



# HITCHIN GIRLS' SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/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 webpage and a direct link to this will be shared shortly. You may also like to follow the school Facebook, 'Hitchin Girls' School' or Instagram, '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:**

<b>Various dates in June 2025</b>	Opportunity to meet with members of the HGS Transition team by appointment. Further details and confirmed dates to follow.
<b>Wednesday 2nd July 2025 11am-3.00pm</b>	Additional transition day at HGS for those students who are the only student joining from their Primary School
<b>Thursday 10th July 2025 8.30am-3.00pm</b>	New Intake Day at HGS for all students



<b>Thursday 10th July 2025 5.00-7.00pm</b>	Transition Information evening at HGS for Parents and Carers. Students are also welcome to attend.
<b>Friday 5th September 2025</b>	Start of Autumn term for Y7
<b>Friday 12th September 2025 Times tbc</b>	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.

### **Equipment List**

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.

### **Optional HGS Transition Experiences**

I would also like to take the opportunity to highlight the two HGS experiences overleaf. These are optional transition experiences that your child may wish to participate in. These are not run by HGS but offered by partner companies that work regularly with us.

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](mailto:newintake@hgs.herts.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely



Caroline Hone

KS2-3 Transition Lead and Assistant Headteacher

## Additional HGS Transition Experiences

### After-school Netball and Football Coaching at HGS - Fridays 4.15-5.15pm

[Herts and Beds Specialist Coaching](#) are offering 10 weeks of [netball](#) or [football](#) coaching at Hitchin Girls on a Friday after school, starting on 25th April. Please see the attached flyer for costs and booking details. Booking is open now.

Participants will be able to continue netball and/or football training throughout the Summer Term in preparation for starting Secondary School in September. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to make new friends and settle into HGS surroundings prior to joining.

Herts and Beds are also offering a number of current HGS students the chance to gain work experience. The students on work experience will work alongside fully qualified coaches who will lead the sessions. This allows our new Y7s to meet current students who will be able to answer any questions they may have about the school and more friendly faces to welcome them when they join in September. This really is a fantastic and unique opportunity. Spaces do fill up quickly and we anticipate all spaces will be taken well before the start date - Friday 25th April.

Deadline to sign up is **Midday - Friday 4th April.**

For more information - see attached flyers which contain booking information or for direct booking please click on the link below.

[SIGN UP HERE](#) - booking is open now

### HBS Revolutions Y7 Summer Sports Camp - 28th July to 1st August

HBS Revolutions are excited to announce the launch of our very popular Year 7 Summer [Sports Camp](#), now in its **4th year running**, which will take place at the HBS Sports Centre from **28th July to 1st August** for all students starting at HBS or HGS in September 2025. The camp will run from **9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday** and will offer a variety of sports and activities, including (but not limited to) rugby, rounders, football, trampolining, athletics, playground games, mini-Olympics, bench ball, basketball, and dodgeball.

The cost for the camp is **£125 per child**, and they are happy to accept childcare vouchers. If you would like to pay with childcare or government vouchers, please email [camps@hitchinboys.co.uk](mailto:camps@hitchinboys.co.uk) for a discount voucher prior to making your booking.

Please note that **food will not be provided**, so children will need to bring their own packed lunch.

**Bookings will open on Monday, 31st March at 10:00 am**, and spaces will be offered on a **first-come, first-served basis**. We highly encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment.

For any inquiries or additional information, please email **Beckie Willoughby** at [camps@hitchinboys.co.uk](mailto:camps@hitchinboys.co.uk).

HBS Revolutions look forward to welcoming your child to what promises to be another exciting and action-packed week!

[SIGN UP HERE](#) - booking opens on 31st March