

Case study: SURBITON HC OUTREACH PROGRAMME WITH HINCHLEY WOOD SCHOOL

Surbiton HC began working with Hinchley Wood School in 2015 to provide free and subsidised hockey (coaching and use of facilities) to all year 7 – 9 students. Annually, this allows approximately 600 children access to 164 hours of curriculum-based hockey.

An after school club for year 7 – 11 students is also run at SHC and offers 120 Hinchley Wood students 30 weeks of hockey with SHC professional coaches and free pitch use.

In addition, SHC enters year 7 and 8 students into the Surrey Cup and Plate every year as well as organising fixtures against other schools including KGS, Tiffin, St Teresa's, St Georges, Surbiton High and Holyfield. SHC also hosts fixtures on behalf of Hinchley Wood School providing free pitch use.



This collaboration allows a pathway to access full membership. Currently, there are over 30 children registered as full SHC members.

A notable success in 2021: One Hinchley Wood year 12 student who was introduced to hockey via this programme has progressed to the (England Hockey) Elite Development Programme, which prepares players for full senior national representative hockey. Most players who have represented England at junior level will only progress to EDP in year 13 or after leaving school, so this is a wonderful achievement for this particular student.

The overall success of this collaboration has afforded Hinchley Wood School students access to a new sport and high quality hockey coaching.