



Gerrards Cross Cricket Club  
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Dear Parent,

Welcome to the 2010 season of junior cricket at Gerrards Cross.

Enclosed you will find a list of fixtures and contacts for each team and as you'll see we have a busy summer ahead of us. For the first time we are running two teams at under 11 and under 12 so we'll be able to give even more boys a taste of competitive cricket. We are continuing our partnership with Coleshill CC and this will give some of the older boys the opportunity to progress and play more challenging cricket in the Coleshill Cross XI. It also gives us access to an extra pitch to alleviate fixture congestion at Dukes Wood.

At the time of writing, we are still searching for managers to run the under-11B and the under-10 teams; so if you're interested please let me know. This season we have a new Club Welfare Officer, Tania Penton. Tania's details are in the Fixture Card. Please do not hesitate to contact Tania should you have any concerns.

### Invitation.

Please join us for the annual pre-season get-together at the Club on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 12 noon – 1.30pm. It's an opportunity for parents to meet the managers and officers of the club, for the boys to meet up with their team mates again and for everyone to enjoy John Price's excellent finger buffet.

### Squad Coaching Schedule

The evening coaching will be run by our excellent team of Level 1 and 2 coaches, and will use the superb new nets that have just been installed (thanks to a tremendous fund-raising effort led by Bob Bracey). The coaching team will also include the Club's new overseas player, Michael Fabish-Wood, a Kiwi who's been playing in Brisbane and has represented Queensland at U19.

The programme will start on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April and run as follows:-

Mondays	(first session 19.4.10)	U11s	6.15 – 8pm
Tuesdays	(first session 20.4.10)	U12s	6.15 – 8pm
Wednesdays	(first session 21.4.10)	U 13s	6.15 - 8pm
Thursdays	Seniors incl	U16 & 17s	from 6.30pm
Fridays	(first session 23.4.10)	U14s	6.15 – 8pm
Sundays	(first session 25.4.10)	U8, 9 and 10s	10.30 – 12noon

On Sundays we would ask parents to arrive by 10.15am to allow time for registration. This year the Club House will be open for refreshments from 10.30am and the Bar opens at 12.00 noon. Come along and socialize.

### Discipline

The suspension of one member from the indoor coaching programme is a reminder to all members that indiscipline will not be tolerated by the club.

### Equipment

All squad players (under 11s – 17s) are expected to bring their own equipment (marked/clearly initialed) to training to include:

- whites/training kit
- personal protective equipment, inc a helmet
- a ball (up to U13s use the 4¾ oz, U15s and older use the 5½ oz) which are available for purchase from the club. Too many of the club's balls have disappeared during training sessions so we are asking cricketers to provide their own ball for coaching.
- a drink
- a cap/sunhat

Under ECB guidelines, all batsmen and wicketkeepers under the age of 18 must wear a helmet with a faceguard or grille. Previously there was a parental opt-out but this has now been withdrawn. Please note it is the boys' duty to be responsible for their own kit.

**Advance notice** – we hope to run at least one 3-day coaching clinic during the summer holidays (provisionally 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July). Further details will be issued in due course. I look forward to meeting you at the club on 18<sup>th</sup> April, and here's hoping for a fine, enjoyable and successful summer of cricket.

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GXCC – Youth coordinator

