

HARROW NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL

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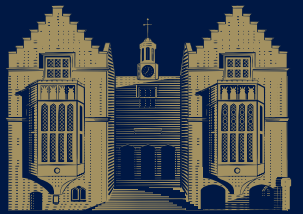


HARROW IN NUMBERS

**12 BOARDING
HOUSES**



FOUNDED IN
1572



**320 ACRE
ESTATE**

INCLUDING 6 CONSERVATION AREAS,
1 REGISTERED PARK, 1 WORKING FARM,
1 FISHING LAKE, 1 WOODLAND,
1 OBSERVATORY.

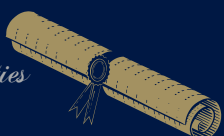


AT GCSE,
Over **64%** 9/8/A*



AT A LEVEL,
28% A* & 61% A*/A

OVER **60%** OF 2018 LEAVERS
WENT TO *Russell Group Universities*
25% TO GLOBAL TOP TEN

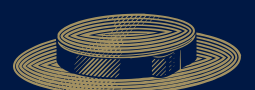
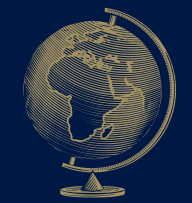


30 SPORTS

20+ TEAMS IN EACH
MAJOR SPORT



**80% BRITISH
BOYS**
OTHERS FROM **38**
DIFFERENT COUNTRIES



830
FULL-BOARDING
BOYS
AGED **13-18**



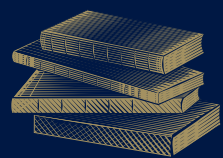
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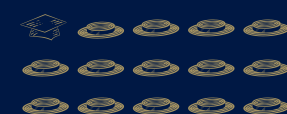
20 minutes from
BAKER STREET

50

SUPER-CURRICULAR
ELECTIVES



14:1 average
PUPIL : TEACHER RATIO.

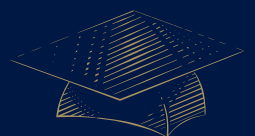


Over **150**
PROJECTS &
PARTNERSHIPS

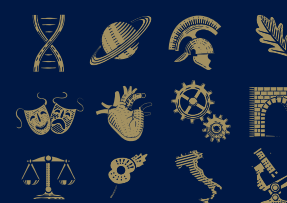


WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS
& COMMUNITY GROUPS

10+
DRAMA
PRODUCTIONS
EACH YEAR



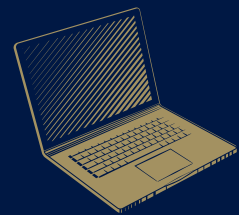
130
RESIDENT
BEAKS
(TEACHERS)



CURRENT HARROWIANS
CAME FROM
250
PREP/JUNIOR
SCHOOLS



1 TABLET
COMPUTER
TO EVERY BOY



4
VALUES

**COURAGE
+ HONOUR +
HUMILITY &
FELLOWSHIP**



20 CHOIRS &
ENSEMBLES



80+ MUSIC
PERFORMANCES
EACH YEAR

OPEN MORNINGS

Harrow's open mornings are an excellent way for prospective parents and their sons to learn about the School and life on the Hill.

Visit harrowschool.org.uk for forthcoming dates and to book.

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FROM THE HEAD MASTER



The start of the Autumn term has been an exciting time to be at Harrow School. We welcomed a new cohort of Shell boys who have made an impressive start: I was

pleased to have their rapt attention in the Fourth Form Room, to encounter them in the Biology labs, and to see them get to grips with their new life with great aspiration and engagement. Harrow's new Sixth Form joiners have also committed themselves as Harrovians with the same unequivocal spirit, and impressively so.

All who have come to Harrow this term, either as returners or new joiners, do so to a School celebrating record-breaking exam results and astonishing sporting success.

As always, there was a great sense of occasion surrounding our annual fixture

at the home of cricket: Harrow v Eton at Lord's. The outstanding win by Harrow's First XI was their best performance this season, but the most satisfying element for me was the spirit and behaviour of the boys on the pitch.

In this newsletter, you can read about some of the trips and tours that boys enjoyed over the summer, highlights from the array of wonderful opportunities open to Harrovians and some of their outstanding recent achievements.

Headmaster

NEW HOUSE MASTERS FOR DRURIES AND THE HEAD MASTER'S

BRENDAN MCKERCHAR DRURIES

Educated at Merchiston Castle School, Brendan went on to read Biology at the University of Durham before completing his Masters at the University of Oxford, where he earned two double Blues in rugby and cricket. He has also played both sports for Scotland. After leaving Oxford, Brendan taught at his alma mater, where he was an Assistant House Master and Director of Rugby. He was Director of Sport at Emanuel School in London for four years before arriving at Harrow in September 2014 to teach Biology, going on to be Assistant House Master in The Park and the School's Director of Sport. Brendan has a keen interest in travel and music and is a proud Scotsman.



Brendan Mckerchar

CHRIS POLLITT THE HEAD MASTER'S

Chris read Economics and Management at Worcester College, Oxford, before beginning his teaching career in the Economics department at St Edward's School, Oxford. There he was Assistant House Master of a boys' boarding house and Master-in-Charge of Scholars. Chris joined Harrow in September 2012 as Head of Economics and Assistant House Master of Bradbys. He later became Assistant House Master of Newlands and has also been a Sixth Form tutor in Moretons. Chris has a particular interest in soccer and athletics and is also a keen musician. He is a governor at a local primary school and enjoys travelling.



Chris Pollitt

EXPERIENCE HARROW

Last term saw the first Experience Harrow day for boys holding offers of places for 2020. The Head Master hosted 43 boys in their penultimate year at their prep schools, together with their parents and some of their teachers. The day started with a chance to meet informally with members of the Senior Management Team and to hear from the Head Master about recent initiatives and the School's strategy. The boys and their parents were then divided into four groups, experiencing different aspects of the curriculum. They went to four lessons, each of them different and each of them showing Harrow's

teaching departments at their best: science experiments in Chemistry, making "elephants' toothpaste" and very loud bangs; an introduction to Latin as a living, spoken language in the Old Speech Room Gallery, surrounded by the School's collections of pottery and ancient artefacts; a History lesson in the Fourth Form Room, starting from the carved names of Old Harrovian prime ministers and looking at their contribution to British history; and a Design & Technology lesson in Churchill Schools, making an Experience Harrow keyring by which to remember the day. The boys then had lunch in their future Houses, sitting with

the current Shells (Year 9 boys), and spent some time with their House Masters and Matrons. In the afternoon, they experienced some of the most Harrovian parts of the co-curriculum: they sang Harrow Songs in Speech Room, studied the sky in the Rayleigh Observatory, took a masterclass in drawing in the Art Schools, and took to the stage in the Ryan Theatre. The day ended with tea with the Head Master. Asked about their experience of Harrow on the day, parents and boys were so enthusiastic and positive that Experience Harrow will become part of the School year, with four such days planned for summer 2020.

2019 EXAMINATION RESULTS AND UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Last year's Fifth Form achieved the best GCSE results in the School's history with 64.5% of grades at 9, 8 or A*.

Ninety-eight per cent of entries used numerical grades, with a remarkable 39.2% of numerical grades being a grade 9 – the highest possible outcome. While it is difficult to contextualise this figure with a new grading system, in 2018 only 4.5% of entries nationally achieved a grade 9.

The percentage of grades 4 or higher was 99.4% with seven boys achieving ten or more grade 9s. Twenty-nine boys attained ten or more grades 9, 8 or A*, with 54 boys acquiring nine or more grades 9, 8 or A*.

We were also delighted with the public examination and university successes of our Upper Sixth leavers this summer. Nearly one third of all grades were the highest possible, meaning that, for the third year in a row, the A* rate has exceeded the School's average A* rate since the grade was introduced in 2010. In most modern foreign languages and in History of Art, boys take the Pre-U qualification. An impressive 49% of Pre-U grades were awarded either a D1 or D2, which are the highest two grades available and the equivalent of an A* or higher.

This year's leavers will be taking up places at seven of the world's top ten universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Stanford and Chicago, and six of the eight Ivy League schools in America. Others have secured places at the UK's most academically selective universities such as Imperial, UCL, LSE and Durham.



POSITIVE RESPONSE TO TECHNOLOGY FOR LEARNING

Two years ago, we introduced tablet computers at Harrow, with the aim of enhancing Harrovians' experience of learning, and entirely replacing desktops across the School.

Through their tablet computers, boys can work independently and on projects, access resources from anywhere in the world, organise their notes, complete activities, assessments and prep, conduct

research, and use various digital platforms for collaboration with their peers and beaks.

In the summer, we surveyed boys, parents and teaching staff to seek their views on the tablet programme. Their responses strongly suggested that all three groups welcomed the introduction of the devices and felt that they had been very positive for teaching and learning.

Over two-thirds of parents agreed or strongly agreed that 'overall, the introduction of [tablet] computers has been positive for my son' and that

they encouraged greater academic collaboration, organisation and independence. A third of parents thought that the tablet devices had led to more academic work being completed in the holidays. Harrovians overwhelmingly welcomed the move, highlighting that they now collaborate more effectively and work with more independence; they also noted that their organisation had improved. Among our teaching staff, the majority noted that boys had become more organised as a result and that they had also improved their collaborative skills.



HARROVIANS RAISE MONEY FOR SRI LANKA

Following the murder of 259 people in a series of attacks in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday 2019, a number of Harrovians undertook fundraising activities for the Sri Lanka Relief Fund on Speech Day. With contributions on the day, plus existing funds from the Harrow Development Trust and planned giving, the total raised was £5,000.





CHEMISTRY

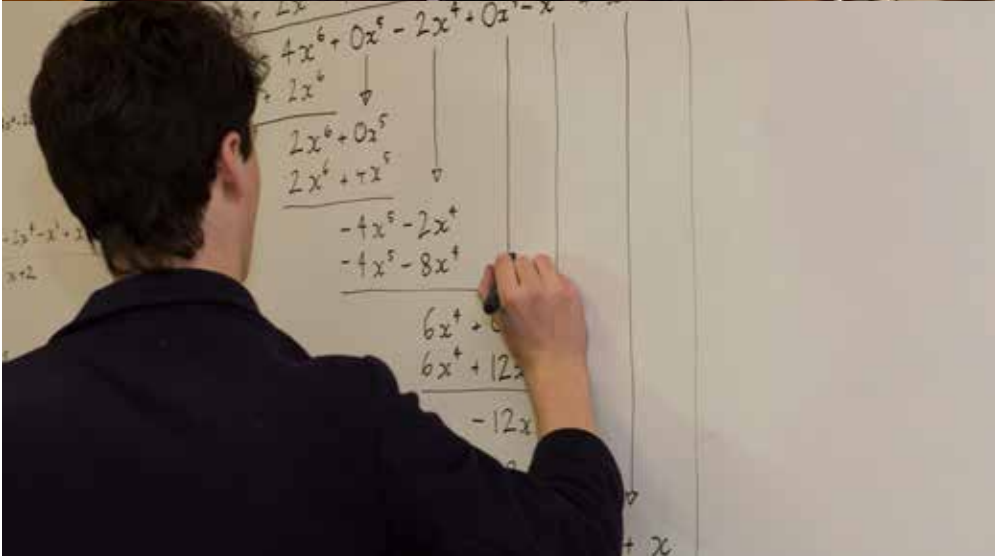
Thirty-eight Harrovians entered the C3L6 competition for Lower Sixth chemists and won 11 gold, 13 silver and nine copper medals.

BUSINESS

The LEAD leadership and business Elective gave the boys the opportunity to work with IBM. IBM set them the task of exploring how to use blockchain technologies to help solve social inequalities. The boys had access to industry mentors, sessions with experts and the opportunity to lead their group for a week, with detailed feedback. Two groups presented their solutions to the Head of Blockchain from IBM and other senior executives. Their solutions involved using blockchain to help provide DBS and qualification data for central government to help in safer recruitment, and a P2P microfinance global lending platform to match investors and entrepreneurs in the developing world.

MATHEMATICS

After scoring full marks in the Senior Mathematics Challenge, one Harrovian followed this up with a silver medal in the first round of the British Mathematical Olympiad (putting him in the top 17 in the country) and a Distinction in round 2. In the summer, he went on to achieve an A* in Mathematics and Further Mathematics A levels and was ranked in the top 50 for Mathematics in the whole of the UK. He also gained A* grades in Chemistry and Physics and will be taking up a place at Trinity College, Cambridge, to read Mathematics.



GEOGRAPHY

In the summer, the Lower Sixth enjoyed the Devonshire sunshine while operating out of the Field Studies Centre in Slapton. Projects ranged from an assessment of coastal management strategies to the influence that globalisation has had on our perception of urban environments. A group of Shell and Remove boys toured the south coast of Iceland over the course of the Easter break. They visited waterfalls, stepped up onto glacial ice and dived down into underground lava tubes, experiencing the land of fire and ice in its full splendour.

ENGINEERING

Four Harrovians were awarded prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarships. The Arkwright Engineering Scholarship programme aims to inspire and nurture school-age students to be the country's future leaders of the engineering profession. The scholarships are awarded to high-calibre 16-year-old students through a rigorous selection process. They support students through the two years of their A levels or equivalent qualifications. To apply, candidates must write a personal statement similar to the UCAS application, take a problem-solving examination and attend an interview day at a university. They take a range of projects with them to interview, to show to the panel of three experts. Nearly 2,000 applicants from across the UK applied for the scholarships this year: only 20% of those were successful.

HISTORY

Dr Glyn Redworth (variously of Oxford, Manchester and Buckingham Universities) was this year's Lyon Lecturer in History. He gave two masterclasses in early modern Europe to Upper Sixth and Lower Sixth History divisions, as well as a lecture on 'The Short Reign of King Philip I of England', for which we were joined by students and teachers from our partner school, the London Academy of Excellence, Tottenham, and schools from across the London Borough of Harrow.



King Philip of England and of Spain



Four Harrovians received Arkwright Engineering Scholarships

DEBATING

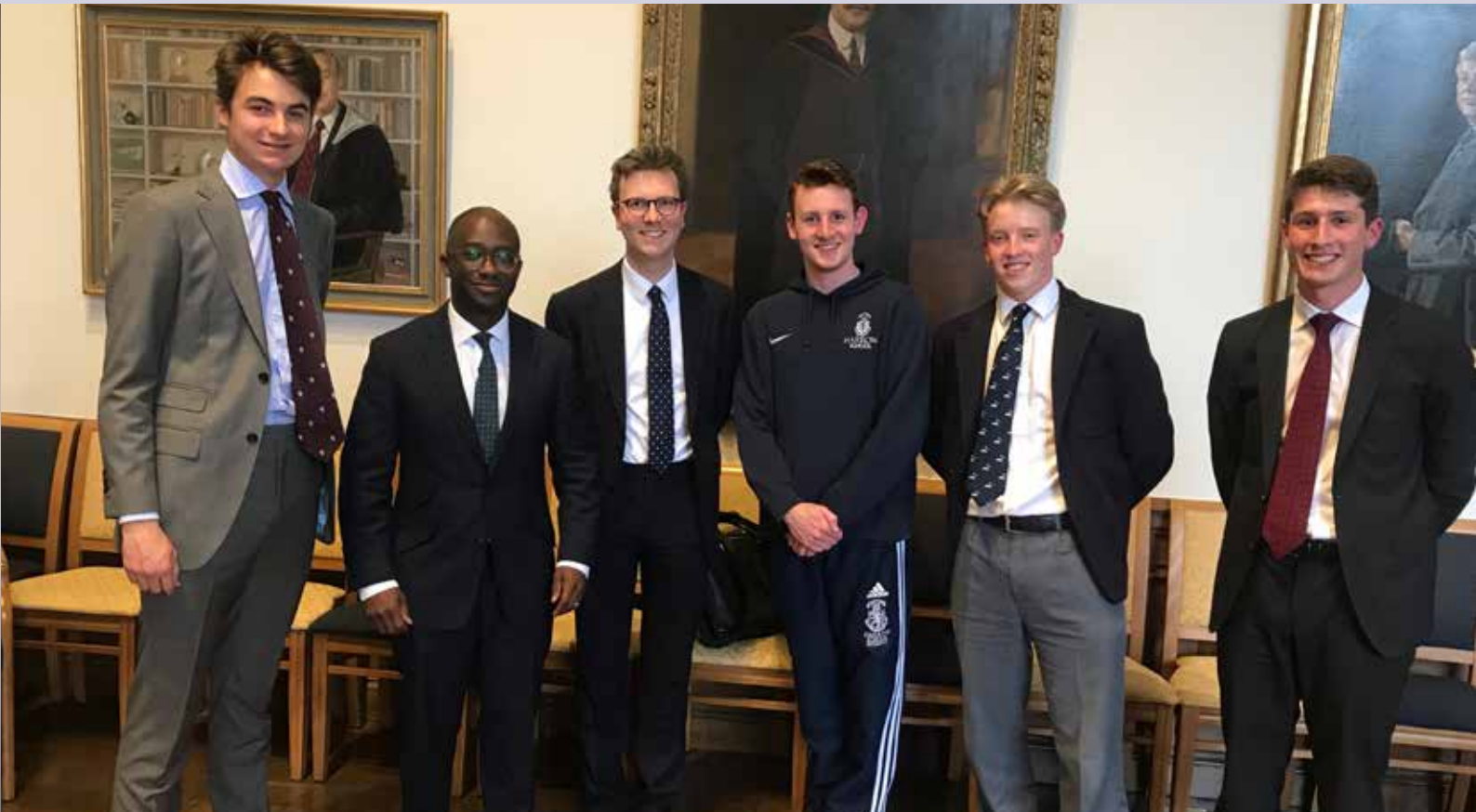
Twelve Harrovians travelled to Calcutta at the invitation of the Calcutta Debating Club to debate against some of the best schools in West Bengal. The debate motions included the ills of social media, borders and immigration, the abolition of examinations and excessive use of rules. Seven boys debated in the final against the best speakers from Calcutta at the Indian Cultural Commission's auditorium in front of a large audience that included representatives from the media. The Harrow side won the debate by both audience acclamation and by the formal adjudication. Three Harrovians won Best Speaker awards for their particular debates; one Harrovian picked up three Best Speaker awards over the week; and a Harrovian also took away the Best Speaker award from the final.

OLD SPEECH ROOM
GALLERY SOCIETY

Most popular of the London exhibitions visited during the Summer term were those featuring fashion designers Christian Dior and Mary Quant, although society members also enjoyed the 'Van Gogh and Britain' exhibition at Tate Britain. The 'I Am Ashurbanipal' blockbuster at the British Museum was particularly enjoyed by the group of Ancient History students who joined the society members.



Mary Quant exhibition at the V&A



Sam Gyimah MP with Palmerston Society members



Harrovian's debated with the Calcutta Debating Club

PALMERSTON SOCIETY

The Palmerston Society hosted Sam Gyimah MP. Mr Gyimah was first elected MP for East Surrey in 2010, served as Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to prime minister David Cameron in 2012, was a Government whip in 2013 and has held several ministerial positions including, most recently, Minister for Universities, Science, Technology and Innovation. He resigned over Theresa May's Brexit deal. He discussed the development of the Brexit process and his part in it, and how he came eventually to support a second referendum.

GORE SOCIETY

The annual Gore Lecture commemorates Charles Gore, an Old Harrovian who was one of the most influential Anglican theologians of the 19th century. Pupils from over 20 local schools joined the Harrow community for this year's lecture, given by Dr William Lane Craig. Dr Craig is a prominent American philosopher and theologian whose areas of speciality are the philosophy of religion and natural theology. His work embraces the philosophical and theological implications of modern physics, especially the Big Bang, quantum physics and the philosophy of time. The title of his lecture was 'Three reasons God exists and why it matters'.

SLAVONIC SOCIETY

Professor Phillip Bullock addressed the Slavonic Society's first meeting of the term. Professor Bullock, who teaches Russian Literature and Music at Oxford University, delivered a talk entitled 'Oh do not sing!: Pushkin's Poetry, Russian Music and Imperialism'. He spoke candidly about a variety of topics including Pushkin's relationships, Russian identity and what it means to be Russian.



Alexander Pushkin

DRAMA

The two main events for Drama in the Summer term were the Junior Rattigan Society promenade production of an adaptation of Erich Kaestner's famous novel *Emil and the Detectives*, and the Harrow Fringe Festival, a showcase of multi-disciplinary projects from contemporary theatre, new writing, comedy and short films to an acoustic stage featuring poetry and spoken word, pop-up Shakespeare and live music.

This page, *Emil and the Detectives*
Opposite page, events at the Harrow Fringe Festival



Emil and the Detectives





The Journey by Alan Tang – Junior winner of the Fox Talbot Photography Prize



An image from Madeleine Waller's *Harrow* exhibition

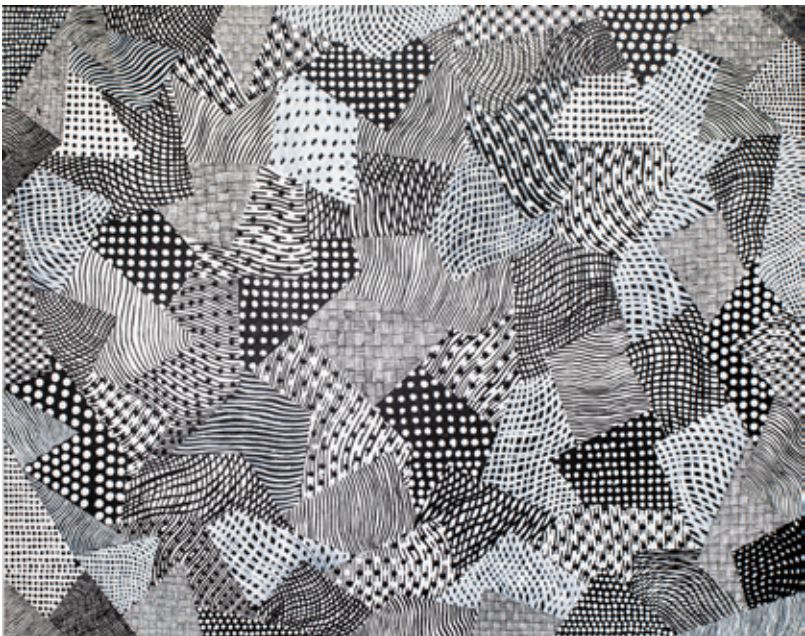


ART

Shown on these pages are works from some of the Summer-term highlights in Art, including the Burston Prize for Art, Photographer in Residence Madeleine Waller's exhibition *Harrow*, and the Fox Talbot Photographic Competition.



Street Vendor by David Adebayo – Senior winner of the Fox Talbot Photography Prize





MUSIC

For Harrow’s most able musicians, the ultimate accolade is to receive an invitation to perform in the Concerto Evening with a professional orchestra. This year’s programme included works by Beethoven, Haydn, Hummel, Weber, Godfrey, Glière, Sarasate and Rachmaninov.

There were abundant opportunities for solo performance in the preliminary rounds of

the Music Prizes, as every boy who plays an instrument performed a piece in the Music Schools Hall. The competition finals were testament to the strength and depth of talent among Harrovians. Despite very few Upper Sixth and Fifth Form musicians competing (because of public exams), we were still treated to nearly eight hours of performances in one day – a stunning showcase for Harrovian music.

Many boys were involved in rock and pop music, and bands performed at Harrow and at Wycombe Abbey School. The Mortimer Singer Prizes were keenly contested and we were delighted to have ‘Pinkie’ Bates of The Divine Comedy as our adjudicator.



HARROW RIFLE CORPS

Over the summer, the Army section took part in an adventurous training camp on the Isle of Wight, in which they completed a variety of water sports, further enhancing their teamwork capabilities. The new Royal Marine recruits travelled to Norton Manner Camp in Taunton, where they were hosted by 40 Commando for a week. Two cadets

progressed on from this week to Lympstone, where they took part in the second week of this year’s centralised Royal Marines summer camp programme.

The Royal Air Force cadets enjoyed a range of stimulating activities, including command tasks, runs on the obstacle course and shooting. The cadets learnt airmanship skills through lessons and flight simulators, with all passing their Part 1 tests. During field

weekends, the cadets visited the historic Battle of Britain bunker and a number of other flight museums.

The Royal Navy contingent spent a field weekend at a Royal Navy base staying on HMS Bristol and undertaking activities at HMS Collingwood. During Expeditions Week, they had the opportunity to take part in a PADI scuba diving camp.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Eighty-nine boys who had completed their Gold Award had the privilege of attending an award ceremony in the garden of Buckingham Palace on a lovely day in May. These awards represent the culmination of hours of regular commitment to year-round activities in School, together with a range of challenging expeditions.

Varied weather and terrain on expeditions have provided plenty of challenge at each level. At Bronze level, boys had to get themselves to and from the expedition area via the Metropolitan Line before walking around part of the Chilterns. The Silver qualifying trip was to the Black Mountains. At Gold, half a dozen boys opted for the new challenge of sea-kayaking, with trips to Anglesey and then the Isle of Skye area on the west coast of Scotland. Meanwhile, the majority undertook their four-day walking expeditions up hill and down dale in the Lake District, before heading further north to the wilds of the Cairngorms in the Scottish Highlands for their qualifying venture. During the latter trip, most groups impressively included the challenge of ascending at least one 3,000-foot mountain, a 'Munro', in their route.



LUMINA

In July, Harrow welcomed almost 200 students from 45 different maintained schools across boroughs in north-west London to Lumina, now in its sixth year, for advice and help on applying to Oxbridge and other Russell Group universities. The programme focused on admissions requirements on day one, subject tutorials and lectures on day two, and mock interviews and UCAS application work on day three. There was a session for teachers on applying to universities in the USA and a workshop for students on communication skills in interview scenarios. The whole event was rounded off with a keynote address by Helen Mountfield QC, Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford, who highlighted many of the strands of study across the three days and encouraged the students to put self-doubt aside in their aspirations for the future.



DRAMA FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

After 2018's inaugural primary school tour, a group of Harrovians devised a second production to play during 2019 to audiences of children aged five to seven from local primary schools. The production, *The Land of Nod*, was about following your dreams and the importance of a good night's sleep.



Harrow International Schools' Fifth Form Conference delegates

HARROW INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS' FIFTH FORM CONFERENCE

The Harrow International Schools' Fifth Form Conference, held each June and attended by pupil delegates from Harrow, John Lyon School and the Harrow International Schools in Bangkok and Hong Kong, has developed its programme to include charity and project work. The 2019 conference saw the delegates plan an afternoon of outreach work and take the lead in running the afternoon. The delegates were split into five groups for the community projects and ran events for around 60 primary school children on the Hill, with a carousel of sporting, artistic and dramatic activities. Two groups visited local care homes and provided entertainment such as games, a quiz and a music concert.



RUGBY SEVENS

In the 80th year of the Rosslyn Park HSBC National School Sevens, Harrow claimed victory at under-14 level – the School’s first-ever competition win at the ground. The Rosslyn Park event is the world’s largest schools’ rugby sevens tournament, fielding over 9,600 participants and over 1,200 matches. In the rounds, Harrow beat Oundle School, St Bartholomew’s School, St Cenydd Community School, Radley College, Effingham School and Worth School. In the quarter-final, they beat Stockport Grammar School to advance to the semi-final, where they beat New Hall School. The final was against Jumeirah English-Speaking School from Dubai, whom they overcame 35-14 to take the trophy. Over the two days, the boys played nine matches and scored 30 or more points in seven of them.

GOLF

With a combined gross score of 141, Harrow won the British Schools Junior Golf Trophy, six shots better than second-place Loretto, a school with a specialist golf academy. A member of the Harrovian team won the individual best gross score with a -4 round of 68, finishing the round with birdie, par, birdie, eagle, which was a new School record for the lowest score achieved in any competition. The team also won the handicap competition, giving a clean sweep to Harrow. In the Inter-House Golf Tournament, the pre-match favourites The Head Master’s and Elmfield came in with 20 and 18 points respectively and finished in first and second places. The Head Master’s score of 2 under gross round was the best ever for this competition.

CRICKET

As always, there was a great sense of occasion surrounding the annual fixture at the home of cricket: Harrow v Eton at Lord’s. Eton’s openers progressed well but the Harrow discipline and presence in the field eventually told. Their willingness to make every run count and apply pressure throughout was a key factor. The Harrovians had been working on skills development over the winter, and their success at Lord’s demonstrated that applying yourself with determination has a direct impact on the outcome of games. At the end of the match, Eton were 224 all out, with Harrow on 225 for 6. Before this crucial match, the Harrovians had also won seven of their eight previous fixtures.



Inter-House Golf Tournament



First, second and third places for Harrow in the Big South East Swim

SWIMMING

In June, Harrovians took part in the Big South East Swim at The Bridge in Dartford, winning first, second and third places. The lakes around Dartford Bridge are some of the cleanest in the UK and swimming in them except in organised events is forbidden. With a water temperature of less than 23°C degrees, swimmers wear specialist wetsuits to combat the cold. This was a unique experience for the Harrow swimming team.



ATHLETICS

More than 100 boys represented Harrow competitively during the season. Twenty-seven of these athletes went to the County Championships (of whom six won gold medals) and four qualified outright to represent Middlesex at the English Schools Athletics Association Championships. The Senior 4x800m relay team won gold at the Achilles Relays for the fifth year in a row, with the Intermediates winning the 4x100m, 4x200m and 4x800m relays. The Guy Butler Shield was retained by a margin of 55 points, making it ten wins in 11 years for Harrow.

POLO

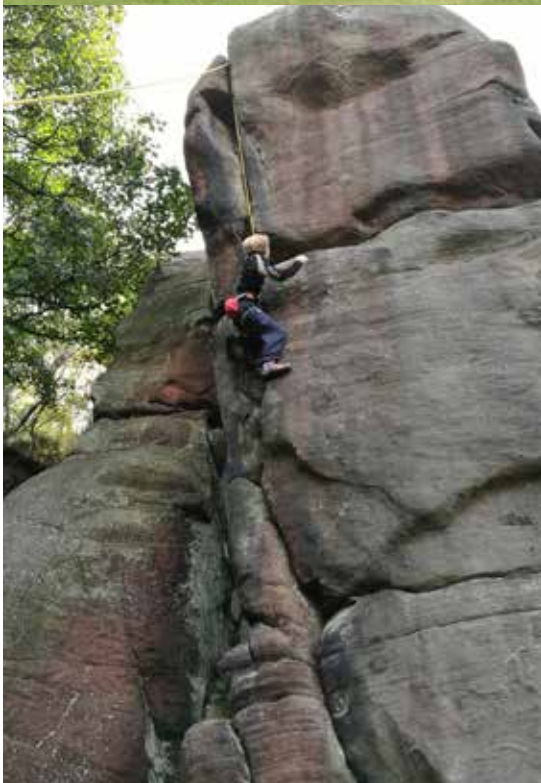
At the Copenhagen Cup at Guards Polo Club, the top four polo schools in the country battled it out for the prize. Harrow beat Millfield in the semi-finals 6-2. Two Harrovians scored hat-tricks to secure the team’s place in the final against Wellington. It was a fiercely fought match with each team playing at a very high level but the final score was 5-4 to Wellington. Another high point of the year was the annual battle against Eton. The match was part of the La Martina Varsity Polo Day at Guards, with over 1,000 spectators. Eton started with a one-and-a-half-goal advantage due to the difference in handicaps between the two teams but, in the end, Harrow won a convincing 12-4½ victory. The School ended the year playing in the National School’s Polo Tournament, where they reached the final.

CLIMBING

Two Harrovians were part of a small team that represented Harrow and England in the first-ever Climbing World Schools Championship. Held over seven days in Aubenas in France, the event was organised by the French School Sport Union. Sixty-eight athletes aged 15 to 18 took part, representing nine different countries. Participants were organised into 17 mixed teams of two boys and two girls. The Harrovians partnered girls from Westminster School and, together, the team finished third overall. One of the Harrovians came third in the individual male category.



Harrow won The Guy Butler Shield





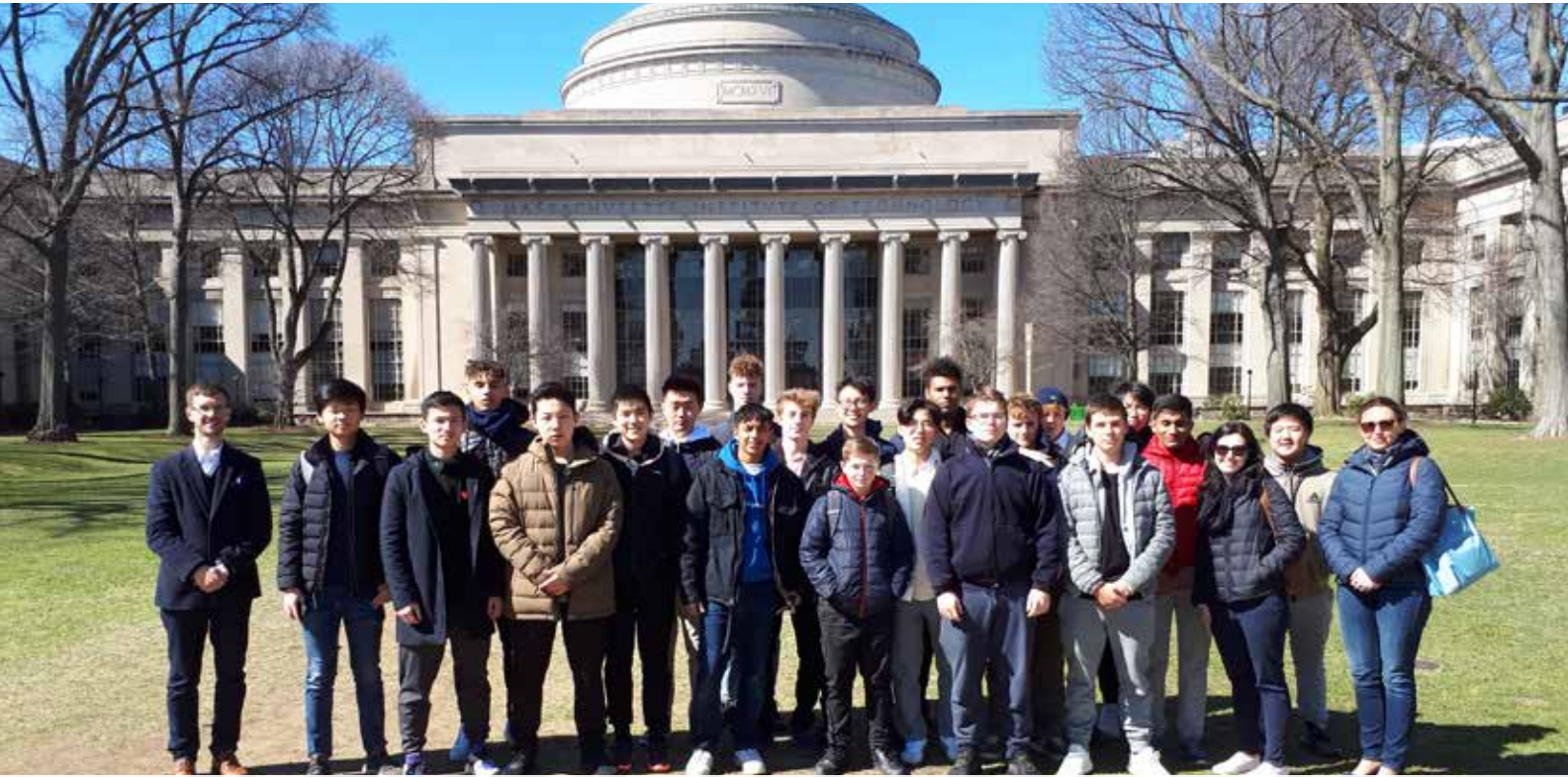
CONSERVATION IN NAMIBIA

Over the Easter holiday, nine boys went to the Oana reserve in Namibia to undertake conservation work. The two-week trip consisted of ten days in Southern Namibia, followed by a two-day safari in Kgalagadi Park in South Africa. The main purpose of the trip was to build a sand dam on the Harrow River. Over time, sand dams collect a significant amount of sand on the riverbed, stopping the water underneath from evaporating. This allows plants to draw water from underneath the sand, creating a green oasis in the desert where animals can come to drink. The boys also helped out in a local school.

TOUR OF US EAST COAST UNIVERSITIES

Twenty Harrovians travelled hundreds of miles all over the East Coast of the United States to tour some of the most prestigious academic institutions the country has to offer, including Princeton, Stanford, NYU,

Columbia, Harvard, Brown, Dartmouth, Tufts, Wesleyan and MIT. They found out more about the application process and what it was like to study at these institutions, and met some Old Harrovians currently studying in the US.



Harrovians visited MIT



JUDO TOUR TO JAPAN

In July, 14 boys went on the School's third judo tour of Japan. The tour was designed to promote cultural exchange and to help the boys develop new judo skills in the birthplace of the sport. The group visited a number of top-tier judo schools and universities where they were able to benefit from advice and training by Olympic and world champions in the sport. They watched a traditional sumo wrestling competition, visited a range of cultural and historic sites and took part in a variety of traditional Japanese activities such as a tea ceremony, calligraphy, music and cookery.



TALL SHIPS EXPEDITION

A group of Lower Sixth boys, along with a number of local young carers and young offenders, embarked on a week-long adventure to the Channel Islands in two 22m ships chartered from the Tall Ships Trust. The trip served to minimise the preconceptions of the groups, as well as offering a neutral space where neither Harrovians nor the other young people, whose places on the trip were sponsored by the Harrovians, were in their usual comfort zones. The trip, which took place in beautiful summer weather, provided an opportunity for the diverse group to work together as a team in overcoming the challenges they encountered and to get to know each other better.

CLASSICS IN CRETE

The destination for 2019 Classics trip was Crete, where the group's first destination was the site of Knossos. They travelled across the island to see Matala and its caves, and then moved on to Gortyn. Part of the appeal of the trip was the island hopping – to Santorini, where they visited Antica Thera, and to Mykonos, Naxos and Delos, as well as the beaches of Malia, Spinalonga and Rethemnos.





Soumik Datta's (*Bradlys 1997^s*) musical success continues. Highlights for this year include being a headlining act on the Green Fields stage at Glastonbury Festival; performing his own compositions fusing Indian music with choirs at the BBC Proms in August; and solo performances at WOMAD and Wimbledon festivals. Soumik was also the lead presenter of the BBC4 series *Rhythms of India*, which will be re-broadcast on the BBC World Service on 23 November.

Richard Curtis (*Rendalls 1970²*) wrote the screenplay of the 2019 film *Yesterday*. The film was directed by Danny Boyle and starred Himesh Patel in the lead role.



Richard Curtis

Austen Robinson (*Lyon's 2010³*) was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Marine Corps in June 2019. Austen acknowledges that his time in the CCF at Harrow sparked his interest in serving in the military.

Keith Fisher (*Elmfield 1949²*) has transformed a farm on his Higham estate into what is now one of the Lake District National Park's biggest tourist attractions. The Lakes Distillery opened four years ago and now produces and sells English whiskey, gin and vodka. It also hosts tours and has a bistro and shop.

Anjo Ademuwagun (*Druries 2017^s*) was selected as a full-time senior academy player for Wasps Rugby Club in the 2019/20 season.

William Rees (*The Grove 1998³*) released his sixth studio album, *A Billion Heartbeats*, with his band Mystery Jets.

Samuel Shashoua (*Rendalls 2012^s*) signed for CD Tenerife Football Club.

James Lane (*The Park 2010³*) and **Ed McGovern** (*The Knoll 2010³*), with their company, Indigo Theatre Productions, showcased their new production *The Man* at the 2019 Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Hamish Khayat (*The Head Master's 2004³*) has been named in the list of finalists for the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Greater Los Angeles award.

Manu Vunipola (*The Knoll 2014³*) started his first Premiership match for Saracens in May 2019.



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