



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL

An Academy Trust

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the end of the first week of this academic year, we wanted to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves, Dami Ajagbonna and Martin Monks, as the Acting Co-Headteachers of Hitchin Boys' School. We are both looking forward to leading the school during the Autumn term whilst we await the arrival of the new Headteacher in January 2024.

It has been lovely to see the new Year 7 students settling in well this week and we hope all students have enjoyed their first week back. As always, if you have any queries or concerns please do get in touch with your child's form tutor.

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

You will no doubt have heard in the news about the presence of RAAC in some schools leading to closures at short notice. Following an additional survey which we commissioned this week we are able to confirm there is no RAAC at HBS. This confirmed the results of surveys which have been undertaken previously.

Upcoming events and activities this half term

For Year 7, 8, 10 and 12 students we have planned information evenings on the following dates:

Year 12 - Tuesday 12th September

Year 10 - Tuesday 26th September

Year 7 - Monday 2nd October

Year 8 - Monday 16th October

Additionally, we would like to inform Year 11 parents about a special presentation by Dr Martijn van der Spoel on the 14th September regarding revision and study skills. This will take place during the school day and there will be a session for parents in the evening.

Further information about these events will be provided to you by email in due course.

Chromebooks

All Year 7 students now have their chromebook and are getting used to using them in class. Please do remind your child to charge it overnight! If you have any queries or

problems with chromebooks, please get in touch with Mr Rayner by email (jrayner@hitchinboys.co.uk).

Open evening and open mornings

We are eager to share details about our upcoming open events for prospective students. These events are crucial in showcasing what Hitchin Boys' School has to offer to potential students and their families.

Our open evening is on Wednesday 20th September (6-8pm). Please note on this day, school will close to students at 12.30pm and school will have a later start of 10.10am on Thursday 21st September.

Our open mornings will be on Friday 22nd September and Monday 25th September (9.15-11.30am), allowing prospective students and families to see HBS during the school day.

For families who may have younger children and would like to come to our open events, further information and booking details can be found here:

<https://www.hbs.herts.sch.uk/article/3087/information>

In closing, we are truly excited about the upcoming academic year and the opportunities it holds for our students. We are here to support both you and your child through their educational journey at Hitchin Boys' School. Together, we can make this a successful and enriching year.

Warm regards

Math Monks 

Mr M Monks & Mr D Ajagbonna
Acting Co-Headteachers