



PREMIER
CLUB

HARBOROUGH LC Junior Badminton Club



Attn. Head Teacher

20th February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Yonex All England Open Badminton Championship 2023

Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club is the only Junior Club in the local area offering coached badminton sessions to children aged 8 to 18. The club now has over 60 junior players attending the Wednesday sessions from 4:00pm to 5:00pm, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm and 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

The club sessions not only concentrate on improving players' racket skills, technical skills and movement but also, especially for the older players, centres around leadership and influencing skills. This forms an important part of the badminton development programme.

Players are encouraged to participate in external badminton tournaments and attend national badminton events as spectators. When Junior members of the club are 16 or above, they are also encouraged to attend the UK Coaching 'Safeguarding & Protecting Children' course, the fee for which is funded by the club.

As a Premier Club / Clubmark with Badminton England, I am delighted to tell you that we have been able to obtain 20 complimentary tickets to the **Yonex All England Open Badminton Championship 2023** taking place at the Arena Birmingham on Thursday 16th March 2023. This is Round 16 of the championship, featuring 40 matches played across four courts. The doors open at 9:00am with play starting at 10:00am and ending at around 8:00pm.

Attending this prestigious tournament will provide the club's Junior Players with valuable badminton experience as well as an opportunity to watch and then later improve upon their centred skills. I believe this will benefit them as individuals, at both a social and educational level, and at their club and beyond.

I hope you will be able to grant permission for the named pupil to take the necessary time away from school to attend this inspiring National Championship event.

(Pupil name: _____)

Please be assured that Harborough LC Junior Badminton Club is fully committed to supporting its players' educational development and I trust that this will ensure their attainment and attendance levels are maintained.

Should you wish to contact me, details on how to reach me are provided below.

Kind regards,

Ray Phipkin

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