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Christ's Hospital School Headmaster to start the Barns Green Half Marathon

The organisers of the Barns Green Half Marathon and 10K races are delighted to announce that Simon Reid, Headmaster at Christ's Hospital School will be the official starter for this year's Half Marathon. The 2018 event will take place on Sunday 30th September and will be the 36th running of the Barns Green Half Marathon and the third year of the new 10K race which was introduced for the first time in 2016.

The whole event is run entirely by volunteers and raises a lot of money for charity and also makes significant donations to various groups, youth and sports clubs in and around the village who help with the staging of the race. This year's official charity for the event is once again **St Catherine's Hospice**.

Commenting on the involvement of Simon Reid, Barns Green Half Marathon Race Director, Vernon Jennings said, "This is Simon's first year as the new Headmaster at the school and we are delighted that he has agreed to be involved. Christ's Hospital School has always been a huge supporter of our event and I know just how much the runners enjoy going through the stunning school grounds. Simon's predecessor, John Franklin acted as our race starter in 2016 as did former CH pupil and England Rugby star Joe Launchbury in 2014".

Simon Reid commented, "I am delighted to be able to support this truly unique local event. The Barns Green Half Marathon has made a huge contribution to the local community over the past 36 years. The runners come through the school grounds early in the races, and I am pleased to announce that the magnificent Christ's Hospital School marching band will be playing while all the runners go passed. What could be more uplifting for all those taking part?"

Last year over 2,000 runners registered for the Half Marathon and 10K races which follow routes on closed roads through the lanes of Barns Green, Itchingfield, Christ's Hospital and close to Southwater through some of the most scenic countryside in West Sussex

For further details on how to take part in the race just visit the Barns Green Half Marathon website; barnsgreen-half.org.uk

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