



June 2024

Re. Borlase Hockey

Dear New Year 7 Parents / Carers,

Welcome to hockey at Sir William Borlase's Grammar School!

Borlase has an outstanding reputation in school hockey, plus a history of success. Through membership of Marlow Sports Club, players have daily use of a high quality all-weather pitch that is just five minutes walk from the school. In addition to this, the fantastic new facilities on the school site have opened the door for additional indoor and outdoor training sessions.

Borlase Hockey also has an excellent coaching team that includes, alongside a number of highly experienced and qualified coaches, a dedicated full-time Director of Hockey.

Borlase has always had a rich hockey pedigree, with 56 past and present athletes becoming either senior or junior internationals. One current Borlase Hockey athlete has been selected for the England Hockey National Age Group Squads in the past and a large number of students attend England Hockey's regional Talent Academies.

SWBGS is one of very few state schools that can compete nationally at the highest level. In 2014, Sir William Borlase's Grammar School became the first state school to win the Under 18 Boys' Indoor National Championships and, in 2015, the school won a silver medal at U18 Girls' Indoor National Championships. In 2018, the Boys' U18 indoor squad finished in the top four at the Indoor National Championships, whilst the Girls' U18 and Boys' U16 indoor squads both reached the Indoor National Championships last season, finishing fifth and third respectively. The Boys' U13 outdoor squad also reached the National Finals last May, finishing in fifth place.

Approximately eighty students have joined the Year 7 Girls' and Boys' squads this season, and we run fixtures for the A-D teams in both squads. Next season, Year 7 Girls' and Boys' hockey training is likely to take place on Mondays from 4-6pm. Fixtures will also take place on a Monday afternoon intermittently throughout the season, but we may have the odd one or two on a different day of the week.

Hockey at SWBGS is a paid for extra-curricular activity. There has been an increase in the subscription fee for the 2024/25 season for several reasons. First and foremost, the outgoings associated with the facilities at Marlow Sports Club, transport, kit and equipment are all increasing and the demand to run a self-sufficient hockey programme is greater than ever. SWBGS are also moving towards employing all hockey coaches next season to improve our training, safeguarding and data protection processes, but this will lead to further increases to our expenditure.

The first child is £195 and subsequent children £180. The subscription includes a personalised training/match t-shirt, regular outdoor training sessions with external coaches and fixtures during the

autumn and spring terms. We would like to provide you with the opportunity to pay the increased subscription fee in two instalments, if required. Alternatively, the full amount can be paid in one instalment by Monday 30th September.

Instalment 1: £100 by Monday 30th September

Instalment 2: £80 or £95 by Friday 1st November

If you would like your child to play hockey at Sir William Borlase's Grammar School, please log onto www.parentpay.com by Monday 30th September 2024. If you need another copy of your activation details please email finance@swbgs.com. Parentpay is now the only option for payment.

Please also complete the Google Form below to finalise your shirt order and to confirm your primary contact details.

[Annual Borlase Hockey Subscription and Playing Shirt Order Form: 2024/25](#)

If you already have children who play hockey at the school, a subscription letter will be coming out for them shortly. You will be asked to pay for them separately via Parentpay.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school.

We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours faithfully

Nathan Monk
Director of Hockey

Borlase Hockey Launch Night - Friday 6 September 2024

You are invited to attend the 2024/2025 Borlase Hockey Launch Night on Friday 6 September 2024.

Borlase Hockey Launch Night: 6.30-7.30pm - presentation for new Y7 and Y12 students in the Borlase Theatre.

You don't need any prior hockey experience to attend - everyone is welcome to join us.

Highlights of the evening include:

- Introduction for new players & parents with the new Director of Hockey
- A presentation from past and current students
- An opportunity for parents and students to tour the new sports facilities on site