



## The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School

Nurturing Excellence

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### Prep Newsletter: Spring 2016

Dear Parents,

#### Scholarships

We were delighted to hear the news that 10 boys from the Prep School have won Academic and Music Awards to the Main School.

The Academic Scholarships acknowledge excellent results in the recent 11+ Examinations as well as exceptionally high standards of work across the Curriculum throughout the boys' time in the Prep School.

We therefore congratulate the following boys:

Noah Arram	Academic Scholarship
Aaryan Bid	Academic Scholarship
Christopher Chor	Music Scholarship
Raghav Kanwar	Academic Scholarship
Keshav Kedia	Academic Scholarship
Joshua Lee-Benson	Music Exhibition
Arish Patel	Music Exhibition
Rohan Patel	Academic Scholarship
Ryo Sato	Music Exhibition
Umair Syed	Academic Scholarship

#### Prep Fundraising

Our grateful thanks to all the boys and family members who have generously supported our chosen charities since the start of the Academic year. As previously mentioned, the Prep School boys raised the sum of £4,261.60 in the October Sponsored Read and this was divided between three charities; The Dogs Trust, Cancer Research for Young Children and Teens and Sparrow School, South Africa.

We have also raised £489.49 for Genes for Jeans and £157.41 for The Children's Society.

In the last academic year, our boys raised over £3,000.00 in support of new playground equipment, and I am delighted to inform you that four new outdoor table tennis tables have been purchased, alongside other outdoor play items for all the boys to enjoy in the Prep School.

We have decided to host another fun **Sponsored Swim** after Half Term, when the boys will be encouraged to swim as many lengths as possible during their 30 minute swimming lesson. With the money we raise, we hope to add to the number of exciting pieces of equipment on offer to the boys (see separate sponsored swim sheet).

## **Prep Events**

We are delighted to inform you that all our Pre-Prep and Prep School calendar events are now live on our website which I am sure will help you plan all your family events.

### **Swimming Gala**

We are very excited to be hosting our first ever Annual Prep Swimming Gala in our new pool on Thursday 28 April in the Medburn Centre. The gala will start promptly at 1.30pm with an anticipated finish time of 3.45pm which will enable those boys who catch the 4.15pm coaches. Please come along and cheer on your son.

### **Staff v Dads Football Match - Results**

We were delighted to see so many dads turn up to play for our annual football match against Habs staff. Result 5-2 to the staff. Thank you to Mr Harrington and Mr Halperin for organising the teams. We would also like to thank all the mums who supported us by providing cakes and refreshments.

### **Year 6 Production Workshop Week (Tuesday 7 June - Sunday 12 June)**

Auditions will be starting in due course and I know the boys are eagerly looking forward to this Year's Production workshop week. We have an enormously talented group of boys in Year 6 and we wish them the best of luck in their preparations and rehearsals. It will be a fabulous show I know! Further details will be available nearer the time.

**Please note boys will be required during the weekend of Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 June for Dress Rehearsals.**

### **Sports Day**

Sports Day will be held at school on the Haberdashers' Athletics track on Thursday 23 June from 10.00am - 4.00pm. (Further details to follow).

### **Year 6 Leavers' Celebrations & End of Year Concert - Friday 1 July 2016**

The Year 6 Prizegiving and Leavers' Celebrations for all Year 6 boys and their parents will take place from 10.30 - 12.30pm in The Bourne Hall followed by a buffet lunch for all Year 6 parents in the Prep Hall.

The Prep School Concert involving all the boys in the Prep will take place in the Bourne Hall from 1.30 - 3.30pm.

This will be our final formal occasion of this Academic Year and all parents are warmly invited to join us on this day. There will be an opportunity for parents to view the displays around the school between 12.30 - 1.15pm and from 3.30 - 4.30pm (further details and ticket requests will be sent to you next term).

### **Farewell Tea Party (following the whole school concert)**

I would also like to warmly invite you and your son after the Summer Concert to a Farewell Tea Party for Miss Mercer (3.30 - 5.30pm in the Prep Hall). Afternoon tea and strawberries will be served to parents, and savoury snacks to the boys.





I attach an invitation for you to RSVP to Mrs Jones my secretary, if you would like to attend (for catering purposes).

## **NEW Habss Sports Website**

Please note that at the beginning of February the Sports department in the Main School launched their new Sports website. During the Summer term the Prep Sports department will be trialling our current **Year 6 Parents only** to use the site. The team selection sheet will be available for download and you will be able to access a link to the opponent's school, location map, team fixtures and past results. (Further details will be sent to Year 6). Please see below information on how to navigate around the calendar).

**Main School Sports Website: [www.habsboyssport.org.uk](http://www.habsboyssport.org.uk)**

You might want to save the address in your favourites and send it to your family and friends. To see at a glance What's On, where and when you have a number of choices:

- You can either navigate to our Sports Calendar via the main menu, and then select the day you are interested in and then click the "Details" link. This shows the venue and if we're playing away will have a link to the location map of our opponent's school. You can also see the team selected for the fixture wherever you see this blue image . Normally we announce team selections at least the day before and in some cases 48 hours before.
- From the Sports Calendar you can also click directly through to a team's fixtures & results listing by clicking the team's name. e.g. click on the "1st XI".
- If you are following a particular team or teams you can also select **Sports & Teams Fixtures & Results** from the main menu. Then select a particular sport and your team to see **past results and upcoming fixtures**.
- From any teams fixture list you can "Spy" on the opponents recent results by clicking on the spyglass button , or see the playing record by clicking on this button , or find their location by clicking on the map point button .
- From any team's "Fixtures & Results" listings you can also download the entire fixture list to your personal calendar on your PC or mobile device (such as an iPhone or iPad). Any changes we make to our fixtures will be synchronised with your personal calendar whenever you connect your PC or mobile device to the Internet.
- If you need to quickly find an away venue for one of our opponents you can either choose the map link directly from a fixture, available via the "Details" button as described above, or you can select "Opponent Maps & Links" from the main menu.
- If you are visiting our sports website on your mobile phone you will notice it loads up as a Mobile Web App. Full instructions for how to get the most out of the Web App can be found online by clicking here <http://www.schoolssports.com/Support/Page.asp?ID=175&CatID=12> The Mobile Web App will allow you to access fixture and team sheet information on the go!

## **Donkin Cup - Photographs to purchase**

If you wish to purchase any photographs from DE Photography at yesterday's Donkin Cup, please click on the link below and under Event Code type : lowe.

**[Schools\Haberdashers Boys School\Password Required\2016\Donkin Cup - March 21st](#)**

## Parent Portal Information to Parents

The Main School and Prep School currently use the Parent Portal at the end of the Summer Term for parents to access their son's end of term report. However we are encouraging you to access the parent portal on a regular basis as we start to share important information about your son's progress, or any other routine information via this method of communication.

As a reminder the system is clear and easy to use. If you have more than one boy at HABs you will only need to register once. When logged in you will be able to view information about each child, using the "My Children" link on the Home page.

1. Open Internet Explorer on a computer that is connected to the Internet.
2. Navigate to <https://parents.habsboys.org.uk>
3. Click on your **Register using Activation Letter sent at the start of Year 3.**
4. Enter the authentication codes given.
5. When you receive a confirmation e-mail click on the link to activate your account.
6. Log in and start browsing!

When you log in for the first time you will be asked to enter a password. Please choose something that is memorable, that does not contain your date of birth, child's name or your address. You will also be asked to give a security question and answer, just in case you forget your password. Your user name will be your email address and you will be required to enter this plus your password for future logins.

Please consult the list of FAQs at the Portal entrance if you have any difficulties logging in or call our ICT Support Helpline should you need further assistance on 020 8266 1840.

## Housekeeping

### Absences

If your son is absent from school due to injury, illness, etc. please **TELEPHONE** Mrs Jones on the Prep School direct line telephone number **before 9.30 am** on each and every day until his return - if necessary please leave a message on the answer phone. Please **do not email** absences. Absences will be followed up but a great deal of time can be saved if you telephone us. When your son returns to school please ensure he has a brief hand-written note for his Form Teacher (not in his Homework Diary).

This policy is designed to ensure your son is safe and his whereabouts are known to you and us.

### After School Arrangements

When school has ended, we expect all boys to leave the premises unless they are attending a teacher-led activity or they are booked into the After School Care Facility (ASCF).

You may pre-book your son into the ASCF on a half-termly basis at a daily cost of £5.00 between 3.15 - 4.15 pm and £5.50 between 4.15 - 5.30 pm (light tea provided). This will be added to your school bill.

In an emergency, or any unforeseen circumstances, we will always try to accommodate you. Mrs Morelli, our ASCF supervisor, can be contacted directly on **0208 266 1889 until 3.00 pm**. If necessary, please leave a message.

The voice-mail system on this number will be activated twice a day - at 12 noon and again at 3 pm. This direct line number should be used at **ALL** times when making enquiries about this facility. After 3.00 pm Mrs Morelli can be contacted on her mobile on 07871 261800 for **EMERGENCIES**.

### Parentpay.com - Cashless Catering System

Parents are reminded to please top up their son's lunch accounts using the online payment system at Parentpay.com and not allow the accounts to fall into deficit.

### **Car Parking for School Events**

Parents are respectfully reminded that the security barrier on Butterfly Lane is lowered daily at 17:30 Monday to Friday. Access for non-school staff after that time is via the Girls' School car park until 18:00 after which the coach park on Aldenham Road is to be used. The routine drop off and pick up point for boys still remains the Girls' School car park unless notified.

Parents are kindly requested not to park in the Girls' School Car Park after 18:00 for evening events (e.g. Parents Evening, Concerts etc. at the Boys' School); the allocated parking for these events is the coach park.

### **Parent Parking: Beginning and End of School Day**

Parents are reminded that drop off and collection of pupils at the beginning and end of the school day is via the Girls' School Car Park. The schools appreciate that sometimes there are delays and congestion as a result but this is the designated parking area where it is safe for passengers to get into/out of vehicles and traffic flow can be managed by school staff.

### **Sainsbury's Vouchers**

We are again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers! It's easy to help our kids get active - simply shop or fill up with petrol at Sainsbury's and don't leave until the staff have surrendered a bunch of vouchers to you. Last year we were thrilled to be able to purchase the following items for the boys:

- Badminton Set and Stand, Bowls, Giant Chess Set, Kangaroo Balls, Parachute,

We are happy to accept your vouchers via your son and there is a special box for them to be posted into. Once we have enough vouchers we can exchange them for equipment and experiences from the Active catalogue.

### **Summer Workshop 2016**

Due to staff absences and other activity on campus it has been decided that the HABs Summer Workshop will not take place during the summer of 2016.

We trust this provides sufficient time for parents to make alternative arrangements and we hope to reintroduce the workshop for the summer of 2017.

### **Calendar for the Summer Term**

A separate calendar of events is enclosed. Please put these dates in your diary as we hope to see you on many occasions during the Summer months.

On behalf of my colleagues, I wish you and your sons an enjoyable and hopefully a sunny Easter break! We look forward to welcoming Prep & Pre-Prep boys back to school on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016**.

Yours sincerely,



Yvonne Mercer

Head of the Pre-Prep and Preparatory School



## Prep School Diary Dates - Summer Term 2016

<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	
<i>Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May</i>	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	Summer Term Begins Pre-Prep & Prep
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2016 <b>NEW</b>	Year 6 Parents' Information Evening for Nettlecombe Trip - Somerset (Prep Hall @ 7.30 pm)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	Prep School Swimming Gala - 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm ( <i>All boys in Years 3 - 6 participate</i> ) Medburn Centre (4.15 pm coaches)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 <b>NEW</b>	Year 3 Parents' Information Evening for Overnight Camp Trip - 4.15 pm - 5.00 pm Prep Hall
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	7+ New Parents' Evening - 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	School Exam Week (includes KS2 SATS for Year 6 Boys)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2016 <b>NEW</b>	Year 4 Trip to Windsor Castle -9.00 - 3.30 pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Year 3 Overnight Camp - HABS Grounds
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Year 6 Residential Trip - Nettlecombe, Somerset
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2016 - Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	7+ New Boys' Taster Afternoon
Thursday 26 <sup>st</sup> May 2016	Year 4 Parents' Information Evening for Kingswood Trip - Kent (Prep Hall @ 7.30 pm)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	<b>No School for Pre-Prep or Prep Boys (Staff Development Day)</b> (Year 6 Boys arrive back from Nettlecombe)
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	<b>No School for Pre-Prep or Prep Boys (Staff Development Day)</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	<i>Year 6 Drama Workshop Week</i>
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	<i>Year 6 Rehearsals</i>
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	<i>Year 6 Rehearsals</i>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	<i>Dress Rehearsal to School (pm)</i>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June & Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Year 6 (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Performance ) - 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	11+ Parents Evening - 7.00 pm - Bourne Hall ( <i>Letter of invite from Admissions Department</i> )
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Year 4 Kingswood Centre Trip - Kent
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Year 5 Instrumental Scheme Concert - 9.30 - 11.00 am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2016	Prep School Sports Day - 10.00 - 3.45 pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2016	Year 6 Leavers' Prizegiving - 10.30 - 12.00 noon Summer Concert - Bourne Hall (Years 3 - 6) 1.30 - 3.30 pm Farewell to Yvonne Mercer - 3.30 - 5.30 pm (Prep Hall)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Summer Term Ends - 11.45 am