 was the inaugural winner, so many congratulations to him.

Our Year 7 team reached the County Cup semi final and are in the District Cup final to be played shortly, in addition to becoming District Calypso Cricket 6 a side Champions. Stand out performers in this team were Ben Guest, Tom Hendry and George Crouch. George produced the best and most remarkable bowling figures of the season with 3.4 overs, 3 maidens and 7 wickets for 0 runs (all bowled) in the District Cup semi final. Connor Dudley again performed well for the Year 8s with Will Stewardson improving greatly from last season. In Year 9 Ben Wilmot again showed his all round sporting ability with runs and wickets and Harry Lanyon recorded his maiden school 50. Tom Manning, Dom Taylor and Matthew Maylin were the leading performers in the Year 10 team.

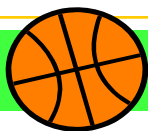
Throughout the forthcoming winter we plan to further develop and challenge our High Performance Cricketers by providing them with individual and team based scenarios in the form of personalised net sessions, a 'Hit Squad' with bowling machine drills and indoor match play opportunities.

We are very grateful once again this year to Peter Bracey and Bracey's Accountants for generously sponsoring our Year 8 side with sleeveless jumpers and hope the association continues in the years to come. Finally, many thanks to all the parents who have supported the boys and the school during this cricket season and to the boys for their efforts through the summer term.



Jason Timm, Ben Cowell and Oli Pitts at the National Cricket Performance Centre

Mr Smith



Music Report

This has been a busy half term for the school's musicians. We had our annual Founders' Day celebrations, with the Lower School awards assembly in the Main Hall, and the Upper School service with Hitchin Girls' School at St. Mary's Church. This year's service was led by HBS and we heard some fantastic singing and brass playing, including solo performances by Tim Cranfield and Cara Baldwin. It was a very moving send off for our departing Year 13 students.

Jazz evening

We put in an extra concert this year, celebrating the strong tradition of jazz at HBS. On Friday 4th July we had the first of what we hope will be a tradition of Summer Jazz evenings, hosted by the Parents' Society under the tireless leadership of Mrs Faye Hall. An evening of outstanding performances included the school Big Band, led by Dan Taylor, the first performance from the new HBS Barbershop Group and a fantastic set by the Jazz Band, under the inspirational guidance of Paul Woodin. Many thanks to the staff and Old Boys who took part with some exciting solo performances. The evening ended with a performance from our 'Biggest Band', a group of current and former students, parents and staff who rehearsed only on the day and produced a rousing climax to the concert.

Our Summer Concert was a bigger occasion than usual this year, as we gathered together a special group of performers to say goodbye to Mr Booton and to thank him for the unfailing support he has given to the music and musicians of HBS over many years. The programme included our regular ensembles made up of younger up-and-coming performers; it is encouraging to see that the future of music is looking so positive. We were also lucky enough to hear from past musicians, some of whom left very recently and some from a few years ago. The quality of performances and the evident delight of Mr Booton ensured that the evening was a resounding success

and it culminated in a reunion of the Blues Brothers band we first heard in 2006, this time supplemented with some of our current students. It was also good to see our former Head Teacher, Mr Keith Wadsworth, as a guest for the performance. Huge thanks to the following Old Boys and staff for giving their time, either for this concert or the Jazz evening: James Maple, Peter and Philip Mitchell, Luke Pinkstone, Michael Moscatiello, Damian Gurden, Will and Tom Gimson, Danny Basford, Tim Hobman, Matt Lack, James Schouten, Mr Philip Bedford, Mr Iain Murdoch and Mr John Rayner.

The Music Department completed the schedule of performances this year with a visit to Letchworth Garden City Academy, to take part in their Arts Week. A small Jazz Band and the Barbershop Group did a performance and introduced the primary school pupils to the instruments and style of a Jazz Band. This was our second visit to LGCA and we are looking to work with Miss Oliva to increase our musical links with local primary schools.

Farewells

At this time of year we say goodbye to some of our most senior musicians and this year's group of leavers has been exceptional in both their quality and contribution to the musical life of our school. Thank you and good luck to: James Abrams, Daniel Addison,

Cameron Easton, Harry Fowler, Daniel Taylor, Peter Woodin, Philip Jones, Tom Burningham, Humza Chandna and Brett Ellis.

Finally, we are now thinking ahead to performances for next year. We are currently auditioning for the next school show, Hot Mikado, a jazz musical based on the Gilbert and Sullivan original show. This will take place on 11th-13th February 2015, so book tickets early.

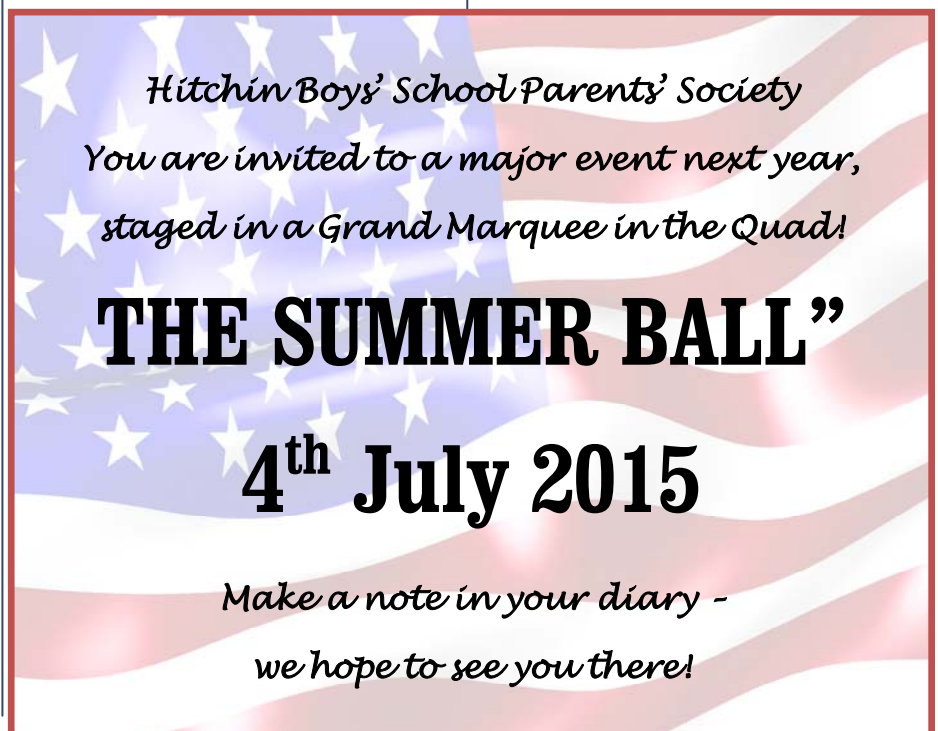
Future events

Our next musical events are a collaboration with the Drama and History departments to mark the First World War centenary; an evening of music, drama and readings will take place on Tuesday 4th November in the Main Hall. This will be followed on Wednesday 12th November by our usual Autumn Concert, this year themed around music from the two world wars.

There are still a few places left on our choir trip to Paris, which will take place from 8th-11th April next year; the numbers for this tour will need to be finalised early in the new term, so please let the Music Department know if you would like more information.

Well done to all the musicians of HBS for a successful and exciting year.

Ms Hetherington



Hitchin Boys' School Parents' Society
You are invited to a major event next year,
staged in a Grand Marquee in the Quad!
THE SUMMER BALL
4th July 2015
Make a note in your diary -
we hope to see you there!

Proposed trip to Germany 2015

Following the success of our 2013 trip to Koblenz, we are planning a trip to the same area for July 2015, for those studying German in Y9 /10 next academic year. The trip is likely to include shopping in Koblenz, visits to significant historical attractions in the area, swimming, cinema, and a boat trip along the Rhine. Keep an eye out for more details.



A new bench for the Woodlands garden

On a sunny day in early July, two of the boys from this year's Foundation Learning course, Ashley White and Kieran Watson, came back in to help construct a bench around the trees in the Woodlands garden. The lads worked really well and with the kind assistance of Mr Harriss (Technology support) they completed the bench in the day.



Calendar Dates: Autumn 2014

Date	Event
Mon 1st September:	INSET Day
Tuesday 2nd September:	Term starts today: Years 7, 12 and 13
Wednesday 3rd September:	Term starts today: Years 8 - 11
Friday 5th September:	Year 13 UCAS Medics Deadline
Thursday 11th September:	HBS Parents' Society Event for new Year 7 parents/students 7pm
Thursday 18th September:	OPRO Mouthguard Fittings
Friday 19th September:	Y7 Action Challenge Day
Friday 19th September:	Year 13 UCAS Deadline
Tuesday 23rd September:	Open Morning 9.15am – 12.00pm
Tuesday 23rd September:	Open Evening 6.00 – 8.30pm
Thursday 25th September:	Open Morning 9.15am – 12.00pm
Friday 26th September:	Whole School Photograph 2pm
Wednesday 1st October:	Year 9 Battlefields Trip departs
Saturday 4th October:	Year 9 Battlefields Trip returns
Wednesday 15th October:	Year 7 - 10 Tutor Consultation Evening 5pm
Tuesday 21st October:	Sixth Form Options Evening
Monday 27th October:	Half Term starts



Hitchin Boys' School Design & Technology 2014



GCSE Resistant Materials

A. David, D. Barnes, F. Brown-Johnson, M. Callan, W. Evans-Pugh, F. King, W. Newton, J. O'Hara, J. Palmer, D. Sinclair, D. Stewart, K. Watson, J. Weeks, M. Williams, G. Wolfe, D. Aho, R. Allum, J. Barry, R. Driscoll, D. Chapman-Amey, J. Cliffe, D. Cowell, M. Emson, J. Dewar, L. Ford, J. Hamilton, W. Johnson, D. Osgate-Davila, A. Powner, M. Paul-Sedini, J. Smith, C. Woodhead, J. Wright, J. Abbott, S. Alam, S. Butler, R. Clark, C. Finn, S. French, B. Taylor, J. Johannessen, J. Maxwell, D. Pomfret, D. Pugsley, D. Ruggburn, A. Reinjes, S. Ryan, S. Simanda, K. Strachan, J. Sullivan, J. Gu, J. Williams



A-Level Product Design

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Mountain Bike Club

Mountain bike club is going from strength to strength with regular Friday afternoon trips to the MTB trails at Chicksands, local rides around Hitchin and skills sessions on site. We are planning to go racing with British Cycling in their 'Go-Ride' series in September.

Mr Shergold



ShelterBox Fundraising

Between Monday 7th and Friday 11th July, HBS hosted a range of events organised by the new Senior Prefect Team to raise money for our summer charity, ShelterBox.

ShelterBox is a Cornwall-based charity that provides emergency relief in the form of care packages for communities around the world that have been overwhelmed by natural disasters or conflict. They provide everything from thermal blankets for warmth and protection, to shelter for a family; and they even fund new starts for families that have lost homes and livelihoods.

Events during the week included a penalty shootout on the astro-turf with students pitted against a teacher or a member of the Senior Prefect



Medical help in the holidays

If your family needs urgent medical help and your usual GP practice is closed, there's now just one number to remember.



NHS 111 can help with everything that needs urgent medical attention, but is not a life-threatening emergency. That could be anything from bumps and sprains to feeling ill overnight or at the weekend.

The service is staffed by a team of fully trained advisors, supported by experienced clinicians. They will ask questions to assess your symptoms, then give you advice or direct you to the local service that can help you best. That might be a doctor, urgent care centre, minor injuries unit, late-opening pharmacy, or A&E. If NHS 111 advisors think you need an ambulance, they will immediately arrange for one to be sent to you.

Call 111, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Calls are free from mobiles and landlines. If you're holidaying in England or Scotland this summer, you can call 111 and be put through to the local 111 team, who will know all the services near you which can help. If you're visiting Wales, call 0845 46 47.

If you have the old NHS Direct number stored in your phone, please delete it and replace it with 111. The NHS Direct number is no longer in operation and your call will not be transferred to another number.

Team acting as goalkeepers and a 5-a-side football competition on the astro-turf, in which students were given the challenge to beat the teachers.

A basketball free-throw competition was held on the Wednesday, and a cake sale ran from Wednesday to Friday with cakes provided by staff and students.

Friday was the grand finale, with a range of activities taking place, including a book sale, penalty shootout, obstacle course and the traditional non-uniform day.

Throughout the week, students were given the opportunity to sponsor teachers and members of the Senior Prefect Team for the 'Humiliation Catwalk' on Friday. Students were able to nominate outfits that the teachers and Senior Prefect Team had to model on the catwalk (see below)!

All the money raised (around £2,000 at the last count) will go to help change the lives of families in crisis.



Welcomes and farewells

At the end of this term we say 'Goodbye' to:

Mr Booton and Mr Porter (both retiring), Mr Bashford, Miss Downing, Miss Hines, Mrs Ganguly, Miss Somasuntharam, Mrs Le Page, Mr Mansfield, Deputy Head Mr Warburton, Librarian Mr Pitchford, Mr Ireland and Mr Flint.

Good luck to all in their future endeavours.

In September we welcome:

Mr Monks (Deputy Head), Mr Paterson (Head of Science), Miss Anderson and Miss Brenham (English), Mr Honess (Physics), Mr Merison (Chemistry), Mr Wilson, Mrs Neilson and Ms Dessaux (Languages), Mr Wyncoll (Maths) and Mr Martin (Business Studies).

Correction

The last issue of the newsletter listed students on this year's Charity Committee. Please note that one of the Year 12 representatives is Timi Awotesu, not Rotimi Keshiro as shown.