



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL
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Newsletter

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Head Teacher's Comment

It has been a frenetic, short half-term since Easter with a number of school trips and other interesting events (which are summarised in this newsletter) and a lot of exam preparation.

The Dorset field trip for Year 10 was a great success with over 100 boys studying and producing actual controlled assessment material which will help with their GCSE. Year 11, 12 and 13 are obviously all now on study leave and many are already in the middle of their exams. We have our fingers crossed for all of you! Years 7, 8 and 9 are of course all now preparing for their end of year exams, which will help get them ready for the next stage of their education. There is a sense of the long project of the academic year starting to come to fruition and we look forward to seeing what great things these boys can achieve.

At this time of year we also always feel a tinge of sadness as our Year 13 students leave their classes for the last time to begin the final stages of revision for their A-Level exams. Many of these young men now have university places depending on the outcome of the next few weeks; many others have the next stage of their career equally dependent. Whatever route they take next, we wish them every success and hope very much that they will come back and see us in the future, always keep in touch and eventually become active members of our Old Boys' Association.

As the summer finally starts to unveil itself and the prospect of some relaxing sunny days approaches, I wish you all a pleasant half-term break.

Martin Brown



'...we wish them every success and hope very much that they will come back and see us in the future.'

HBS Summer Fayre

HBS Parents' Society are busy preparing for this year's Summer Fayre and require donations for Raffle prizes and the Tombola stalls. Please could you donate:

- ◆ Bottles of any kind for our bottle tombola.
- ◆ Wine, for our Wine & Water stall.
- ◆ Unwanted gifts, unused and as new - suitable for Family Tombola.
- ◆ Chocolate, all sorts.

All donations should be taken to the school reception when convenient for you. Please label items for the HBS Parents' Society Summer Fayre.

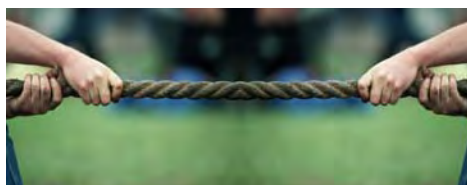
Thank you for your support!

Calling All Bakers!

Come and enter our Bake Off Competition with your Showstopper Cake. Our chief cake taster and judge will be Mr Monks, and entries must be at the school by 12 noon on the day of the fayre. After judging the cakes will be sliced up and sold for all to enjoy!

Tug of War...

...at this year's Summer Fayre. Come and beat your teachers, if you can! We need teams from each year, and all teams will be against a team of your strongest teachers led by Mr Brown!



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HBS heads to the polls

Students at Hitchin Boys' School held their own 'Question Time' in late April, with students representing the five main parties taking part in a hustings debate in front of an audience of their peers at lunchtime. The debate was chaired by Head Boy Daniel Saville, with candidates representing the Conservatives, Labour, Liberal Democrats, UKIP and the Green Party.

History and Politics teacher Mr Howie said: "The hustings debate went very well. The boys impressed me with their preparation, oratory and flexible responses to each others' questions."



Voting takes place

On national polling day, Thursday 7th May, HBS students had the chance to cast their votes. The result mirrored the national picture, with the Conservatives winning and Labour in second place. Full results below.

Writer and broadcaster Trevor Phillips talks Democracy and Russell Brand at HBS

Hitchin Boys' School was the venue for a fascinating presentation by an ex-Head of the Commission for Racial Equality (subsequently the Equality and Human Rights Commission) on the 29th April. Trevor Phillips OBE talked to an audience of students from Year 11 and the Sixth Form from both the Boys' and Girls' Schools about "Why Russell Brand is wrong."

His central theme was that democracy is, in Churchill's phrase "the worst form of government, except for all the others." In other words despite all its flaws, democracy and in particular our British values of tolerance and mutual respect, individual liberty and the rule of law on which it is based, are a precious means by which the people can influence the way the country is run. Touching on topics as diverse as the Charlie Hebdo attacks, the invasion of Iraq, his time in the London Assembly, his connections with the Blair administration, "Boris and Nigel" and his own West Indian heritage, Mr Phillips provided an entertaining and thought-provoking insight into modern life and politics in particular.

Students posed challenging questions to Mr Phillips, in particular relating

to his recent Channel 4 documentary on multiculturalism and his belief in "the right to offend." The debate was, however, respectful and good-humoured, and the closing message to the students was that "every vote counts, so don't waste yours by not voting."

The talk was arranged by Speakers 4 Schools (speakers4schools.org), a charity set up by broadcaster Robert Peston which provides state schools with talks from leading figures free of charge.



Year 8 Work Shadowing

Year 8 students will spend a day shadowing a family member or friend at work on Tuesday 7th July. The day offers boys the opportunity to appreciate what is involved in a day of work and recognise how work in the classroom relates to developing skills for the future. Letters have been sent to parents asking for their help in providing a placement for their child, and all relevant forms should be completed and returned to the Form Tutors by Monday 1st June. Any queries can be directed to Careers Advisor Mr Moore at rmoore@hitchinboys.co.uk

Constituency of HBS Election Result 7th May 2015

- 1st: Conservative 142 (31%)
- 2nd: Labour 121 (26%)
- 3rd: UKIP 114 (25%)
- 4th: Green 49 (11%)
- 5th Liberal Democrat 35 (8%)
- 10 invalid ballot papers

Library news

We now have the complete sets of a number of exciting series in the Library and we have been reorganising the fiction books to make it easier for you to find them.

You can follow 14-year-old spy Alex Rider's first mission in Stormbreaker, through to his latest adventures in the 10th novel, Russian Roulette.

In the Gone series by Michael Grant you can experience the adventures of the children of Perdido Beach after all the adults suddenly vanish and they remain trapped in the town. Will they survive?

We also have the 12 books which make up the Darren Shan saga, set in the world of vampires, and Mark Walden's Higher Institute of Villainous Education titles.

Drop by to borrow or reserve - we are here every break time, lunchtime and after school Monday to Thursday.

Mrs R Hunt and Mrs E Vipond
Librarians



Music Department Update

The Music Department pre-empted this term with our long-awaited choir trip to Paris during the Easter holiday. The Paris Choir (*below*) comprised 36 boys, accompanied by five staff. The tour was a huge success and we gave two excellent concerts, at the Maison des Retraites and the church of St. Christophe le Javel.

Performance ensembles included the Barbershop Group and Jazz Ensemble, as well as the choir. The audience response was excellent and there was a real appreciation for all our soloists, as well as the choir as a whole. In addition to the concerts, the boys took a trip down the river Seine and visited Disneyland Paris.

Despite this term being focused on exam preparation, the choir reprised some of our Paris performances in a concert for their families in a packed assembly hall on Tuesday 5th May. Aply supported by Andrew Jones on

piano and Mrs Strachan on violin, the boys delivered a superb mixed programme of secular, spiritual and sacred songs, singing in both English and French. It was an evening rich in melody and harmony, both entertaining and uplifting. A major delight was the wide number of different soloists. The following students all took solo roles in different songs:

Ben Tossell, Tom Pyle, Alex Francis, Charles Rawlings, Lewis Gibbs, Tim Cranfield, Matthew Maylin and Andy Ridgway. Additional soloists who performed in Paris but not at the parents' concert included George and Henry McElroy.

At the end of the concert, we were able to announce our next choir trip, which will take place in October 2016. We plan to visit Lake Garda in Italy, where we will perform concerts in three different venues, explore the scenery around Lake Garda and visit the Gardaland theme park. We shall be sending out letters to find out

initial numbers shortly after half term, so keep a lookout for them; new members of the choir are always welcome and there is plenty of time to sign up for the trip to Italy.

On 30th April the North Herts Music School and the Hertfordshire Rotary Club hosted the final of the annual Peter Lambourne Bursary Competition for Year 12 musicians from North Herts. Congratulations to Simeon May and Andrea Barbieri for making the final. The same evening saw the final of the very first Sue Cracknell singing competition, open to sixth form students throughout Hertfordshire. Congratulations to Tim Cranfield for making the final and especially to Andy Ridgway, who was the overall winner. The winners of both competitions were also mentioned in an article in The Comet.

Ms Hetherington

Arts Award:
Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm,
Music Department

We have embarked on a new round of Arts Award Bronze level with a group of students from Years 8-10. They are developing their interests and skills in a variety of different art forms, including drama, music, photography and art and are hoping to complete the Bronze award this term. **This is an open group and any boys are welcome to come and join, so ask Ms Hetherington for more information or just come along any Thursday after school.**



23 go to Kirkby, Liverpool ... for the day!

On Saturday 4th April, at the unholy hour of 5.45am, an assembled collection of 18 Year 13 Geography students and five staff met at the front of school for a

mad, mini-adventure day trip. The purpose of the trip was to visit Kirkby, a town of around 30,000 inhabitants, who have been lobbying government for over a decade to secure some investment for the town's regeneration. In 2006 proposed moves by Tesco and Everton Football Club to the town went through the planning process, but were halted for many good reasons at a 66 day public enquiry. With Tesco abandoning any plans for building a store in January 2015, the local residents set up their own political party, 1st4Kirkby, who stood at the recent general election.

Five local residents and members of the party agreed to meet the students and discuss the issues. The Year 13s listened and questioned the local residents appropriately to ensure an excellent discussion was had as to why it has been so difficult for Kirkby to find investment. Students then headed to Liverpool City centre to see the last major wholesale city redevelopment in England, and carried out an environmental quality survey around Goodison Park, the home of football, to assess the reasons why residents in Kirby opposed the original plans in 2006. After all that geography the students eagerly burst through the creaking turnstiles of the Bullens Stand to watch the much hyped Everton vs Southampton fixture. Mr Streets having seen the away side thrash Everton 3-0 in December was full of hope, but was left dejected as Everton ground out a 1-0 home win. Sadly the match was not a classic, but hopefully it meant the whole trip was worth the adventure and the 10.30pm return time back to Hitchin Boys' School.

Thanks must go to the five Kirkby residents for giving up their free time on a Saturday, to Mrs Lansdown, Mrs Barnard and Mrs Pitts for doing the driving, and finally to Mr Streets for helping with the geography and not being too despondent on the long journey home!

Mr Dawson
Head of Geography (and Everton fan!)



beach for members of the public. This was a huge success as all groups collected complete sets of data for all their characteristics at each of the five sites between West Bay and Portland; in fact some students even visited a sixth site to collect additional data.

On Sunday we all visited the World Heritage site of Lulworth Cove to learn about the formation of and observe the unique geological formations there such as Lulworth Cove, Durdle Door, Stair Hole and Man O' War Bay; as well as an exceptionally good ice cream shop!

On Monday on the way home we visited either Studland or Milford-On-Sea (depending which one we had visited on the Friday) before making our way back to HBS for a relatively early arrival of around 4:45pm.

Each night we stayed at the Prince Regent hotel where we received a delicious meal for dinner, with three options each night for each course, and a full cooked breakfast in the morning in their restaurant.

The trip was a resounding success as all students were able to visit every site and collect full sets of data. Everyone worked incredibly hard throughout the trip, in the evenings and out in the field during the day, and produced some excellent work; the students who produced the best field sketches throughout the trip were rewarded with a prize from the Geography Department (a free soft drink from the bar!) Thanks to the continued good behaviour of HBS students the hotel has said that students on next year's trip will be allowed to stay there again.

Tom Livesey

Dorset 2015

From Friday 8th - Monday 11th May, 102 Year 10 students, the most ever to go on the trip, travelled down to Weymouth in Dorset for the annual trip to collect data for our controlled assessments. Each group of students measured pebble size and beach gradient for data on longshore drift and beach profile respectively, and chose two other characteristics of Chesil Beach to measure.

On the first afternoon, half the students, led by Mr Dawson, visited the National Trust site at Studland

beach to study the formation of sand dunes whilst the other half, led by Mr Streets, travelled to Milford-on-Sea to study coastal defences; both of these stops were to gather information for another part of our GCSE course.

On Saturday everyone travelled to Portland, West Bay and the three sites in between to collect data for our controlled assessments. Different groups visited different sites along Chesil beach at different times to avoid overcrowding the



Cricket Update

A good start to the season for all our sides, having played eleven matches to date, winning nine and losing two. All sides are still currently involved in the County Cup, with the Year 7 and 10 sides having reached the quarter finals and our Year 8s and 9s both in the last 16.

Outstanding individual performances so far include Leighton Gibbs (89 not out against Verulam), William Guest (81 against HABS), Ben Guest (55 against



Verulam) and Harry Lanyon (53 not out versus JHN). Harry also took 4-13 in the game v Verulam.

The MVP (Most Valuable Player) trophy is up for grabs again this year with one point for every run scored, five points for every run out, catch or stumping and ten points for every wicket taken.

The current Top 10 reads as follows:

William Guest 167
Leighton Gibbs 141
Harry Lanyon 133
Ben Guest 105
Elliot Beard 91
Will Stewardson 62
Ben Wilmot 53
Daniel Brooks 50
Ted Howard 45
Harry Gates 43

Mr Smith
Director of Cricket

The Year 7 Cricket Team (left)

Barcelona 2015

(... or the fellowship of the ring)

On April 4th a group of 48 language students from Years 8 and 9 left HBS for their trip to Barcelona. We stayed in a lovely hotel in Salou with a swimming pool, very close to the beach. On the first night we explored our surroundings and found the “churros” kiosk, which was our first taste of Spanish traditional food. On the second day our guide

Mercedes took us around the Roman buildings of Tarragona, or (as the Romans called it) Tarraco. We walked from the walls to the circus and amphitheatre, and by the end of the visit we were ready for some food!

On Monday 6th we travelled to Barcelona, starting at the famous Park Guell. It is said that Gaudi visited Letchworth Garden City and wanted to create something similar in this place. Impressive mosaic work and strange shapes kept us busy. We enjoyed a picnic in the centre of the park before visiting the stunning temple of ‘La Sagrada Familia’. We ended our day in the most frequented ‘museum’ of all time, the F. C. Barcelona stadium. Most of the boys were intrigued by the history of the club, but all the female teachers skipped this part to wait at the café!

Tuesday was theme park day, and as we entered Port Aventura the loud music greeted us “hola, hola, ...hola hola!” Our brave members of the staff as well as the students enjoyed a long day of fun attractions and rides. Every night we had dinner at the hotel, with a great selection of food for all tastes followed by a walk, a game at the beach and a hot chocolate. Some nights we stayed in, playing pool or ‘futbol’ at the hotel. On our final day (or so we thought!) we went ape and experienced some challenging tasks getting from tree to tree - great fun for all! We said goodbye to Salou with a delicious three course meal overlooking the Mediterranean sea.



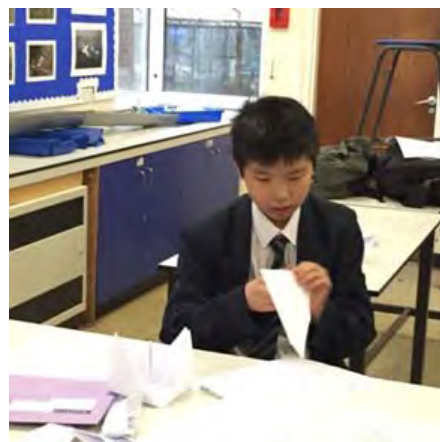
Finally, when we arrived at the airport we were told our flight had been cancelled because of the air traffic controllers strike in France. We were allocated a five-star hotel on the outskirts of Barcelona, and the most bizarre event was the delivery of pizza by Year 9 and teachers at 1am in the morning! The following day in the afternoon we had to travel by coach all the way to Calais. The bus was really hot, which made the trip a bit more uncomfortable. We enjoyed a short trip on the ferry and by 6pm on Friday we were relieved to be back in Hitchin.

Mrs Del-Rio Burns

Science Department News

Year 7 Science Club

This half term the Year 7 Science Club have been busy making paper boats to float along a 5m guttering course, testing speed, buoyancy, force and design.



Other activities have included building and launching rockets and pond dipping. The half term ended with a trip to the Gordon Craig Theatre to see the “Ministry of Science Live” show. The show is produced by the creative team behind Brainiac, and takes an anarchic approach to science communication whilst looking at the inventors and



engineers who have shaped and inspired the modern world that we live in. Much fun was had watching the live show as there were lots of big bangs, sparks and excitement. Our Year 7 Science Club students really enjoyed the show, and they were impeccably behaved and great representatives of HBS.



Schools Analyst Competition

Three Year 12s - Joe Abbot, Alex Bishop and Daniel Cowell - represented HBS at this year's heat of the Schools Analyst Competition held on 29th April at the University of Hertfordshire.

Teams were asked to complete three analytical exercises: to determine the weight of caffeine in a can of Cola and Diet Cola, to determine the concentration of a colorant in IrnBru using UV spectroscopy and to determine the concentration of phosphoric acid in Cola by titration.

Joe, Alex and Dan worked in a well-furnished Chemistry Lab, which gave them the opportunity to use equipment new to them. It was a challenging and successful day, and we look forward to entering a team again next year.



Science Department News (continued)

Extended Learning

We are currently running a STEM activity for KS3 Extended Learning, which leads to a Crest Bronze Award. The project is to build a boat to win a race, and students have to Research, Design, Plan, Build and Evaluate their project. During the first few

weeks students have trialled boats made from different materials, discovering which designs float best and how to make modifications to improve their prototypes.

To test the boats we have a guttering run with flowing water. Pupils are involved in design, alterations to improve structure, how to control the flow of water and ideas to increase speed, stability and mass.



Mr Cook and Mr McPherson building the guttering structure



“Can we fix it?”



“Yes we can!”

Work Experience

Just before the Easter break, all Year 10 pupils had a weeks' worth of work experience, with placements taking place in the local community as well as further afield into the Home Counties and the centre of London. The Year 10 pupils found this a very worthwhile opportunity as it provided opportunities for them to learn and develop skills in the workplace and to help them appreciate the needs of industry and the personal qualities that are valued by employers. Feedback from all employers has been very positive:

‘Just a short note to let you know that we enjoyed having your HBS pupil in the office last week. He is clearly a very bright young man, and we were delighted to have someone in the office that engaged with the staff and took to the tasks we gave him with interest and enthusiasm.’

Mark (rlf Construction and Property Consultants)

‘Absolutely fantastic, best work experience student ever. Shame only 14 as would like to employ. Happy to give a glowing reference any time’.

Manager of Trugym

‘.....he has been an outstanding student. He has worked between three and four different classes and we have been very impressed with his capability. I cannot reiterate enough how exceptional he has been.’

Trotts Hill Primary School

Goodbye from the Head Boy



I can still vividly remember just last September typing my introductory piece as Head Boy for the Chronicle. A lot has happened this year, and I am proud to have played a small part in running, for example, three large charity events that were coordinated by the prefect team and a Student Voice that has been set up and run by students and staff. Of course it is the effort of countless others which has rendered this year such a busy and successful one but I view it as a great personal success that most students wouldn't have noticed any change in business as usual. These fantastic events and achievements have become part of normal school life, so through 'striving for excellence' we have achieved the continuity that Hitchin Boys' expect of their Head Boy, their Prefects and their School.

Before I sign off I would like to give you an idea of what I found particularly enjoyable this year as Head Boy, and in doing so hopefully inspire some younger pupils to pick up the mantle. It was an honour to be able to give an address to the Old Boys' Association, and in preparation for my speech, 'The Unofficial History of Hitchin Boys', I felt great pride in discovering the long and fascinating history of the school. The welcome that the alumni gave me was a very hospitable one and one which has cemented my fondness of the school community. I have also had the pleasure of leading a winning team in the inter-school Coles Swinburne Cup competition and had the opportunity to represent the student body at Governors' meetings and at formal events. There is no better feeling than to be at the helm of such a driven body of students.

I will miss the school and I will miss the people, but I am sure that the experiences I have gained over the past year will stand me in good stead for whatever may come.

Daniel Saville
Head Boy 2014-15

Senior Prefect Overview

As we approach the end of our time at Hitchin Boys' School, it seems appropriate to reflect upon one year together as a Senior Prefect Team.



Having begun our duties in earnest back in July 2014, the Senior Prefect Team has worked alongside members of staff to develop and sustain student-led initiatives as well as to manage a handful of events involving the whole student body. From directing parents at open evening to delivering assemblies and presentations to governors, the prefect team has strived to present Hitchin Boys' as a school that not only strives for excellence, but achieves it.

Many of you will remember the array of entertaining charity fundraisers that we brought you; however the Senior Prefect Team's duties have gone far beyond charities. In the last twelve months you will have spotted prefects helping out with a large array of school functions as well as more mundane day to day activities. Whether it was helping Miss Oliva to front the Student Voice, speaking at the carol concert and at celebration evening, parking cars at open evening, parents' evenings and most memorably in the pouring rain at tutor evening, there has always been a prefect there to help out.

Even out of the public eye, members of the prefect team have regularly met with members of staff such as Mr Kelly and Mrs Johnson to pioneer ways to develop the pupil experience. The Senior Prefect Team has sourced leavers' hoodies for year 13, helped to organise our election hustings and collaborated with Hitchin Girls' School to organise the leavers' prom. Prefects have organised sixth-formers to help supervise the junior playground as well as sessions on revision technique for year 11 and a comprehensive democratic vote to determine the charities we have supported.

It has certainly been a memorable year; however none of this would have been possible without the support of students and staff alike. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped us along the way and wish our successors the very best as they step up to the threshold in the coming weeks.

Alex Hawkins
Senior Deputy Head Boy



Are you ready for the summer holidays?



It's really important if you are going abroad for summer holidays to make sure that the whole family is properly immunised. With measles circulating widely across many parts of the world, including Europe and the USA, it is particularly important to ensure that children have received two doses of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella). Around a third (27) of all new cases of measles in England were infected while overseas.

Public Health England have advised that uptake of the Pre School Booster, which includes the polio booster, is below the levels required. With the recent international spread of wild polio virus this could present a serious risk to those travelling to affected countries.

If you are not sure whether your family's immunisations are up to date, check with your surgery to make sure that you are fully protected.

AS History visit to Southwell Workhouse

A groups of Year 12 History students travelled to Southwell Workhouse in Nottinghamshire in late April, as part of their course studying poverty and public health in England. The workhouse, now owned by the National Trust, was built in 1824 as a place of last resort for the destitute. Students were taken on a guided tour of the complex, which is one of the last remaining examples of these grim buildings, of which the fear of entering cast a long shadow over large sectors of the population of the time. They also had the opportunity to study some of the workhouse's records.



Exam Information

Good luck to all students taking exams over the next few weeks. Details of the exam timetables and other useful information can be found on our school website www.hbs.herts.sch.uk, in the Letters to Parents section and under Curriculum - Exams.

Charity Review

The 2014-15 academic year has been a highly successful one on the charities front. We have raised money for numerous charities- Herts Air Ambulance (below), Sports Relief and ShelterBox to name a few. Students across the school will be familiar with some of our popular events such as the ShelterBox Humiliation auction where members of staff were sponsored to “strut their stuff” in embarrassing outfits (below left); or competitive 5-a-side football tournaments where lower school students could take on their mates or even dare to challenge Sixth Formers and teachers. We certainly can't forget the Comic Relief Games where teachers went head-to-head in a series of entertaining mini-games either; good memories of these events will remain in our thoughts for a while.



As well as raising over £6000, this year's charity works have created a legacy for younger students to follow and consistently united the school for a worthy cause. It is my firm belief that for many more years to come, Hitchin Boys' will intensify their efforts and endeavour to contribute more to our community on local, national and international scales, even more so than we have this year.

Temí Labinjo
Charity Co-ordinator

The Coles Swinburne Shield and the Inter-school Dance Competition

The Coles Swinburne Shield is an inter-school competition held annually and organised for the Year 13s by the prefect teams of the three consortium schools: Hitchin Boys' School, Hitchin Girls' School and The Priory. It consists of six events spread through the year - this year these were Rounders, Netball, Football, a University Challenge style quiz, a judged music performance and the grand finale of the Dance Competition. This light hearted match of brain, brawn and organisation is usually impassioned and a matter of personal pride for each school.

After many meetings, dates for the six events were finally set and teams were organised for the three sporting events. Rounders and Netball were particular throwbacks to sports not played by many since primary school, but the HBS teams achieved a strong second place in both events and secured a victory in the football. It was at this point that Hitchin Boys overtook The Priory as the frontrunners in the competition, with dominating performances in the music competition and University Challenge (with the Boys winning 42 points to the Priory's five and Hitchin Girls' eight). With one event left, Hitchin Boys was leading by one point to the Priory in second place and Hitchin Girls' in third.



The Dance competition has, since its inception, become something of a tradition amongst all consortium students, with participation close to mandatory and it being billed as “a last hurrah.” Practice started in earnest after the Easter Holidays. The year group practiced two early mornings or more a week to ensure the best performance possible for the three all-inclusive dances and students practiced their smaller performances in lunch times and after school. This produced a ten minute performance of eight dances based on the theme ‘dances from films’, and amongst the Lion Kings, Time Warps and High School Musicals there were the Pulp Fiction twisting and Dirty Dancing lifting passions of a few students who managed to produce spectacular performances.

A full dress rehearsal was held on Friday 15th May (the morning of the actual performance), in front of an expectant audience of Year 7s as an end of term treat. However, after issues with the audio tape and large number of obscure film references they didn't seem too impressed, so an

emergency practice was called that lunchtime. These emergency sessions obviously paid off, with the boys achieving a jubilant first place in the competition that evening.

The final score for the Coles Swinburne Shield stood at four wins for Hitchin Boys' School, two wins for The Priory and sadly no victories for Hitchin Girls' School. This is all thanks to the students and prefects who took time out of their busy schedules to organise and compete, as well as the teachers who support the whole endeavour. Well done Hitchin Boys' and good luck to the new year 13s who will face the same challenges shortly.

Daniel Saville
Head Boy 2014-15



Calendar Dates: June - July 2015

Date	Event
Monday 1st June	Year 11 English Revision Day
Friday 5th June	House Technology Competition
Monday 8th June	Year 10 MFL Speaking Assessment 1 (all week)
Monday 8th June	Year 12 A2 lessons commence
Monday 8th June	Year 8 Maths Thorpe Park trip
Thursday 11th June	Duke of Edinburgh expeditions
Friday 12th June	Duke of Edinburgh expeditions
Saturday 13th June	HBS Summer Fayre 11am - 3pm
Monday 15th June	Year 10 History Controlled Assessment (over several weeks)
Monday 15th June	Lower School and Year 10 Exam Week (all week)
Wednesday 17th June	Year 12 ICT trip to Interop Show
Thursday 18th June	Governors' Student Attainment & Welfare Committee 6pm
Tuesday 23rd June	Year 12/13 Science Bletchley Park Trip
Wednesday 24th June	Governors' Audit Committee 6pm
Wednesday 24th June	Governors' Resources Committee 7pm
Friday 26th June	Founders' Day
Friday 26th June	Founders' Day Disco 7pm
Monday 29th June	Science HPG/STEM Trip to Jamie Oliver's Kitchen
Monday 29th June	Year 12 Higher Education Convention
Tuesday 30th June	Year 11 Sixth Form Induction/Taster Sessions
Wednesday 1st July	Year 11 Sixth Form Induction/Taster Sessions
Wednesday 1st July	Year 10 Geography Controlled Assessment (off timetable)
Wednesday 1st July	New Year 7 Parents' Evening 7pm
Thursday 2nd July	Year 9/10 German trip departs
Thursday 2nd July	Governors' Chairs' Steering Group
Thursday 2nd July	Duke of Edinburgh expeditions
Friday 3rd July	Duke of Edinburgh expeditions
Saturday 4th July	Summer Ball 7.30pm
Sunday 5th July	Year 9/10 German trip returns
Monday 6th July	Year 10 MFL Writing Assessment 1 (all week)
Monday 6th July	Year 12 Post 18 Options Events (UCAS)
Tuesday 7th July	Year 12 EPQ Support Day at Herts UNi
Tuesday 7th July	Year 8 Work Shadowing Day
Tuesday 7th July	Governors' Main Board 6pm
Wednesday 8th July	Year 10 Geography Controlled Assessment (off timetable)
Thursday 9th July	Secondary Transfer Day
Thursday 9th July	Summer Concert
Friday 10th July	Year 10 Geography Controlled Assessment (off timetable)
Sunday 12th July	Year 7 Kingswood trip departs
Monday 13th July	GCSE Music Auditions
Tuesday 14th July	Year 12 Psychology Phobias trip to London Zoo
Tuesday 14th July	Year 10 Geography Controlled Assessment (off timetable) (morning only)
Wednesday 15th July	Year 7 Kingswood trip returns
Wednesday 15th July	Outlook Expeditions Greece trip departs
Friday 17th July	End of term 2pm
Monday 20th July	INSET Day
Tuesday 21st July	INSET Day
Wednesday 22nd July	Occasional Day
Saturday 25th July	Outlook Expeditions Greece trip returns
Thursday 13th August	AS/A2 Results published
Thursday 20th August	GCSE Results published



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An Academy Trust

Summer Fayre

Saturday 13th of June 11-3pm



BBQ & Bar



Tombolas

Human Demolition Derby

Rugby Rodeo Bull, how long can you stay on?



Bring your "showstopper" entry to have it judged!



Dancers

Raffle

Sumo Suits

Ice-Cream

Tape A Teacher To The Wall!

Tug of War, Students Vs Teachers



POPCORN

& Much Much More!

Everyone Welcome to Join us for Fun at the Fayre!

Hitchin Boys' School Parents' Society is delighted to invite you to the

”Star Spangled” Summer Ball

Saturday 4th July 2015

in the Grand Marquee, Grammar School Walk, Hitchin at 7.30pm

- * *Dance to Stax & Rat Pack artist Alex Whelan*
- * *Superb four course meal*
- * *Win the fantastic prize draw*
- * *Champagne raffle*
- * *Photographer*
- * *Caricaturist*

Black tie

Carriages at 1.00am

We are pleased to accept your invitation to attend the
Hitchin Boys' School

”Star Spangled” Summer Ball

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Please reserve _____ tickets in the name of

Address for contact:

Tel: _____

Email: _____

My table companions will be:

Tickets are £60 each. Please indicate payment method:

* We enclose a cheque for _____ tickets at **£60** per person

(Cheques should be made payable to HBS Parents' Society)

Total value of cheque(s) £ _____

Son's name / tutor group (if applicable) :

Please state any special dietary requirements:

Please return to the **School Office, Hitchin Boys' School, Grammar School Walk, Hitchin, SG5 1JB**

Enquiries : parentssoc@hitchinboys.co.uk