



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL
An Academy Trust

July 2013

Dear Parents

Summer Newsletter

So another year has come and gone, and in their own ways all our boys have grown and learned and developed.

It has been an action-packed year with our excellent exam results starting the year, our recognition by the Minister for Education as one of the top 100 performing schools at GCSE, the choice to convert to Academy status as well as an amazing year of success in the sporting arena, and an outstanding production of Sweeney Todd. The Music department generated more joyful music in Autumn, Spring and Summer concerts, the Music competition, Carol Service, Comic Relief and Founders' Day with over 200 boys performing at some level. There have been 17 residential trips and countless day trips and, even as I write, two large groups are on their way to Kenya and Tanzania. We have succeeded in Maths challenges, in public speaking and in many other ways too numerous to mention.

Most importantly though we have all of us – teachers, other staff, governors and parents – been privileged to make a contribution to the most important role in society – helping young people turn into happy, well-balanced adults.

I wish you all a relaxing and well-deserved summer break.

Yours sincerely

M Brown
Head Teacher

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You said, we did.....

Over the year we take comments, feedback and suggestions in many forms and try to respond as effectively as possible.

For instance concerns were raised about School Trip Selection policy. As a result we carried out a consultation this year and we have changed the policy based on the views expressed by the majority of parents.

The single biggest issue raised by parents and boys in our externally commissioned survey was the standards of the toilets. There is no suggestion that the toilets themselves are inadequate nor that there are not enough – the issue has been cleanliness and state of repair.

As a result we have carried out the following:

- installed new soap dispensers in all toilets;
- replaced all locks on doors;
- employed a new member of staff to carry out a daily standards check and replace soap, paper etc.

We believe this has improved the quality of the boys' experience.

Through the School Council boys requested additional basketball hoops for break and lunchtime play. A new hoop has been installed in North Court to replace the previously defunct one. A new hoop will be installed in Junior Block playground.

School Council also requested additional areas for simply sitting outside and in response we have provided a brand new area of benches and tables behind the Old Gym. This has proven very popular especially with the younger boys. The Parents' Society have also agreed to fund a new outdoor classroom/seating area and we are working towards installation next year.

There are numerous extra-curricular activities for boys to enjoy such as sports clubs and teams, music groups and drama productions. However as requested there has also been an increase in the number of non-sport, drama and music related activities at lunchtime and after-school including: The Chronicle publication team, Book club, Public Speaking, Debating Society, Chess Club, Warhammer Club, Science Club and more.

We take communication with parents, boys and staff very seriously and are always keen to hear views, comments suggestions and ideas. Please see the Parent View note below.

Parent View

Parent View is a government website set up especially to provide a medium for parents to express their opinions about school. Importantly it is also the main source of information about parental support for OfStEd inspectors when they visit the school. We know from the regular surveys we do that 95% of the time parents are extremely happy with the work we do. We want that figure to be 100%, but we would appreciate your support in expressing your views in advance of a potential inspection. A link to Parent View will shortly appear on our website – please take the time to answer the short survey.

Charity Work:

With just over £ 4,000 for Comic Relief and just over £ 2,000 for the ShelterBox charity plus numerous form-based events for individual local charities, we have this academic year alone raised almost £ 10,000 for charity as a direct result of the boys' activities. Everyone involved, parents, staff and boys should feel justifiably proud. Hitchin Boys' School makes a real difference to the lives of those more disadvantaged than ourselves.

ShelterBox brings Head Boys together – 50 years on!



Last week we had a non-uniform day and fun run in aid of Shelterbox, a Rotary project partner which provides emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies for families around the world who are affected by disasters at the time when they need it the most. We were supported on the day by the Tile House Rotary Club. Many thanks to them.

The Shelterbox contains the elements pictured above (in front of the new Sixth Form Centre and the old Cricket Pavilion). Each one costs £590 and they are stored internationally ready to be flown in to the sites anywhere in the world where disasters strike. Huge numbers of ShelterBoxes are currently being deployed in the countries around Syria to respond to the refugee crisis there. For more information on Shelterbox see <http://www.shelterbox.org>

We challenged years 7, 8 & 9 to raise money during the summer term to be able to buy as many Shelterboxes as possible through fund raising including sponsorship for the 2 mile fun runs. Many individual form groups led by their form tutors organised their own mini-events such as bake sales and basketball competitions which complemented the non-uniform day and the sponsored run. Special commendation to Josh Torbett in the Sixth Form who raised £ 163 alone....and completed the run dressed as a Giant Banana, alongside numerous Power Rangers (...you had to be there!) We are delighted to report that we have raised over £2,000 enabling the local Rotary club to purchase 4 of the Shelter Boxes.

Coincidentally, one of the Tilehouse Rotary Club team who supported the school on the day, Tony Norgan, was Head Boy back in 1963 and met his successor 50 years on, the new Head Boy Harry Fowler. Such connections are an important symbol of Hitchin Boys' School's involvement in the life of its community.

Maths Success

Congratulations to our Maths Department and the boys! The school took part in the Junior Maths Challenge gaining 6 Gold, 21 Silver and 14 Bronze. The best 2 boys went on to the Junior Olympiad competition in June.

Careers

The School successfully completed Stage 2 of 'The Investor in Careers Award', a National Quality Assurance Award. The award is 'kitemarked' against the newly published Quality in Careers Standard.

The assessor concluded 'Commitment and delivery to Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) is very good and the school has an excellent relationship with Youth Connexions Hertfordshire. Processes for reviewing the policy are rigorous and the school has a careers department development plan. I therefore recommend that the school pass Stage 2 of the award.' *R Moore*

Extra-Curricular:

During 2012-13 just over 50% of the whole school has taken part in one of the 17 residential trips which have taken place this year, over 500 boys have played representative school sport with many now district, county and regional champions and 1 in every 5 boys have been learning to play a musical instrument and performed on it live in school. Then there have been the superb successes of our Public Speaking team who were national runners-up and one of our boys crowned the best in the country for his section of the competition.

In the year ahead we will see day trips to many locations including, Art (Tate Modern/Britain, The Henry Moore Foundation), Geography (Barton Hills, London), Music (Glyndebourne), RE (Holocaust Memorial, Places of Worship) and many others. There will of course also be a similar number of residential trips including History (Battlefields, Berlin & Poland), Music (Rhineland), Spanish (Barcelona), Classics (Bay of Naples), Geography (Lake District, Dorset, China), Rugby (Paris), as well as the School Ski Trip and the Year 7 Adventure. Enough to keep us all busy!

(And please remember to let us know if you need any financial help to ensure your son does not miss out on these opportunities – we will always try to help if we can).

Germany 2013

26 boys from Year 9 and 10 German classes (about half those studying) spent a fascinating 4 days in Germany recently. As well as the planned activities such as a visit to the monumental Deutsches Eck memorial, the imposing Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, the Tauris Adventure Pool, a peaceful cruise along the River Rhine and a night at the cinema ("Einfach-Unverbesslich zwei" a.k.a. "Despicable Me 2" in German....without subtitles....), the boys also undertook numerous German activities such as surveying the eating habits of German people in Koblenz, performing traditional German folk songs on stage at the hotel and sampling the local cuisine. Currywurst was the winner! Many thanks to Mr Simms and Ms Hetherington for accompanying the boys and for supporting and challenging them to get the most out of the experience.

Year 7 Kingswood Trip (Grosvenor Hall), 5 -8 July

Two weeks ago, we took a group of 143 boys to the Grosvenor Hall Kingswood centre in Kent for a long weekend of activities. This was a new trip for the school and we were astonished by the uptake for the trip. We set off on the Friday with glorious sunshine; we could not have asked for better weather!

Soon after we arrived and settled into our pleasant accommodation, we had a substantial evening meal. We were then straight on with the first activity. The boys were enjoying themselves from the offset. This was then followed with another two and half days of jam-packed activities, many of which encouraged teamwork skills, some boys showed qualities we had not seen before such as leadership. Some activities were high-adrenaline, such as the 3G Swing, and The Leap of Faith. The Leap of Faith was an activity which entailed climbing a 10 metre swaying post to platform, which had to be jumped from and attempt to catch a trapeze – something I could not stomach! Despite this the vast majority of our boys attempted this and many achieved it! I was particularly impressed with Mrs Uppal's efforts on this as she made it!

All staff who attended this trip felt it was wonderful how the boys supported one another on the activities through team-spirit. It was this team-spirit which allowed some boys to overcome their fear of heights! Good fun was had by all and, although it was a truly tiring experience, it was incredibly worthwhile. We wish this trip to continue for future Year 7 groups.

Librarian Sleuth

Our erudite librarian, Mr Pitchford, has been featured in national and international news media recently for his identification of a poem used internationally on many education specifications as a wrongly- attributed William Blake poem. "Two sunflowers move into the yellow room" actually by Nancy Willard and written in the 1980s in USA rather than England in the 19th century - the error seems to have occurred because of an anthology titled "a visit to William Blake's Inn". See Mr Pitchford's blog - the Library Spider for further details. As Mr Pitchford says of this international error "books aren't always better, it means using the internet for research means thinking much more about what the search engine shows as the result. Research can't just be going with the first answer". Wise words, Mr P.

Parents' Society

This academic year has been an amazing one from the parents' society perspective. We have hosted some very successful events which have resulted in the parents' society raising a staggering amount of more than £20,000 this year. This fantastic amount has led to being able to purchase a much needed reading scheme for the boys and also for special needs. We are also well on the way to funding the outside seating area for the boys to enjoy.

This year has seen us host events such as a comedy night and quiz night, both great nights with a fabulous turnout. Two of our very important events this year were our new Family Fun Day and our biennial Summer Ball that we hosted. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the new activities such as the Bucking Bronco and Human Demolition and I know the adults had a fantastic night of fun, dance, good food and caricatures at the Summer Ball.

I would like to give my utmost thanks to you, the parents, for supporting our events, and special thanks go to all our committee members and volunteers –thank you. Next year will build on our success, in the Autumn Term we are holding our Ghost and History walks with a fish & chip supper on Thursday 17th October, and on Thursday 7th November a fashion show comes to Hitchin Boys' school that will be selling clothes manufactured by the factories that make for the leading High Street Stores but sold at greatly reduced prices. Do you remember the school discos in the 1980's? Fancy a bit of Wham? Michael Jackson? Spandau Ballet? Well watch out for our 1980's school disco for adults only that we will be hosting in the Spring Term. All dates will be on the school calendar and all details will be sent out on parent mail.

We cannot achieve the success we have without you; we are always looking for people to join our committee or our volunteer group. If you would like to help or join our committee please feel free to email me with any queries you may have. We are holding our next committee meeting on Monday 9th September at 7.00pm at Woodlands, if would be lovely to see some new faces. Have a lovely summer.

Sharon Edwards, Chair

Summer Raffle

The Summer Raffle formed a big part of the great income generated by the Summer Fair and hence prizes are due to the best sellers: The boy who sold the most tickets was Danny Mulley 7Br (£80). Danny wins a well-deserved £15 book token. Well done also to Harrison Roberts 7Tm (£72) and third Jack Mallard 7Br (£30). The winning form is 7Br with a total of £230, second was 7Tm with (£162) and third was 7Cv with £105. 7Br will be given a “jump the queue” card for entrance to the dining hall which will be valid for the first two weeks of the new academic year.

City & Guilds Students hold an end of year barbecue in the garden they created

Students studying for the City & Guilds Horticulture qualification in Year 11 enjoyed a barbecue lunch this half-term, which included some of the produce they have been involved in growing in the specially-created Woodlands kitchen garden over the past year.

The Woodlands building at HBS is part of the original ‘Free School’, and was in use until the ‘new’ school was built in Grammar School Walk in the late 1800s. The garden behind it was originally part of Hitchin Girls’ School, which was established in a building on Bancroft in 1889. For many years the garden lay overgrown and neglected, until a joint initiative between the school and Watford Community Garden in 2011 saw it brought back to use. The design of the site was based on a drawing of the garden as it would have looked in Victorian times, with raised beds and espaliered fruit trees. Students in years 10 and 11 have nurtured it since then, successfully growing a variety of fruit and vegetables including runner beans, onions, potatoes, courgettes, marrows, strawberries, and even peaches!

All Year 11 Foundation Learning students at HBS have achieved the City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Horticulture Skills, which gives them the necessary skills and experience in horticulture in a safe working environment and the opportunity to continue their horticultural training at college, should they so wish. Peter Hodges from Watford Community Garden, who has been teaching the boys for the past two years, said: “I am delighted that we have had the opportunity to create a working garden in the grounds of Hitchin Boys’ School, and proud of the students’ achievements. They have all worked hard to achieve the City & Guilds qualification, and several are now planning careers in horticulture, which they might not have considered before.”

AWARDS TO STUDENTS

Each year we present the following three special awards from nominations open to all staff:

The Nick Burton Award

Nick Burton was an active and gifted student who was seriously injured while playing rugby for Hitchin Rugby Club in 1973. He was treated in Stoke Mandeville Hospital for spinal injuries but was dependent on a wheelchair for the rest of his life. Despite this he remained cheerful and full of enthusiasm for life until he died in 1995. The award, given by his parents in memory of Nick, is made to the Year 9 student who is considered to have made a consistent and outstanding contribution to the life of the school in his first 3 years. It is presented to the student who has achieved highly and shown commitment in several areas – sport, music, drama, academic work.

Awarded to: Raza Chandna

The John Clements Trophy

John Clements was an Old Boy of Hitchin Boys' School and a PE teacher at Sherrardswood School in Welwyn Garden City. He gave his life rescuing children from a hotel fire while on a school ski trip in Italy. For his bravery John Clements was awarded the George Cross. The trophy, a bronze statuette of John in action as a scrum half, was commissioned by Old Boys and friends and is awarded to a student who is thought to have shown particular courage or especial determination in the face of personal adversity.

Awarded to: David Callcut

The Sean Sadler Award

Sean Sadler was a well-loved and respected student at Hitchin Boys' School from 1977-1984 who was tragically killed in a road accident while on holiday from his studies at Exeter University. To commemorate his success at the Boys' School his family made a gift to recognise a student who has made a particular contribution to performing arts in the school. This is usually awarded to a student in his final year.

Awarded to: Tom Gimson

Each year the Art Department also presents two awards as follows:

The Thinker

Awarded to a Year 7 student who shows progress in art.

The winner of this award keeps this bronze over the summer holidays.

Winner: Taylor Harrington 7Tr

Horton Award

This glass sculpture is awarded to the hardest working KS4 student and they get to have this sculpture for a year.

Winner: George Thornton 10Kv

Progress Files

All KS3 students were issued with new progress files in January. These are ideal places to keep all certificates, progress reports and evidence of achievements – both in and outside school. There are also hundreds of other resources to download from the school website and complete in tutor time and at home.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded prizes on Founders' Day for the most complete progress files so far:

Sam Bellinger 7Br, Tomas Corteen 7Cv, Joe Henderson 7So, Louis Lomas 7Tm, Max Martin 7Up, Rajan Sahota 7Tr, Oliver Henton-Pusey 8Fn, Stepan Mysko von Schultze 8Dg, James Wyatt 8He, Alex Evens 9Md, Sam Gamble 9Pn, Josh Kingsland 9Ph, Monty McPhee 9Fm.

HOUSE EVENTS:

Winners of Junior House Events

House Quiz	Radcliffe
Hockey	Joint Winners Pierson/Radcliffe/Skynner
Scrabble	Skynner
Swimming	Mattocke
Cricket	Skynner
Table Tennis	Skynner
Football	Skynner
Tennis	Radcliffe
Athletics	Radcliffe
Rugby	Skynner
X-Country	Mattocke
Basketball	Mattocke

Winners of Senior House Events

House Quiz	Joint Winners Mattocke/Skynner
Hockey	Skynner
Scrabble	Mattocke
Music	Pierson
Swimming	Mattocke
Cricket	Skynner
Table Tennis	Mattocke
Football	Radcliffe
Tennis	Mattocke
Badminton	Skynner
Athletics	Skynner
Science	Pierson
X-Country	Mattocke
House Points	Skynner
Basketball	Radcliffe

Times Shield

The numbers have been calculated by totalling all the House Events, but also include a 'weighting factor' for all the other important aspects of school life. These include the total numbers of House Points, Merit Points, Attendance, Behaviour and Commendations awarded in their progress checks.

1 st	Skyner	204
2 nd	Mattocke	171
3 rd	Radcliffe	168
4 th	Pierson	147

SPORTS SECTION:

CRICKET

An excellent cricket season during which we played a total of 48 matches. The outstanding team performance without question was the U15s win in the County Cup final against Haberdasher's Askes School by 36 runs to become County Champions for the second time in 4 years and also for becoming North Herts District Calypso Cricket Champions.



The Year 9s also overachieved by reaching the County Cup semi-final and winning their District League. Dave Smith, Director of Cricket, at Hitchin Boys School said "We hope the season continues to be successful and we are very grateful for the sponsorship from UHY WKH Partnership."

Our Year 7 team became North Herts District League Champions beating JHN by 13 runs in a close final held at Stevenage CC.

2013 Results

	Played	Won	Lost	
1st XI	1	1	0	
Year 10	7	7	0	
Year 9	13	10	3	
Year 7/8/9 B	1	1	0	
Year 8	12	5	7	
Year 7	14	10	4	Win percentage
Totals	48	34	14	71%

Outstanding individual performances – 2nd Half-Term

Ben Cowell 96 v Enfield GS

Sam Bellinger 51* v JHN District Cup Final

Oli Pitts 47 v Haberdashers Askes County Cup Final

Jason Timm 5-9 v Leventhorpe County Cup Quarter Final

Jason Timm 4-15 v BSHS County Cup Semi Final

Many thanks to all of the parents who have supported the boys and the school during the cricket season and to the boys for their efforts throughout the summer term. Thanks also to Hitchin CC for hosting our County Cup matches in the latter stages of the competition.

D Smith
Director of Cricket

ATHLETICS REVIEW 2013

Mr Bajak writes:

‘What a fantastic year for athletics at Hitchin Boys’ School. The athletes have been truly dedicated and committed and the individual and team performances have been a pleasure to witness. The icing on the cake was being in Birmingham last weekend to witness two of our pupils become the best in the country in their events and achieve huge personal bests: George Marvell (Yr 9) became English Schools Junior Boys Hammer Champion, whilst Kim Sobotie (Yr 11) became Intermediate Boys 400m Champion and has been selected to represent England next weekend in Dublin.

Lastly, athletes and parents, thank you for your hard work and continued support. Without this the results below would not be possible.’

English Schools Championships 2013

Kim Sobotie	English Schools Champion Intermediate Boys 400m 48.76 (Kim has been selected to represent England in an international match on Saturday 20 th July in Dublin, Ireland).
George Marvell	English Schools Champion Junior Boys Hammer 63.07
Josh Kingsland	Semi Final Junior Boys 300m 37.87 New PB
Max Schopp	Intermediate Boys Hurdles 14.43

National Track & Field Cup 2013

Junior Boys 469 Points Ranked 13th in Country
Intermediate Boys 452 Points Ranked 18th in Country

Hertfordshire Schools County League Athletics 2013

Year 8 County League Area Champions 2013
Year 8 County League Grand Final Champions 2013
Year 10 County League Area Runners Up
Year 10 County League Grand Final 4th Place

Hertfordshire Schools Championships – County Champions 2013

Pre Junior	High Jump	Louis Lomas	1.43
Junior Boys	Hammer	George Marvell	51.79 (County Record)
Inter Boys	200m	Kim Sobotie	23.0
Inter Boys	400m	Kim Sobotie	51.0

Indoor Athletics 2013

Hertfordshire Indoor Athletics Champions Year 7 & 8
Eastern Region Indoor Athletics Champions Year 8
Eastern Region Indoor Athletics Runners-Up Year 7

District Athletics 2013

District Athletics Champions Year 7
District Athletics Champions Year 8
District Athletics Champions Year 9
District Athletics Champions Seniors

Individual District Champions

Year 7	70m Hurdles	Finlay McQuade	12.7
Year 7	Discus	Oliver Downes	23.43
Year 7	Javelin	Sam Bellinger	28.44
Year 7	High Jump	Louis Lomas	1.43
Year 8	75m Hurdles	Peter Keefe	11.9 (District Record)
Year 8	200m	Cassius Shabbir	26.9
Year 8	300m	Jaime Day	43.7 (District Record)
Year 8	800m	Ben Wilmot	2.20
Year 8	4x100m Relay		52.4 (District Record)
Year 8	Long Jump	Will Rodway	4.82
Year 8	High Jump	Peter Keefe	1.64
Year 8	Triple Jump	Ben Wilmot	10.34
Year 9	300m	Tyler Gray	39.4 (District Record)
Year 9	800m	Ben Hilton	2.15.7
Year 9	4x100m Relay		48.1 (District Record)
Year 9	Discus	Ben Hilton	29.95
Year 9	Javelin	Antoine Oget	41.06
Year 9	Long Jump	Jacob Ngwala	5.32
Year 10	Shot	Freddie Maxwell	11.99
Year 10	Javelin	Fabian Johnson	41.05

School Records 2013

Year 7	Hurdles	Finlay McRaid	12.1
Year 7	Discus	Oliver Downes	25.35
Year 8	300m	Jaime Day	40.4
Year 8	80m Hurdles	Peter Keefe	11.5
Year 9	300m	Josh Kingsland	37.87
Year 9	Pole Vault	Josh Breaker Rolfe	2.70
Year 10	100m	Kyann Strachan	11.3
Year 10	300m	Colin Bugg	40.9
Year 10	Javelin	Fabian Spencer	41.55

SUMMER SPORTS AWARDS 2013

Cricket Awards

Year 7 Most Improved Player of the Year	:	Sam Bellinger
Year 7 Player of the Year	:	Connor Dudley
Year 8 Most Improved Player of the Year	:	Elliot Austin
Year 8 Player of the Year	:	Harry Lanyon
Year 9 Most Improved Player of the Year	:	Dominic Taylor
Year 9 Player of the Year	:	Tom Manning
Year 10 Most Improved Player Of The Year	:	Connor Finn
Year 10 Player of the Year	:	Max Burrows

Sportsman Of The Year 2013

Year 7

Runners-Up Ira Johal
Runners-Up Isaac Strickland
Winner: Connor Dudley

Year 8

Runners-Up Matthew Waters
Runners-Up Peter Keefe
Winner: Ben Wilmot

Year 9

Runners-Up George Marvell
Runners-Up Tyler Gray
Winner: Austin Ephgrave

Year 10

Runners-Up Harry Cruttenden
Runners-Up Max Burrows
Winner: Ben Cowell

The Lester Salver

For outstanding achievement in school sport: **George Marvell (Yr 9)**

- Year 9 School Hammer Record Holder
- English Schools Track & Field Cup - Platinum Badge
- Hertfordshire Schools Champion 2013
- Hertfordshire Schools Record Holder 51.79
- Eastern Region Athletics Champion
- English Schools Champion 2013 63.07
- Ranked 13th best U15 thrower of all time
- Ranked no1 in Great Britain

Sports Team Of The Year 2013: JUNIOR BOYS SWIMMING MEDLEY RELAY TEAM for being placed 5th in the English Schools National Swimming Championships.

Summer Sports Colours 2013

Junior ½ Colours

Kyann Strachan*	Yr 10	(Athletics)
Freddie Maxwell	Yr 10	(Athletics)
Tyler Gray	Yr 9	(Athletics)
Josh Kingsland	Yr 9	(Athletics)
Tom Manning	Yr 9	(Cricket)
Dominic Taylor	Yr 9	(Cricket)
Matthew Maylin	Yr 9	(Cricket)
Jay Patadia	Yr 9	(Cricket)
Billy Mulley	Yr 9	(Cricket)

Junior Full Colours

Ben Cowell	*	Yr 10	(Cricket)
Dan Cowell	*	Yr 10	(Cricket)
Max Burrows		Yr 10	(Cricket)
Jason Timm		Yr 10	(Cricket)
Olly Pitts		Yr 10	(Cricket)
George Marvell		Yr 9	(Athletics)
Peter Keefe		Yr 8	(Athletics)

Senior Full Colours

Kim Sobotie		Yr 11	(Athletics)
Max Schopp		Yr 11	(Athletics)

* Re-awarded

RUGBY FIXTURES – AUTUMN TERM 2013

We are very fortunate at Hitchin Boys' School to be one of the very few remaining secondary schools in the area to organise regular school sports fixtures on a Saturday morning. To minimise any communication problems during the forthcoming rugby term in September, the dates for the Saturday fixtures are as follows:

DATE	OPPONENT	1 st XV	2 nd XV/ U16	U15	U14	U13	U12
Sat 8 Sept	Training	H	H	H	H	H	-
Sat 14 Sept	Enfield Grammar	H	H	A	A	A	-
Sat 21 Sept	St George's	H	H	H (A&B)	9A (a) 9B (h)	A (A&B)	-
Sat 28 Sept	Watford Boys'	A	H	A (A&B)	A (A&B)	H (A&B)	-
Sat 5 Oct	University College School	H	H	A (A&B)	A (A&B)	-	-
Sat 12 Oct	St Edmunds College	A	-	H	H	A	A (A&B)
Sat 19 Oct	Richard Hale	H	H	A (A&B)	H (A&B)	A (A&B)	-
Sat 9 Nov	Roundwood Park	-	-	A	H	A	H
Sat 16 Nov	Verulam	A	A	A (A&B)	H (A&B)	H (A&B)	-
Sat 23 Nov	St Ignatius	A	A	H	H	A	-
Sat 30 Dec	St Columba's College	A	A	H (A&B)	A (A&B)	H (A&B)	A (A&B)
Sat 7 Dec	Haberdashers'	H	H	H	A (A&B)	A (A&B)	A (A&B)

To continue our success, **all players** must make themselves available, wherever possible for **all** fixtures and training. Where possible if there is a clash, or your son is unavailable we require at least five days notice.

To enable greater communication between the PE Department and home, and identify, at the earliest opportunity, any possible clashes or unavailability, we will again this year be using Parent Mail to email out the respective team list to parents with all the relevant information on them.

I hope you and your son fully support the opportunities we as a school provide to further their rugby experience and we look forward to another successful season.

CALENDAR – FIRST HALF, AUTUMN TERM

September		Autumn Term – First Half
Monday	2 nd	INSET Day
Tuesday	3 rd	Term starts today Years 7, 12 and 13
Wednesday	4 th	Term starts today Years 8 - 11
Friday	6 th	Year 13 UCAS Medics deadline
Wednesday	11 th	Governors' Health & Safety Committee 4.15pm
Friday	13 th	Year 13 UCAS Deadline
Friday	13 th	Y7 Action Day
Friday	13 th	HBS Parents' Society BBQ for new Year 7 parents 6pm
Tuesday	17 th	Y12 Tutor Consultation Evening
Wednesday	18 th	Governors' Chairs' Steering Group 6pm
Thursday	19 th	OPRO Mouthguard Fittings
Tuesday	24 th	Open Morning 9.15am – 12.15pm
Tuesday	24 th	Open Evening 6.45 – 8.30pm
Thursday	26 th	Open Morning 9.15am – 12.15pm
Thursday	26 th	Governors' Main Board 6pm
Monday	30 th	Badminton v HABS
October		
Wednesday	2 nd	Year 9 Battlefields trip departs
Saturday	5 th	Year 9 Battlefields trip returns
Thursday	10 th	Y7 – 10 Tutor Consultation Evening
Friday	11 th	INSET Day
Thursday	17 th	Governors' Student Attainment & Welfare Committee 6pm
Tuesday	22 nd	Year 11 Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday	24 th	Berlin – Poland trip departs
Friday	25 th	Choir trip to Germany departs
Monday	28 th	Half term
Tuesday	29 th	Berlin – Poland trip returns
Tuesday	29 th	Choir trip to Germany returns