



HITCHIN GIRLS' SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Carer

Welcome to the Hitchin Girls' School community - we feel incredibly privileged that you as a family have chosen us for your child's next step on their education journey.

Hitchin Girls' is a calm, safe and happy place where students and staff enjoy learning and teaching and work together in an incredibly positive environment where students can thrive. I am confident that your child will settle in quickly and really enjoy their time with us. We pride ourselves on our values of Aspiration, Perseverance, Kindness, Respect and Positivity and these are embedded within our whole school community.

We have an exciting and thorough Transition process to welcome your child into the HGS community and support you as a family through the move from Primary to Secondary school. The main point of information is our Transition website and @HGSTransition Twitter (X) feed. The link for the website will be sent to you shortly and will be regularly updated with information, guidance and key dates for your diary over the coming months. It will also introduce you to our Transition Team. You may also like to follow the main school Twitter (X) feed @HitchinGirls or find us on Facebook, Hitchin Girls' School.

Data Collection Form

In order for us to ensure that we have the most up to date information for your child, please can you complete the data collection form on this [link](#). At present we only have the contact details of the parent or carer who applied for a secondary place so the information you provide will ensure that we are sending communications to additional parents/carers if required.

Key Dates for your diary:

Various dates in June 2024	Opportunity to meet with members of the HGS Transition team by appointment. Further details and confirmed dates to follow.
Wednesday 3rd July 2024 11am-3.00pm	Additional transition day at HGS for those students who are the only student joining from their Primary School
Thursday 11th July 2024 8.30am-3.00pm	New Intake Day at HGS for all students



Thursday 11th July 2024 5.00-7.00pm	Transition Information evening at HGS for Parents and Carers. Students are also welcome to attend.
Wednesday 4th September	Start of Autumn term for Y7
Friday 6th September Times tbc	Celebration and Information Evening

Over the next few months we will be liaising with Y6 teachers, SENCOs and Primary Schools as well as visiting your child at their school to answer any of their questions about transition.

I have included an [equipment list](#) that your child will need when they start Y7 as I am aware that families may want to plan and budget ahead. A letter about purchasing a chromebook through a school partner will be sent out after the Easter holidays.

Additional HGS Transition Experiences

There are some additional optional transition experiences that your child can participate in. These are not run by HGS but offered by partner companies that work regularly with us:

- [Herts and Beds Specialist Coaching](#) are offering 10 weeks of [netball](#) or [football](#) coaching at Hitchin Girls on a Friday 4.15-5.15pm starting on 26th April. Please see the attached flyer for costs and booking details. Booking is open now.
- HBS Revolutions is running a [summer sports camp](#) exclusively for the new HGS and HBS Y7 intakes from Monday 22nd - Friday 26th July. Please see the attached flyer for details. Booking opens from 13th April and places are first come first served. You can use the QR code on the flyer or <https://hbs-revolutions.classforkids.io/camps> to book. William Ransom and Ickleford Primary Schools break up on the Tuesday therefore there is a discount available for these schools only for the Wednesday-Friday (you will need to email for the discount code). Childcare Vouchers are accepted and again you will need to email for the discount code. Any email enquiries to Beckie at camps@hitchinboys.co.uk.

We look forward to meeting you in the coming months, but in the meantime, if you have any questions or information that you would like to share with us, please use our designated email address for transition: newintake@hgs.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely



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