



# MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

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## Hockey – Hilary, 2015

10<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Dear Parent,

I am writing to provide further information on the forthcoming Hockey term and highlight a few changes from last year. Sessions and fixtures will take place in a variety of venues, so your son will need to check both the website ([www.mcssport.org](http://www.mcssport.org)) and noticeboard regularly. Mrs Wakeling (Sports Administrator) and I will make every effort to keep the fixture information up to date and we are the points of contact for information on this matter.

### After School Training

The after school training session, which all A – C squad players are expected to attend but all are welcome, will be slightly different to last year. We are going back to using Oxford Hawks for after school sessions, as detailed below:

- The U12/U13 will train on Tuesdays after school, at Oxford Hawks until 5.30pm.
- The U14/U15 will train on Wednesdays after school, at Oxford Hawks until 5.30pm.

Transport for both sessions will leave as close to 4.00pm as possible, with either coaches from the Plain or minibuses from the school car park. Players can either be collected directly from the venue stated above or from school at 6.00pm. However, if you are collecting from the venue, please do make every effort to be there on time. If you wish for your son to go home directly, please email me and their coach to confirm this will be happening. We are aware that the traffic could prove testing with the road works on the Plain and we will make a decision after the first two weeks as to whether these sessions move indoor and therefore back to the school site.

- The U16s will train over lunchtime (1.20 – 2.15pm) and the Seniors after school (4.00 – 5.30pm), both in the Sports Hall on Thursday.

### Fixtures

We will continue to use both the Magdalen College Astro pitch situated on the Marston Road, next to the Islamic centre. As a reminder from last year, there is no parking within the complex, so parents are advised to park in the pay & display car parks on Marston Road and St Clements or on the road on Saturdays..

Home fixtures will be played either at the aforementioned Marston Road Astro, Oxford Hawks HC or St Gregory's School. At Oxford Hawks there will be a designated area of the clubhouse for MCS players and parents' teas. I would like to both invite and encourage you to make your way in to the clubhouse after the game.

Players are expected to make their way directly to home match venues on weekend fixtures. Please speak directly to your son's Master in Charge if this is likely to cause any problems. Each team will be allocated a Master in Charge, who is responsible for all communication regarding fixtures and training. This will be made known to your son in the first week of term and is already on the website.

### Pre-Season

Pre-season this year takes a variety of different forms, so please read carefully the information below relevant to your year group.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> XI will play KES Bath and Clifton College on the 4<sup>th</sup> January at Oxford Hawks, 1.30pm start. They are also going away to KES Birmingham on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January for a triangular tournament.

U16s are playing KES Bath on the 4<sup>th</sup> January at Oxford Hawks, 1.30pm start.

U15A & U14A are also attending a triangular at KES B'ham with Whitgift on the 5<sup>th</sup> January.

U13A & Bs are playing on the first day back (6<sup>th</sup> Jan v Solihull), for which team sheets and details are on the website and noticeboard.

U12s will train on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January at Marston Road between 9.00 – 10.30am.

### General Information

It is important that players should not leave games kit on the premises outside of school hours. It may be frustrating to have to bring hockey kit in and out of school, but it does save any issues with missing kit on fixture days.

All pupils are required to wear a gum shield, shin pads and appropriate MCS outer layers, such as hoodie or thermal layer. It will be expected that all pupils should attend fixtures in an MCS tracksuit, as in a change to the rugby term we won't be travelling in uniform.

There is a parents' information evening on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 6.30pm, to be held in Mu1. This is for any parent whose son will be playing hockey this term whether U12D or 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain. It would be fantastic to see a good number of you there.

I am looking forward to the hockey term enormously and thank you in advance for your support not only on the side line, but in the organisation and transportation of your sons.

If you have any questions then do please let me know, [awatts@mcsoxford.org](mailto:awatts@mcsoxford.org)

Yours sincerely



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