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DEBATING SOCIETY

Trip to Calcutta

During the first week of Easter, 11 boys from Harrow were privileged to launch ourselves on a journey to visit and explore a country very different from that which we were used. We found ourselves embarking on a debating trip to Kolkata, India, ready to embrace the spirit of argumentation all while acquiring new practical skills to develop our debating abilities.

We arrived very late in Kolkata on 31 March and went straight to our hotel rooms to get a bit of sleep and prepare ourselves for the next day. On the way to the hotel, we saw a glimpse of the dynamic city that was awaiting us, and it made us feel all the more excited for the days ahead. Our first day's focus was on getting a feel for the Indian culture and the environment we found ourselves in. During the day, we went on a tour of some of Kolkata's famous locations including the Hastings Gardens, situated parallel to wide and beautiful Hooghly River; the BBD Bagh, also known as Dalhousie Square, where we strolled in and out of small architectural dome-shaped structures and visited a rather magnificent cathedral. We also visited the Mother Teresa Foundation (which was where she died and where she lies today) around the Rawdon Street Area. There was an caring and loving environment in the building, and we were kindly greeted there.

Later on in the day, we visited the Science Centre, which is considered to be one of the largest Science Exploration Departments in India. It was captivating to see such a buzzing environment, and everyone was asking to take photos with us which was an unusual phenomenon but a fun one.



After all that site seeing, we managed to quickly visit just two of the many schools in Kolkata. We got an overall feel of all the classes and what they were studying; I will personally never forget how the students greeted us in unison. As the day quickly turned into night, we found ourselves back in our hotel rooms and that concluded our first day in Kolkata.

On the second day of the Debating Trip, we entered the first debating competition (supposedly a friendly 'match' although a questionable statement) and we were divided into various teams with the debaters of the BSS School; two Harrovians and two girls from BSS on each side. The motion for this particular debate was that 'In social media, we are alone surrounded by thousands'. George Mingay, *The Park*, and Dylan Windward, *Lyon's*, were for the motion while William Wauchope, *The Knoll*, and Ahsab Chowdhury, *West Acre*, were against. It

was a phenomenal debate, both sides having influential and persuasive points and perspectives. I was, in fact, one of the judges for this debate and it was interesting to experience this dispute from another prospect by actually marking the debaters' performances rather than being part of the debate itself. Overall, it was a marvellous day of compelling, influential and exciting conversation. After the debate was over, were fortunate to visit the Victoria Memorial Hall, commemoration of the death of Queen Victoria from her own son, King Edward VII. It was a spectacular construction and I personally marvelled at the elegance of the paintings enclosing the dome. Furthermore, SMK managed to present an impressive lecture right next to the Memorial Hall about his favourite subject, Classics, and why they are essential and crucial for everyone to study. Overall, it was a glorious day, full of energy, development, excitement and pleasure.



On the third day, whilst traveling to the La Martinière School, Sam O'Dell, *West Acre*, Edward Blunt, *Elmfield*, Charles Harrison, *Rendalls*, Ilyas Quereshi, *The Park*, Winward, Daniel Sidhom, *The Knoll*, and I enthusiastically rehearsed for the debate contest that lay ahead of us. The motion for this day would be that 'The world is poorer as nations set national boundaries'. This time, we were a group of six, all going against the motion, opposing an experienced side of six students from La Martinière School. It was yet another wonderful and enthralling dispute and, although La Martinière managed to pick up the victory, we still had an absolutely incredible and delightful debate. After the contest against the La Martinière School, we left for another academy, the Future Hope School, in which SMK and Mr Dolan conducted a workshop for the keen students present. The theme for this workshop was about bullying, and it was inspiring to see young, bright minds arguing over whether if bullying should be very seriously dealt with from the first instance. The audience were even treated to an unprepared debate on Brexit with George Mingay, *The Park*, proposing Brexit, and Theodore Seely, *The Head Master's*, opposing. It was fascinating to see that, for a topic that has been so debated in our country, it is not such a recurrent them in India and therefore they were glad to hear both sides of the debate, at the end of which they voted against Brexit. Following the workshop and some food provided by the Future Hope School, we set off back to our hotel rooms which ended our third day in India.

The fourth day commenced with a very early start, with the debating team heading to Adamas School to debate the motion 'Examinations should be abolished'. This time, I found myself

in a team with Sebastian Classen, *Lyon's*, and two other pupils from Adamas against Morgan Majdalany, *Moretons*, and Seely, who themselves were with two other pupils from Adamas. It was yet another compelling and tumultuous debate, with both sides projecting their most useful points across the auditorium. Although both sides were competitive, it was the opposition side composed of Majdalany, Seely and their colleagues from Adamas who won this debate. Following the contest, we were all assembled and taken to a famous Indian university for a full tour of the campus. We were shown the main debating platform, constituted mainly for practising the arts of becoming a lawyer. We were also guided around the Art and the Design and Technology labs, where one university student displayed and demonstrated to us his D&T design, which I luckily got to experiment with and to be one of his "testers". It was an extensive and unbelievable university with amazing facilities; the tour was very enjoyable. As we were heading back to our hotel rooms, I could not help but remark on how swiftly this excursion was going, and that this already was the end of our fourth day in Kolkata.

Now imagine yourselves gazing at a school, or just a construction decorated and composed of letters, numbers and grammar points. I can guarantee that this would be an accurate portrayal of the Newtown Academy, the next school we would contend with. Here Majdalany and Harrison went against O'Dell and Qureshi in a very interesting debating motion: 'More rules encourage more breaking of the rules'. While, again, both sides had firm, valid and salutary points, Majdalany and Harrison managed to pick up the victory in what was a stimulating and grand debate. After the dispute, we had a tour of the Newtown Academy and its incredible facilities. The school itself had two building blocks each containing five immense floors of classrooms and recreation space.



We were then taken to an Indian Eco Park, a park which contained the Seven Wonders of the World in mini designs. It was an appealing and entertaining tour, although the park was so huge we were not able to explore the mini Taj Mahal, to everyone's dismay. Eventually, in the tremendous heat, we returned to Newtown Academy where we played multiple football matches with some of the older students of the Academy. The matches were very tough and energetic, with Seely making some fabulous tackles, Winward scoring surprisingly astounding goals, and Sidhom making some amazing saves as goalkeeper.

The whistle blew, the football games were stopped and, whilst we were making our way back to the hotel, our fifth day in Kolkata had already concluded.

Our last and final day in Kolkata would be a very humid one. We made our way to the Indian Council for Cultural Relations Building (ICCR) by foot and the finalists readied themselves to debate the final motion for the debate, which was 'Democracy encourages media-ocracy'. The seven finalists to go against this statement were in order of speech: Mingay, Seely, O'Dell, Wauchope, Harrison and Winward. They had prepared strenuously the night before for this final debate, but it seemed

to pay off when they were not only awarded the victory but also gained the majority of the votes from the audience (in a rather surprising outcome). Huge congratulations must go to all of them for closing our Kolkata debating contest on such a powerful and decisive note. We concluded our trip by heading to the prestigious Bengal Club of Calcutta, where we were kindly hosted by the Calcutta Debating Circle CDC. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and one the boys are likely to remember for a long time.



In conclusion, on behalf of all the boys that attended this Debating trip, I would like to express our thanks to the CDC for organising and hosting such a wonderful event. It was an absolute privilege have the opportunity to debate in front of them. Secondly, my recognition goes out to all of the schools involved in this debating journey with us who, although they went against us in the contests on most days, made us feel welcome and provided us with very interesting tours that gave us an insight into the Indian education system. Our final expression of gratitude must of course go to SMK and Mr Dolan, who not only were with us, encouraging and supervising us everywhere we went, but also arranged such a distinctive and memorable experience for all of us. It was truly incredible.

PALMERSTON SOCIETY

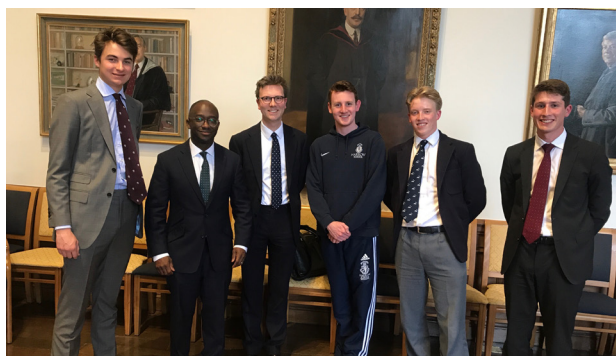
Mr Sam Gyimah, MP: A take on the deadlock of Brexit, OH Room, 9 May

On Thursday the OH Room filled at 5pm to hear the first Palmerston Society talk of the term from Mr Sam Gyimah MP. We were very fortunate to be afforded Mr Gyimah's insight, given his inner role in the entire Brexit process. Mr Gyimah was first elected MP for East Surrey in 2010, served as Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to David Cameron in 2012 and later as Government whip in 2013, and has held several ministerial positions including most recently Minister for Universities, Science, Technology and Innovation.

Mr Gyimah began with a brief recollection of the 'road to Brexit'. As Mr Cameron's PPS he was privy to almost every meeting held by the prime minister during the early years of the coalition. Whilst not pivotal to Brexit, it did serve to remind a politically fatigued audience of what an organised government looked like. The so called 'quad' – David Cameron, George Osborne, Nick Clegg and Danny Alexander – used to meet every morning and discuss topics that were weeks ahead of the what was printed in the papers. Notwithstanding, what was supposed to be a 'fragile coalition government' was in fact an efficient success. "Looking back," Mr Gyimah said with a mischievous twinkle in his eye, "you could almost say those were a golden age of politics given what was to come." Moving forward to the surprising Conservative success in the 2015 general election, where they won by a slim majority of

six seats, Mr Gyimah revealed that this slim majority caused the government to fully invoke their manifesto. However, the growing issue of Brexit, one that had allowed UKIP to take 13% of the vote away from the Conservatives, had, much like the Major era, embedded itself into the Conservative Party politics. After the EU failed to offer Mr Cameron anything by way of compromise, a referendum was held; an election that right up until the day of voting the “Remain Camp” were certain they would win. Cameron then unexpectedly resigned: enter May.

The Brexit process should have begun very differently, lamented Gyimah. As he listed various “big errors” of the May government, notwithstanding a cross-party Brexit council, he expressed his disagreement with the first of Mrs May’s mistakes: the snap election. Though small, the Conservatives’ slim majority was vital to the Brexit process. Risking it by going to the electorate with a “barely changed” manifesto and losing has been one of the most catastrophic tragedies of Brexit. The Conservatives lost 13 of their seats, leaving them seven seats short of a majority and having to find an unlikely ally in the DUP. This much is certainly evident, given the current deadlock in the House of Commons. Despite this, the process began and started claiming its victims in the form of cabinet resignations, most notably Philip Lee, David Davis, Steve Baker, Boris Johnson, Jo Johnson (Gyimah’s predecessor as Minister for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation) and Dominic Raab. Mr Gyimah found himself promoted into his first role in the cabinet. However, as it turned out, it was to be a short tenure.



This was a big step in his career and an ideal position. Education and employment had long been a focus for Mr Gyimah in his parliamentary career (not to mention the added advantage of having a seat at the table). His first, and last, big involvement in the Brexit negotiations was Galileo. A shared EU £8 billion project intended to rival the US GPS system and provide greater tracking, navigation and timing to governments, civilians and industries – it has been one of the unlikely casualties of Brexit. Galileo was (and still is) expected to specifically improve the EU’s military, intelligence and communication; given Britain’s already confirmed military conformity with the EU, it was shocking and irrational of the EU to alienate the UK from this project that was already underway. More shocking still is that without Britain, who are one of the largest developers and manufacturers of the tech to be incorporated, the project is vastly underfunded. However, this confirmed to Mr Gyimah that the Brexit process was not, for the EU, about making the most out of a bad situation using economic rationality, but rather purely political, which, when dealing with what will most likely become their largest trading partner, is rather shocking. From the UK’s perspective it makes the negotiations an impossibility. Despite many meetings in Brussels and later, when looking for an alternative (in the form of the USA) Mr Gyimah was unable to fix the situation.

There was, however, another issue with the negotiations: there was no singular outcome. As Mr Gyimah expanded on afterwards, one of the pivotal problems, and a key reason for the current deadlock, is that there are a multitude of Brexits

for each person. While many may want a soft Brexit with continued membership of the single market and the customs union, there are many others that would say that that isn’t Brexit. This makes it impossible to deliver “Brexit” in any real sense. However, despite this awareness, Mr Gyimah saw fit to resign when presented with Theresa May’s deal. This was especially shocking for an MP who had just achieved his first cabinet position and who had served as a government whip. It was the backstop which acted as the motivation. The Irish backstop is a position which not only “divides the union” as Nigel Dodds said to us, but, for Mr Gyimah, it was the fact that the UK “shifts from being rule makers to rule takers”. Due to the indefinite nature of the backstop, not having a single legal way from which to exit the treaty, we are obliged to make any law passed by the EU into our own. Having resigned, Mr Gyimah quickly became an advocate for a people’s vote. However, surprisingly, he revealed to us that this was his ‘second preference’ and he is only resorting to it because he can see no other way to gain the authority to break the deadlock without the confirmation a second referendum brings – not to mention the further legitimacy that it would bring.

This ‘hard headed’ revelation from Mr Gyimah effectively conveyed the complexity, and maybe hopelessness, of this Brexit deadlock. We are very thankful for Mr Gyimah for braving the Metropolitan Line and sharing his time with us in what must be a very busy schedule. Additionally, many thanks to AGC and the members of the Palmerston Society for organising an insightful afternoon and a great start to the summer season.

OSCAR FOUNDATION LECTURE

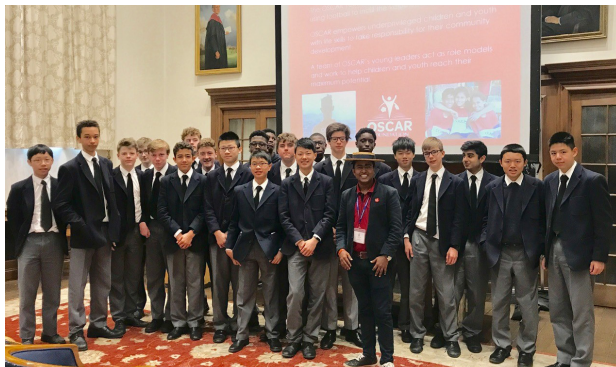
OH Room, 9 May

On 9 May, the OSCAR foundation, which helps children in the slums of India, came to speak to the Shells. The foundation, which offers aid to poor children in the slums of eight states across India by giving them the chance to play football and consolidate their learning through mentorships and clubs, went into great depth about the conditions that the children living in slums such as Dharavi in Mumbai live through and how they have managed to survive and thrive in one of the most challenging urban environments on the globe.

Ashok, the speaker, was himself from a slum in Mumbai and his experiences provided food for thought to all those present at the lecture. Mumbai is one of the largest megacities on Earth with 22 million inhabitants and significant numbers (c. 700,000) live in the 216 hectares that are part of the slum. The population density is 277,136/km², making Dharavi one of the most densely populated areas in the world. Ashok elaborated on how there is one lavatory per 250 people, and how poor sanitation has led to thousands of cases of typhoid and diphtheria. The most poignant example, however, was the crime and violence that has become embedded in this society. Ashok told us that gangs corrupt government officials who control the flow of water into the slum. Water only runs for two hours per day and each family gets an allowance of 120 litres, with ten families having to share a tap. However, gangs bribe government officials who set the time when water can be accessed. This means that water usually only comes when nobody is home and the residents who have a claim to water have to buy it from the gangs, leaving many who cannot afford it thirsty. The lack of government-sponsored development means that most houses do not have land rights to legal connections to water or power, meaning that the local government could cut off power and water supplies or evict the residents forcefully,

which fosters an environment of constant fear for the lives of ordinary inhabitants of the slums.

Contrary to popular belief, the slum is actually a major part of Mumbai's economy, having a micro-economy of nearly \$1billion. Almost half of Mumbai's waste goes to the slum for recycling and small businesses have brought optimism there;



hope is increasing amongst inhabitants for change. Younger inhabitants seek to move out of the slums in search for a better life, but older inhabitants who came to Mumbai in search of a better life some 45 years ago are more hesitant. Despite the mixed attitudes of inhabitants, many are employed in recycling, construction or laundry and the area in the slums is thriving with business. Some 250,000 people work in recycling and set an example for recycling projects not only in India but the world. Dharavi is the most literate slum in India with a literacy rate of 69%; with the number of children going to school rising, the slum has the potential to be a great asset to the city of Mumbai.

Entrepreneurship and community play vital roles in helping this community thrive in its difficult circumstances, and Ashok shared a particular experience of re-selling fish that the fishermen and women had dropped or missed. The conditions in the slums have brought this community together and tied it into a close-knit family. OSCAR is at the forefront of giving the next generation who will inhabit Dharavi hope and help in achieving their dreams. They run mentorships and careers advice sessions which help youths seeking to escape crushing poverty. Their main project is to help youths avoid crime by encouraging them to play football, rather fittingly titled 'education with a kick'.

The people of Dharavi set a great example for the rest of the world, especially to those of us who have privileges and facilities that many don't. At a time when the world is more polarised than ever, the lecture reminded us that unity and hope still do exist in today's fast-paced world. Overall, it was a stimulating experience for all who attended and many thanks to Ashok and Lucinda from OSCAR and the Geography department for organising such an extraordinary event. We look forward to their return, when OSCAR will bring a boys' Under-17 team to Harrow as part of a tour next term.

HERE AND THERE

After performing to a full house at Wigmore Hall on 26 April, baritone Theodore Platt (*The Head Master's* 2007³), was awarded second prize in the 2019 Kathleen Ferrier Competition, Britain's most prestigious singing award. Platt left Harrow and went on to study at the Royal College of Music Opera Studio. In the competition he offered a programme of arias and songs by Rachmaninov, Mozart, Duparc, Wagner, Sibelius and Britten. The Biology Challenge took place at the end of last term. Of the 45 boys in the Remove who entered this international

competition, more than three-quarters received a gold, silver or bronze award. Special mention goes to Archie Kyd, *The Park*, Hugo Heffer, *Elmfield*, Freddie Weatherby, *Elmfield*, William Wauchope, *The Knoll*, and Aarav Tribhuvan, *Moretons*, who all achieved gold.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

30 April

On Tuesday, the Remove String Quartet consisting of Jonathan Yuan, *The Head Master's*, (violin), Alex Lee, *Moretons*, (second violin), Joseph Wragg, *The Grove*, (viola) and Jun Wha Shin, *Elmfield*, (cello), travelled to a Holocaust Memorial at the Association of Jewish Refugees to play some chamber music, namely Mozart's *String Quartet in G major*, one of six which was composed for his friend Joseph Haydn. We played three movements, the first being a majestic and jolly Allegro, the second, a slow contemplative Andante and finally the last, a fast and lively Allegro Vivace.



After playing for the Holocaust survivors for about half an hour, we had lunch with them. It was very moving and interesting to learn about their own terrible but fascinating stories of capture, escape, the concentration camps, their release and their lives after the Second World War in this country.

It was a great privilege to be able to make elderly people happy and it was a great experience for us to perform at a venue outside Harrow. Thanks must go to MJMR and DNB for making this happen.

DAME VAUGHAN AGONY AUNT

Dear Dame Vaughan,
Our Dame,
Who art in the Vaughan,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy recommendations come,
Thy reading be done,
In the Vaughan as it is in our English lessons.
Give us this day our daily chapter,
And forgive us our overdue,
As we forgive those who hold onto our reservations,
Lead us not into electronic media,
But deliver us a book recommendation.

For liketh the hart desireth the waterbrook, so longeth my soul after an enjoyable classic dealing with the complexities of maintaining faith in our day to day lives, and a classic revelling in the joys of friendship and love over time, O Dame. For I have felt a twitch upon a thread, yet my mind is at odds with what my religion prescribes, fulfilling its etymological bindings upon my heart. Deliver me your succour.

Yours divinely,
Sebastian Aloysius

Dear My Faith-Fraught Friend,

Peace be with you and thank you for your orison. It sounds like you're going through a mid-faith crisis – totally normal, we all do. I believe John Donne said it best when he wrote 'Batter my heart, thou three-personed God [...] break, blow, burn and make me new'. It can be an incredibly physical battle, this war between heart and soul. In this everchanging world, it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain faith, or develop a relationship with God which reflects how you feel about His creation. Faith is different to religion, belief is different to faith, and attempts to conflate these concepts cause people to be at odds with their spirituality. Work, society, sexuality, religion, all vie for space and supremacy instead of creating dialogue and empathy. Thus it has been for millennia. Here endeth the lesson. Meanwhile, my reading suggestion is an absolute classic from one of the greatest writers in the twentieth century, tackling this exact subject: *Brideshead Revisited* by Evelyn Waugh. The most nostalgic and reflective of Evelyn Waugh's novels, *Brideshead Revisited* looks back to the golden age before the Second World War, a stunning novel of duty and desire set amongst the decadent, faded glory of the English aristocracy. It tells the story of Charles Ryder's infatuation with the Marchmains and the rapidly disappearing world of privilege they inhabit. Enchanted first by Sebastian Flyte at Oxford, then by his doomed Catholic family, in particular his remote sister, Julia, Charles comes finally to recognise his spiritual and social distance from them. Society, class, religion, sexuality, faith – all combine in this masterful novel.

Et in Arcadia Ego,
Dame Vaughan

[If you have a book-themed predicament, and wish to seek advice from the omniscient Dame Vaughan, please email the editor or the Vaughan Library, who will pass it onto the Dame's people]

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters to the Editors of *The Harrovian*

Dear Sirs,

I think that it is frankly absurd that the privilege of wearing award ties is restricted to boys in the Sixth Form. Although I agree that some privileges should be left until the Sixth Form to cultivate a culture of respect, I think that this should not extend to ties. I also don't think that we should dilute the sense of achievement by giving out more of them. I only argue that a boy in the Lower School should have the opportunity to receive the reward he is due for exceeding the effort of a Sixth Form tie holder.

I hope to outline some of the reasons why in this letter.

First of all, obtaining such a tie (from an extraordinary commitment to a society, sporting endeavour or house) is in itself a reward. It requires a considerable amount of effort. I don't think that it is right or fair on any level to attach two different conditions to the wearing of a tie (when one of them is out of the person's control). Since ties are rewards designed to allow holders to show pride, why shouldn't a recipient be allowed to wear one? Furthermore, is it right that effort in the Sixth Form is more important than effort in the younger years? Is it right that effort is only awarded with age? It is my contention that allowing Lower School boys to (through exceptionally unique and difficult circumstances – perhaps even harder work) achieve ties would add motivation to the boys.

Secondly, the official reasoning for this outdated and ageist policy (at least according to the information bestowed to prospective parents on Open Days) is that the School is "still in mourning for Her Majesty, Queen Victoria". While I understand both that Victoria was a significant policy and the story is just

a traditional "fun fact", I do think the idea behind it should be addressed. While the black ties have become an iconic part of Harrow dress, so have the quirky and unique award ties. When Harrow aims to prepare one for life (in which black ties are usually reserved for funerals), why should the field of dress be any exemption? Why should all boys not wear award ties of all colours and shapes? Why are we still mourning a queen who passed over a hundred years ago?

Finally, I think that it is not a valid argument that the policy should be kept in place just so it can be the same for the current Lower School as it was for boys in the Sixth Form when they were in the Lower School. We should not let parity for a previous generation stand in the way of progress. So, while I am not advocating wearing award ties all the time, I think the right to wear Saturday dress when one has received a tie should extend to all boys in the School. Let us replace an outdated "existing custom".

Yours faithfully,
DYLAN WINWARD, LYON'S

GAFFE AND GOWN

Quips from Around the Hill

"Sir, I don't understand this question" "And you don't understand how little I care, boy."

(Discussing evolution and adaptations) "Look boys, I'm just a puny, pasty white man and I'll never be good at 100m."

SUDOKU

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SWIMMING

*Seniors Gala v Cranleigh School, Harrow Won
Harrow 56, Cranleigh 28*

Harrow finished their year of inter-school competitions with an emphatic win against Cranleigh School. The Harrow Senior swimmers had a perfect clean sweep in all events, with a win in every race.

*Colts Gala v Cranleigh School, Harrow Won
Harrow 57, Cranleigh 27*

The Under-16 squad nearly matched the Senior squad's performance of a win in every race, but they were beaten in one event. This overall win completes an unbeaten season for the Under-16 squad.

ATHLETICS

The Guy Butler Shield, 11 May

On Saturday 11 May, the very strong athletics squad continued their excellent results by once again winning the Guy Butler Shield, seeing off traditional rivals Eton and St Paul's in the process.



Remi Jokosenumi, *Lyon's*, won the cup for best track athlete in the Under-17 category for his superb 10.9s in the 100m, whilst Finn Teepsuwan, *Lyon's*, won best Under-20 field athlete trophy for his mark of 13m 12cm in the triple jump. The Harrow team remains very difficult to beat, and the squad are to be congratulated on their commitment, competitiveness, and camaraderie.

Juniors	
1st Coopers' Coborn	212
2nd Eton	191
3rd Dulwich	185
Intermediates	
1st Harrow	215
2nd St Paul's	205
3rd St Albans	194
Seniors	
1st Harrow	235
2nd St Paul's	199
3rd Eton	192



(Above: GHW and Daniel Adebayo, *The Head Master's*, with the Guy Butler Shield)

Overall Results

1st Harrow	631
2nd Eton	577
3rd St Paul's	539

TRACK AND FIELD CUP

Round One, 14 May

On Tuesday, 14 Shells and Removes travelled to Mile End for the first round of the Track and Field Cup. This is a national competition and a good score in round one ensures progression to the semi-final, with the ultimate aim of being invited to the national final. Over 200 schools take part over various regions in England and so top results are paramount. The juniors produced some excellent track results on the day, progressing easily to the semi-finals.

Harrow, with 450 pts

100m	12.6s = 17pts	Ayobami Awolesi, <i>The Head Master's</i>
	13.0s = 13pts	Marcos Kantaris, <i>Lyon's</i>
200m	23.6s = 26pts	Samuel Quist, <i>The Grove</i>
	24.4s = 22pts	Ed Garuba, <i>Newlands</i>
300m	40.8s = 21pts	Alex Haston, <i>Rendalls</i>
	39.5s = 24pts	Ayomide Awolesi, <i>The Head Master's</i>
800m	2m 15s = 19pts	Jack Joyce, <i>The Knoll</i>
	2m 29.7s = 13pts	Archie Keith, <i>The Knoll</i>
1500m	4m 33.6s = 19pts	George Ferguson, <i>Newlands</i>
	5m 01.2s = 15pts	Freddie Taylor, <i>Newlands</i>
Hurdles	11.4s = 28pts	Ayo Ajibola, <i>Bradlys</i>
	13.7s = 16pts	Chinedu Orji, <i>The Park</i>
Relay	51.1s = 17pts	
High Jump	1.71m = 23pts	Jack Joyce
	1.59m = 19pts	Chinedu Orji
Long Jump	5.45m = 19pts	Ayomide Awolesi
	5.13m = 16pts	Samuel Quist
Triple Jump	11.22m = 18pts	Ayobami Awolesi
	9.15m = 7pts	Freddie Taylor
Shot	13.15m = 26pts	Iyanu Ademuwagun, <i>Druries</i>
	7.26m = 6pts	Alex Haston
Discus	29.40m = 20pts	Nick Martin, <i>The Knoll</i>
	23.62m = 15pts	Ayo Ajibola
Javelin	35.63m = 17pts	Archie Keith
	33.53m = 16pts	Marcos Kantaris

TENNIS

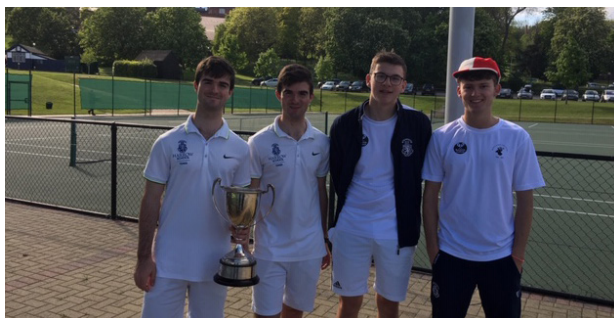
11 May

After a brief interruption from rain, the House tennis competition took place on Saturday afternoon. There was a lot of good play and both Torpids and House finals were very close.



(Above) In the Torpids The Head Master's pairing of Michael O'Callaghan and Thomas Cheah overcame stiff resistance from The Knoll pairing of Daniel Sidhom and Sasha Sebag-Montefiore, to win 6-4.

In the House competition there was an epic struggle with both pairs holding match points. In the end, The Knoll pairing of Alex Saunders and Harry Saunders beat The Park's pair of David Gibbons and Tom Santini 7-6. (Photo below)



*Junior Colts A v University College School (UCS)
Harrow Won 5 sets to 3*

*Yearlings A v University College School (UCS)
Harrow Lost 5 sets to 6*

In their third match of the season, Harrow put up a brave fight against a strong UCS squad. With both teams well-matched in their doubles play, the score in sets remained neck-and-neck throughout the afternoon. With five Calcutta Debating Circle sets-a-piece as the fixture drew to its end, UCS managed to clinch the final singles point to take the closing score beyond Harrow's reach at 5 sets to 6. Impressive wins in the doubles contest by 1st pair Alonso Fontana, *The Grove*, and Jonty Williams, *Moretons*, and 4th pair Mete Kuner, *West Acre*, and Inigo Doyle, *The Park*, who contributed significantly to the final tally of points for the home team.

CRICKET

1st XI v Whitgift, Harrow won by 35 runs, 11 May

Harrow	B	R
L Harrington-Myers lbw M Rana	28	69
H Dicketts c B Sewell	8	15
P Patel b M Rana	5	14
T Sheopuri lbw M Rana	5	18
R Wijeratne c M Rana	47	39
C Witter c M Rana	29	56
C Boland c B Sewell	19	19
J Chohan c S Eyre	20	26
M Ali† c B Sewell	6	8
T Ward b B Sewell	0	6
M Akhtar not out	1	1
Extras		33
Total		201

	O	M	R	W
N Young	8	1	41	0
B Sewell	10	1	37	4
M Rana	9	2	43	4
S Eyre	9	0	38	2
W Heaver	9	0	32	0

Whitgift	B	R
G Roberts b T Ward	5	18
J Cleaver c M Ali	28	63
B Sewell c M Ali	7	17
R Low run out (J Chohan)	14	18
N Young c J Chohan	26	15
J Baxter c J Chohan	11	14
J Rodnight c C Boland	34	62

B Heaver b J Chohan	2	6
M Rana b J Chohan	2	6
S Eyre run out (H Dicketts)	19	22
W Heaver not out	2	2
Extras		21
Total		171

	O	M	R	W
C Boland	9	0	35	1
T Ward	6	0	26	1
M Akhtar	8	0	32	0
M Ali	9	1	24	2
J Chohan	9	0	50	4

In the first full home fixture of the season Harrow impressed once again. After rushing down from lessons, Harrow lost the toss and were asked to bowl. At least that is what Captain Musa Ali, *Moretons*, told everyone before remembering that in fact Whitgift had chosen to bowl first. A few of the squad pointed out that this meant we were, in fact, batting. Harrington-Myers, *Bradlys*, and Dicketts, *Elmfild*, once again started well in difficult conditions playing straight and pouncing on anything short, one hook from Harrington-Myers in particular a highlight. Dicketts fell to a short ball, simply too early on the ball on a slow wicket and picking out midwicket. Patel, *Elmfild*, looked comfortable before playing a loose shot outside off stump and dragging on. Harrington-Myers and Sheopuri, *Lyon's*, both fell with the score on 66 and Harrow were in a touch of trouble. Once again Wijeratne, *The Head Master's*, and Witter, *Elmfild*, rebuilt well, putting on 70 runs but both fell to loose shots. The tail batted well with Boland, *Newlands*, (19) and Chohan, *Lyon's*, (20) leading us to 201 all out. This was revised to 206 by D/L after five overs were lost to rain.

In response, Whitgift played sensibly with all three of Harrow's seamers bowling accurately. Ward, *West Acre*, got the first breakthrough clean bowling their opener for 5. At tea, the game was well poised with Whitgift 42-1. Harrow got two quick breakthrough after tea with Ali picking up two wickets off attempted sweep shots. What followed was a period where Whitgift were in control with Young scoring 26 off just 15 balls. Harrow regained control through a fortuitous run out hit straight back at Chohan before deflecting on to the stumps. Wijeratne changed the game with a spectacular catch at deep midwicket from a flat, hard catch diving forwards to dismiss the quick scoring Young. Whitgift continued to bat well and although Chohan picked up two more wickets Harrow were not in complete control. From 122-8 Whitgift put on 50 for their last two wickets, batting sensibly and putting Harrow under pressure. A good run out by Dicketts and some good death bowling by Boland eventually sealed the win. A good win against excellent opposition.

The School v Eton 2nd XI Harrow lost by 107 runs

This all-day game is one of the season's highlights, and for some of the boys this was the first 50-over match they had played. There was much drama as the game moved Harrow's way in the first innings, but a spectacular Harrow batting collapse in the afternoon gave Eton victory. One boy on each team took at least five wickets.

In changeable conditions, Harrow performed superbly in the field to restrict Eton to 178-9 off 50 overs. The initial attack set the tone, with Robin Guthe, *Elmfild*, bowling a spell of 7-1-11-1, and Sehaj Dhaliwal, *The Knoll*, bowling a spell of 7-0-11-0, leaving the Eton batsmen looking short of ideas on 22-1 after 14 overs. But there was better to come. Eton continued to score at just over two an over, the first boundary coming in the 22nd over, and with the score at 80-3 at lunch,

Harrow were well on top. As expected, Eton came out after lunch determined to increase their run rate, and there was a sudden flurry of runs; in the overs after lunch they managed to score at a healthier six an over. Guthe's second spell was stellar: he ripped through the Eton middle order, ending up taking 6-28 off his 10 overs, keeping him in contention for Lord's. Throughout the innings, Kareem Jaffrey, *Elmfield*, barely made a mistake behind the stumps, taking three catches, and Alexander Ballingal, *Moretons*, was his usual electric presence at point, injecting the side with much energy and enthusiasm. Spirits were high.

Whilst fielding, the Harrow boys had appreciated that conditions for batting were not perfect: the outfield was slow, and the boundary going away down the hill had barely been reached in the first innings. As Dhaliwal had shown in the first innings, the pitch was turning too. Harrow made a decent start, and were 29-0 off nine overs, largely due to some very good running between the wickets. However, two wickets in the tenth over precipitated an almighty collapse. In spite of needing only three an over, no one showed resolve at the crease, not least against Eton's left-arm spinner. Whilst Jafree and George Burton, *Druries*, got good balls, a series of soft dismissals meant Harrow were 71 all out. Nine of the Harrovian batsmen were dismissed by being caught. This had been Harrow's game to lose, and there was very little to commend in their batting.

3rd XI v Eton College, Won by 2 runs
Colts A v Eton College, Lost by 5 wickets
Colts B v Eton College, Lost by 7 wickets
Paddy Breeze, *Elmfield*, 36
Colts C v Eton College, Lost by 12 runs
Zac Yardley, *Druries*, 4 for 20

Harrow C Team lost by 12 runs after a valiant effort at chasing down the total with ten men. Zac Yardley, *Druries*, was the pick of the bowlers with 4-20. Unfortunately, the boys couldn't keep their 100% record for the season.

Junior Colts A v Eton College, Won by 6 wickets
George Culter, *The Knoll*, 86*
Junior Colts B v Eton College, Lost by 8 wickets
Harvey Douglas, *Elmfield*, 34
Junior Colts D v Eton College matched Tied
Both sides were all out for 98

Yearlings A v Eton College, Won by 126 runs
Veer Patel, *The Knoll*, 94, Brij Sheopuri, *Lyon's*, 68,
George Ansell, *The Park*, 3 for 13

On a slow damp wicket, the Harrow openers Kit Keey, *Druries*, (22) and Connor O'Flaherty, *The Head Master's*, (25) did a great job to get the team off to a secure start. It was only 8 for 0 off 6 overs but the bowling was challenging. Patel and Sheopuri then capitalised, putting on 145 for the 3rd wicket. Eton were quickly reduced to 20 for 4 by Ansell and never recovered.

Yearlings B v Eton College, won by 6 wickets
Olly Hills, *The Head Master's*, 4 for 23,
Sam Harrison, *The Head Master's*, 60,
Arnaud du Roy de Blicquy, *Elmfield*, 50*
Yearlings C v Eton College, Won by 2 wickets
Arthur Virgin, *Druries*, 34,
Caspar Kingsley, *Elmfield*, 3 for 15,
Elliott Taylor, *West Acre*, 3 for 22 runs.
Yearlings D v Eton College, Lost by 33 runs,
Harry Layzell, *Druries*, 3 for 16

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