



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL
An Academy Trust



Newsletter

May 2016

Head Teacher's Comment

It has been a frenetic, short half-term since Easter with a staggering number of sports fixtures, school trips and events in school.

But most especially exam season is upon us! Year 11, 12 and 13 are obviously all now on study leave and many are already in the middle of their exams. However, we take great pride in the fact that so many boys are keen to come straight back in to school after study leave has started for extra revision sessions. This is the kind of dedication which will pay off in life (assuming you have been working hard all along!)

We have our fingers crossed for all of you, we believe in you and know you will do yourselves proud – go and show them what you can do!

At this time of year, as every year, we 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. We are delighted to see how the little boys who joined us seven years ago have grown into young men ready to take on the next stage of their lives. Many of them 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 happens, 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.

Martin Brown



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HBS Runners and Riders challenge underway!

Staff and Governors from Hitchin Boys' School are competing in two charity events this spring - running the Milton Keynes Half Marathon, which took place earlier in May and then also completing the London-Brighton bike ride in June.



Head Teacher Martin Brown and the Chair of Governors, Kerr McPhee, along with eight other members of staff, are doing these events in order to raise money for the school's democratically chosen charity - Cancer Research UK.

Mr Brown said: "We wanted to set ourselves a challenge and raise funds for the school's nominated charity at the same time. Some staff are just taking part in one of the events but a number of us will be doing both. We would be delighted with any donations - the link for the donation page is:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/hbsrunnersandrider>



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Iceland Photography Competition

Students who went on the Geography trip to Iceland in the Easter holidays had the opportunity to submit their photographs to be judged in the Iceland Photography Competition. Thank you to everyone who entered their photographs, which were of a very high standard this year. Thank you also to Miss Edgson for spending hours judging them, and also to Mr Streets for providing the prizes – various Icelandic mugs, pins, books and shirts. Examples of the winning entries can be viewed on the HBSPastoral Twitter Account, @PastoralHBS.

Category (Subject)	Winner (Year)
Fast shutter Speed (Geysir)	Taylor Harrington (10)
Slow Shutter Speed (Gullfoss)	George McElroy (11)
Landscape (Thingvellir)	Finlay Mcrauld (10)
Black & White (Svartifoss)	Thomas Hill (12)
Panoramic (Seljelandafoos)	Jacob Callaghan (10)
Wildlife (Humpback Whale)	Oliver Ziebland (12)
Extreme Angle (Skogafoss)	Oliver Henton-Pusey (11)
Leading Lines (Blue Lagoon)	Danny Mulley (10)
Close Up (Skaftajokull)	Ethan Gray (11)
Breaking the Rules (Route 1)	Hamza Lone (11)
OVERALL (Skaftajokull)	Sam Cave (13)
OVERALL (Skogafoss)	Theo Parke (10)
OVERALL (Thingvellir)	Joseph Keech (11)
OVERALL (Solheimajokull ice cave)	Matthew Lennon (11)
OVERALL (Route 1)	Elliot Simpson-Rooke (11)



Maths Challenge Results

On Friday 22nd April, a team of four Year 8 and 9 boys went to the regional final of the UKMT Maths Challenge at Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls in Elstree. After an intensive day of competition against over 30 teams of the best mathematicians in the region,



our team placed in the top half. Congratulations to Adam Evens, Harry Laing, Will Guest, and Zayn Yasin.

The Year 8 maths team then followed this up with a great performance at the Finals of the Hertfordshire maths challenge, coming a close 4th by just half a mark! Well done to the team of Ollie Ford, Bruce Yao, Zayn Yasin, and Will Guest, and we look forward to some excellent competitions next year!

Mr Wyncoll

Library News

Scene in a box

Some of the Year 7 classes were set the challenge by Miss Waller to recreate a scene from a book that they had enjoyed reading. This activity enhanced the Library lessons which focus on reading for pleasure. Theodore Pritchard, Hamzah Malik, Ryan Rich, Rhys Griffiths, Edward Thomason and James Senechal really put in a great effort. Their boxes have been displayed in the Library all term and include a messy bedroom and classroom from Trust me, I'm a



Troublemaker by Pete Johnson and a scene of the start of the battle from The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins.



Author Visit

We are pleased to announce that the Library, in conjunction with David's Bookshop and the English Department, has managed to secure a visit by Robert Muchamore. He has written two series which have been very popular with the boys over the last few years: Henderson Boys and Cherub.



Robert will be coming in to speak to the whole of Year 7 on 22nd June. He will be talking about the last ever Cherub book: New Guard. The boys will get the opportunity to learn about his writing process, ask him their questions and buy a signed copy of this final instalment. The English Department will send out more details nearer the time.

*Mrs Hunt and Mrs Vipond
Librarians*

Year 11: Goodbye and Good Luck!

Wishing all our departing Year 11 students the best of luck in their GCSE exams over the next few weeks.

(photo: Elliott Simpson-Rooke)

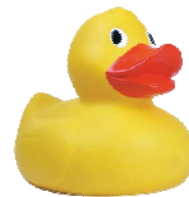


Half Term Holiday Activities

Details of holiday courses and activities taking place locally during half term can be found by clicking the link below.

<http://www.hitchinboys.co.uk/mayhalfterm/>

Support Hitchin Partnership in this year's Duck Race



The main race taking place at 2pm as part of Hitchin Market's Summer Fete and Duck Race on Saturday 9th July will this year be raising funds for Hitchin Partnership, who work with primary and secondary schools in the Hitchin area. The Partnership funds two Family Support Workers and also organises a range of courses, services and activities for children and families across our area.

Please help support the Partnership by buying a duck for just £1. Ducks will be on sale at Hitchin Market on Saturday 4th June, or email hpadmin@wilshere.herts.sch.uk for more information.

For details of the services provided by Hitchin Partnership, please visit their website at

<http://www.hitchinpartnership.org/>

Sixth Form News

Senior Prefect Team 2016-17: Application process now open

Any student interested in applying for a position on the senior prefect team should submit an application in writing, including a paragraph explaining why they wish to be on the team and what they would bring to the role for which they are applying. The absolute last date for senior prefect applications is Friday 10th June.

Business and Economics News

A group of 30 AS and A2 Economics students attended a 'Tutor2U' revision conference in Cambridge on Thursday 21st April, ahead of their summer exams. Students learnt about macro-economics, micro-economics and revision technique and tips. Student feedback was very positive - students reported that they found this a useful day, receiving lots of tips and great resources from which to revise.

Congratulations to Nigel Zizhou, who won an award at the Dragons' Apprentice Challenge for his hard work, enthusiasm and contribution to his enterprise activities. Nigel organised various activities and events to raise money for charity as part of this enterprise challenge.

On Thursday 17th March, many students from years 12 and 13 who study Economics or Government and Politics went to Hitchin Girls' School to hear a talk on the EU by Peter Lilley MP. This gave students an opportunity to debate the EU referendum and consider the potential benefits and drawbacks of the UK leaving the EU. A write up by Stephen Boakes is available in the current issue of 'The Chronicle'.

Mrs Heinonen

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

This year 18 Year 13 students have completed an Extended Project Qualification. This independent research project is completed

alongside their A level studies and develops many of the time and task management skills they will need for degree level study and/or the world of work. Students enjoy completing these projects because they get to choose their own topic from any academic discipline.

In previous years students have chosen a very diverse range of subjects to focus on, and this year is no exception. The themes chosen this year include the political relationship between Britain and China between 1891 – 1950; how domestic dogs have been created from their canine ancestors (not from wolves, it turns out!); how traditional treatments from the past might help in the battle against MRSA and how Taekwondo has developed and had an impact within the UK in recent years. These are just a few of the many topics on which HBS students are now experts! We wish them well on results day and hope all their hard work has paid off.

Mrs Pitts

Y12 Higher Education Conference - Monday 20th June

Please can all students ensure their reply slips are back with Mrs Field as soon as possible? All students are expected to attend unless they have the AS maths exam the following day, in which case they should either attend Mrs Lansdown's revision session or the Higher Education Conference.

Mr Dawson

1st XV Cricket

The 1st XI cricket team (below, with Mr Smith) comprising students from Years 12 and 13 have currently played two matches in preparation for their T20 Invitational two-day competition at St Albans School in June. The quality of cricket at the top end of the school has significantly improved in recent years and has given the boys a sporting focus to complement their all important academic studies. Ben and Dan Cowell, Charlie Jupp, Jason Timm, Andrew Baird, Harry Cruttenden, Kieran Slaughter and Oli Pitts are all very good cricketers who we hope carry on with their passion for the game into their university life and beyond. The 1st XI team is the pinnacle of cricket within the school and an aspiration for all budding young cricketers in the lower school.

*Mr Smith
Director of Cricket*



The Coles-Swinburne Shield Competition

The Coles-Swinburne Shield is an inter-school competition between The Priory School, Hitchin Girls' School and Hitchin Boys' School which takes place each year for Year 13 students, with HBS having a long history of success. In an attempt to halt this continued success, several years ago HGS pushed for the implementation of a dance round to the competition, which has been won

Sixth Form News (continued)

by HBS every year except for 2014 and is the final round yet to be held.

This year success has continued for the Boys' School, winning the football and rounders competition, and securing second place in the netball behind HGS. Victory was also achieved in a high quality music round, in which each school performed a rendition of Sam Smith's Writing's on the Wall and one other piece of their choice. Unfortunately, HBS could not repeat previous successes in the Quiz, coming in last place while the Priory stormed to victory. All Year 13 students across the three schools have recently been rehearsing for the aforementioned

final round of the Cup, the dance round. With Hitchin Boys' currently on top of the league table the aim is to preserve our near perfect performance in this final flagship event and once again lift The Coles-Swinburne Shield in 2016!

*Stephen Boakes
Senior Prefect, Year 13.*



Sixth Form Rewards Assembly: Wednesday 11th May 2016

	Lesson Attendance	
	Year 13	Year 12
1 st	Sam Cave	Jamie Sennitt (100%)
2 nd	Benji Cowell	Nasim Ahmed (100%)
3 rd	Andrew Baird	Daniel Farrington
4 th	Felix Harris	Ben Hilton
5 th	Christian de Trafford	Kieran Morar
6 th	Daniel Cowell	Jack Palmer
7 th	Stuart Reilly	Max Patterson
8 th	Tom Bourne	Joe Davis
9 th	Barney Pateman	Humza Ali
10 th	Richard Shaw	William Harrop

Above and Beyond	HBS Ambassadors
Year 13	Year 12
Stephen Boakes	Tom Whital
Daniel Cowell	Alex Robb
Tom Addison	Tom Manning
Alex Bishop	Dylan Gardner

Academic Effort	
Year 13	Year 12
Chris Woodhead	Will Harrop
Matt Livesey	Adam Stroud
Harry Cruttenden	Louis Schopp
Karl-Li Leung	Josh Pritchard

Summer Fayre

This year's Summer Fayre, organised by Hitchin Boys' School Parents' Society (HBSPS), takes place on Saturday 11th June from 11am - 3pm. The Parents' Society still need lots of bottles (of any kind) for our bottle tombola, chocolate, and unwanted gifts for some of our stalls. Please drop these off at school into reception at your convenience.

On the day there will be a bake-off competition, so please bring your "Football-themed cake" along on the day of the Fayre to have it judged!

Also taking place at the Fayre will be the inter-house, 7 a-side football competition. This will be take place on the Astroturf from 10:00-12:30 - all boys are welcome from year 7 through to year 10.

Other activities on the day include a BBQ and bar, face painting, tug of war, and live music.

Finally, don't forget to return your raffle tickets. There are further supplies in the office and at Reception if you need some more. Top prizes this year include:

1st Prize: £150 Amazon Voucher

2nd Prize: Fitbit Charge

3rd Prize: 2 Show Tickets to see Definitive Rat Pack live in London

As well as all these wonderful prizes we are offering a free 'jump the queue' lunch pass for two weeks to the form group who collectively sell the most raffle tickets, and the boy who sells the most individually will win a £20 Amazon voucher!

Thank you for all your support! Please email us if you have any questions or can help in any way at: parentsoc@hitchinboys.co.uk

Sports Reports

Sports Leadership Programme

Our boys have once again supported the programme of sporting events organised by the NHSSP.

Sam Woods, Fran Shilton, Theo Reintjes, Aniq Malik, Nathan Edwards, Sam Bellinger and Robert Jenkins (below) officiated and umpired in the recent Kwik Cricket Competition at Fairfield Park demonstrating excellent leadership skills.



Adam Mountney, Jamie Buchanan, Jack Scott, Toby MacCormack and Toby Ealham umpired and scored in the district Primary Schools Quicksticks Hockey Championships again hosted here at HBS.

Toby MacCormack, Jack and Adam have worked tirelessly this year to support the development of hockey within the school and local community and their efforts are very much appreciated by all.

Cricket season to date

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
1st XI	2	0	2
Year 7	9	7	2
Year 8	4	4	0
Year 9	5	5	0
Year 10	4	1	3
Totals	23	16	7

Year 10 County Cup - Lost to Richard Hale.

Year 9 County Cup – current quarter finalists.



The Year 7 and 8 cricket teams

Year 8 County Cup – current quarter finalists.

Year 7 County Cup – current semi finalists.

Outstanding individual performances to date:

1st XI – Benji Cowell 54 v WBGs

Year 10 – Connor Dudley 56 v Richard Hale

Year 9 - Ben Guest 66 v Bedford Modern

Year 8 – Lewis Drummond 6-8 v Verulam

Year 8 – Will Guest 50* v Leventhorpe

Year 8 Leighton Gibbs 51* v Haberdashers Aske's

Year 7 – Tyler Uys 101 v Haberdashers Aske's

Year 7 James Barker 58 v Leventhorpe

Individual Representative Honours

Benji Cowell – Hertfordshire Minor Counties Squad

Leighton Gibbs – Hertfordshire U13s Captain

Elliott Beard - Hertfordshire U13s

Most Valuable Player (MVP)

This is a competition amongst the boys to determine the most valuable

cricketer based on runs scored (one point per run), wickets (10 points per wicket), catches, stumpings and run outs (five points each) taken as follows:

1st XI – Ben Cowell 74, Andrew Baird, 42, Oli Pitts 33

Year 10 – Connor Dudley 91, Fran Shilton 64, Theo Reintjes 61

Year 9 - Daniel Brooks 134, Ben Guest 82 (EGS to be added), Kavilan Canagasabay 54

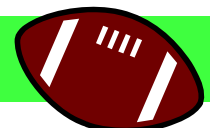
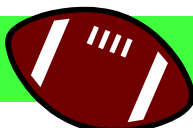
Year 8 – Leighton Gibbs 202, Elliott Beard 169, William Guest 106

Year 7 Tyler Uys 177, James Barker 143, Thomas Brown 129

*Mr Dave Smith
Director of Cricket*



Y10 MVPs



Calendar Dates: Jun - Aug 2016


Date	Event
Monday 6th June	Y10 History Controlled Assessment (during the following two weeks)
Tuesday 7th June	Y9 STEM Cross-curricular day with GlaxoSmithKline
Saturday 11th June	Summer Fayre
Saturday 11th June	SEN/Learning Support Open Morning
Monday 13th June	Key Stage 3 Exams start
Tuesday 14th June	Governors' Student Attainment & Welfare Committee 6pm
Monday 20th June	Y12 Higher Education Convention
Monday 20th June	Y9 Core Exams (all week)
Wednesday 22nd June	Y7 Author Visit: Robert Muchamore
Wednesday 22nd June	Governors' Audit Committee 6pm
Wednesday 22nd June	Governors' Resources Committee 7pm
Thursday 23rd June	Sixth Form UCAS Information Evening 7pm
Thursday 23rd June	Y10 Work Ready Day
Thursday 23rd June	Y8 Work Shadowing Day
Friday 24th June	Music HPG and KS3 trip to the Royal Albert Hall
Tuesday 28th June	Y8 Thorpe Park Maths trip
Thursday 30th June	Governors' Chairs' Steering Group
Thursday 30th June	Science trip to Big Bang Fair
Thursday 30th June	Kingswood second parents' meeting 7pm
Friday 1st July	Founders' Day
Friday 1st July	Lower School Disco 7pm
Monday 4th July	Y10 Work Experience Week
Monday 4th July	Sixth Form Induction and Taster Sessions for Year 11s
Tuesday 5th July	Sixth Form Induction and Taster Sessions for Year 11s
Tuesday 5th July	Governors' Main Board 6pm
Thursday 7th July	Y12 Post 18 Options Event
Thursday 7th July	Summer Music Concert 7pm
Thursday 7th July	Y7 Microbit Activity Day
Tuesday 12th July	INSET Day
Wednesday 13th July	Y10 Geography Controlled Assessment (all day)
Wednesday 13th July	GCSE Music Auditions
Thursday 14th July	Secondary Transfer Day
Thursday 14th July	New Year 7 Parents' Evening 6.45pm
Friday 15th July	Y10 Geography Controlled Assessment (pm)
Sunday 17th July`	Y7 Kingswood trip departs
Tuesday 19th July	Y10 Geography Controlled Assessment (am)
Tuesday 19th July	Outlook Expeditions trip departs
Wednesday 20th July	Y7 Kingswood trip returns
Friday 22nd July	End of term
Tuesday 16th August	Outlook Expeditions trip returns
Thursday 18th August	AS and A2 results published
Thursday 25th August	GCSE results published



Summer Fayre 2016

Saturday 11th June 11am-3pm

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THIS EVENT



BOTTLE TOMBOLA
Please donate a bottle
of Wine, Spirits,
Perfume, Soft drinks,
anything that is in a
bottle!



GIFT TOMBOLA
Please donate any good
quality unwanted gifts.



**We need "Football"
themed cakes on
the day!**

**Don't forget your
Raffle Tickets. Still on
sale, more available at
the School Office!**

Would you like to help further?

**There are still corporate matched £'s funding or
sponsorship opportunities available.**

Please contact the Parents' Society if this is of interest

Email: parentsoc@hitchinboys.co.uk

Thank you for your support.