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**HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL**

An Academy Trust

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## **Hitchin Boys' School Academy Trust Charity Golf Day 2023**

*in association with HBS Board of Trustees*

**Date: Friday 24 March 2023**

**Venue: Aldwickbury Park Golf Club**  
Piggottshill Lane, Harpenden, AL5 1AB

### **Invitation to come and play golf and support sports development**

Hitchin Boys' School (HBS) is a non-selective 11-18 Academy school. Last year, HBS had an exceptional year in terms of sporting achievement at national level. These successes were all the more remarkable in that they were achieved without recourse to the types of facility and equipment that most of the top sporting schools, and direct rivals, now enjoy. In Autumn 2022, after a major fundraising effort, a new fitness and conditioning suite was opened at HBS. However, money is now badly needed to provide the final pieces of essential equipment for the facility. The golf day will help to provide these. Further information on sport at HBS is provided on page 2.

#### **The golf day:**

- 10.00 – 12.00 Arrival with tea/coffee and bacon roll
- 11.30 – 12.40 Dual tee-time starts (hole 1 and hole 10)
- 16.30 - 17.30 Putting competitions
- 18.00 Three-course dinner, presentations and prizegiving

#### **General information:**

- Registrations are welcomed from teams of 4, groups of 3, pairs and individuals.
- Play will be in groups of four players.
- Play will take place over 18 holes.
- An official handicap is welcomed, but not essential.
- Play will use the Stableford scoring system.
- Format of play will be on a "Best Ball" basis within each team of 4 players.
- Play will include various challenges (including longest drive (ladies and men), nearest the pin, "pink ball" challenge, final hole putting challenge) and various forfeits.
- Dress code:
  - Players are requested to wear golf shoes on the course.
  - In the clubhouse: casual wear is acceptable, but please avoid football shirts and ripped jeans.
- Buggies and trolleys (with hedgehog wheels) can be requested and hired directly from the golf club: buggies (2-seater) £26, pull trolleys £5, electric trolleys £10.

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- Pricing:
  - The price for the golf day is inclusive of refreshments on arrival, golf competition played over 18 holes, and three course dinner.
  - The price is exclusive of drinks, hire of buggies and trolleys.
  - Guests and non-players are very welcome to join the event during the day, for the putting competitions and the dinner.
- Registration: Please complete and return the separate REGISTRATION FORM
- Payments should be made direct to Hitchin Boys' School, as indicated on the Registration Form
- Queries? Please email [chair@hitchinboys.co.uk](mailto:chair@hitchinboys.co.uk)

## **Sport at Hitchin Boys' School**

*(Provided by Pete Cornell, Head of PE and Sport)*

Sport at Hitchin Boys' School continues to flourish, carrying on its long-standing traditions of both sporting excellence and maximum participation. The challenge is not just to maintain what we do, but to be innovative and driven to see our PE and sport programmes grow on both fronts.

Over the last 24 months we have seen some outstanding achievements. The U15 rugby team's famous win at Twickenham in March 2022, by far the crowning achievement, beating school heavyweights The Leys, St Albans, Birkdale and Torquay Grammar School on the way to victory.

Also in March 2022, the U18 hockey squad fell at the final national hurdle, a narrow 1-0 loss to Yarm School in the National T4 finals. A convincing victory over the famous Eton College in the semi-final being a memorable highlight.

The Athletics programme continues to be the flagship sport of the school. County League Champions at Inter Boys followed by yet another National Final in the Track and Field Cup, where we finished 5th in the entire country. Considering the resources available to other schools, this is an incredible achievement.

Finally, our Trampoline Squads were national champions and national runners up respectively with our 2022/23 squads looking equally as promising. The Football programme is an additional extra introduced in the last year, with outstanding achievements almost immediately. The highlight being our U13 run to the final 16 in the National Cup, with over 700 schools entering!

A major weakness in our facilities was having no onsite fitness suite. Having fundraised the best part of £27k (as well as strategic investment by the school for Wi-Fi, security and building works on top) we now have the main ingredients of a state-of-the art fitness suite. This has already been used by almost every pupil in the school, whether members of sports teams or not. We are already reaping the benefits on the sports field, with some teams on their way to outstanding success this academic year.

The maintenance, development, and installation of the final pieces of essential equipment is vital in closing the gap against other schools locally and nationally. Any support with funding will be greatly appreciated not just by the current pupils and staff, but by the many 1000s of pupils who will benefit for decades to come.