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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.

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FROM THE HEAD MASTER



It is genuinely uplifting to see how inspired and engaged Harrovians are by the eclectic and challenging opportunities available to them during their time on the Hill. The steady stream of boys who come to see me in the mornings to talk about the areas of excellence in which they have been recognised is a delight. The busy programme covers not only academic subjects, but art, music, sport and broader engagement in culture and the local community. We aim to ensure that Harrovians carry this spirit of curiosity and adventure with them throughout their lives and you can read a snapshot of recent Old Harrovian adventures at the end of this newsletter.

We are immensely proud of the spirit shown by our young men who, over the last few months, have taken part in academic and sporting competitions, staged shows and concerts, and met leaders from all walks of life. As you will read in this newsletter, we have hosted visits from a recent Nobel Prize winner and four ambassadors to the UK, as well as hearing talks from game-changers in the worlds of law, space and climate.

Now, as the days get longer and nature starts to show early signs of spring, we look forward to making the most of our beautiful 324-acre estate which, as you will read in this issue, is now home to the beginnings of the Harrow Forest.

Abhinav Law



HARROW SCHOOL ONLINE

Harrow School has partnered with Pearson to launch a new online school, called Harrow School Online. Founded on the traditions and academic excellence of Harrow, the co-educational online school is now welcoming applications from international students around the world who wish to start their sixth-form education in September 2020.

Harrow School Online is for students aged 16 and over, who have strong English skills and are looking for a prestigious, high-quality British education that suits their lifestyles. Focusing initially on STEM subjects (Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Further Mathematics) and Economics, the school will help to prepare students for Pearson Edexcel International A level examinations, higher education and the employment opportunities of the future.

Students will take part in one-to-one academic tutorials, live online lessons with a teacher and other students, self-study lessons and regular coaching sessions that will provide them with personalised support and feedback.

As well as the focus on academic excellence, the school will aim to mirror Harrow's ethos as much as possible through a virtual house system, the opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities (such as a chess club and a student newspaper) and the chance to attend a summer course at Harrow. Harrow School Online's Principal is Heather Rhodes, who was Head of English as an Additional Language at Harrow for a number of years and the Academic Principal at Harrow School Short Courses.



Mark Ramprakash

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET STAR IS NEW DIRECTOR OF CRICKET

Former international cricketer Mark Ramprakash has been appointed as Harrow's new Director of Cricket. Mark took up his appointment in January and will be coaching Harrovians from the Shells to the Upper Sixth. Mark opened the batting for England during his 11-year international

career and he remains one of only 25 players to have scored 100 centuries in first-class matches. He said, "I shall have the privilege and challenge of not only developing the cricket potential of Harrow boys, but also helping to mould their characters through sport."

LEARNING FROM LEADERS

The Autumn term saw many distinguished visitors to Harrow. Four ambassadors to the UK – of Slovakia, Poland, the United States of America and the People's Republic of China – as well as the MP Andrew Mitchell and the barrister and activist Cherie Blair, all came to talk to Harrovians about their careers and the work they do now. We were also fortunate to be visited by Turner Prize-winning artists Gilbert & George, whose work was the inspiration for aspiring Harrovian artists. Harrow boys and staff also enjoyed talks by Professor Sir David Payne of the Royal Society, Dr Graham Turnock, who is CEO of the UK Space Agency, Professor Sir Brian Hoskins, Chair of the Grantham Institute for Climate Change and the Environment, and Nobel Prize winner Professor Sir Greg Winter, who is Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, and an expert on genetic and protein engineering.



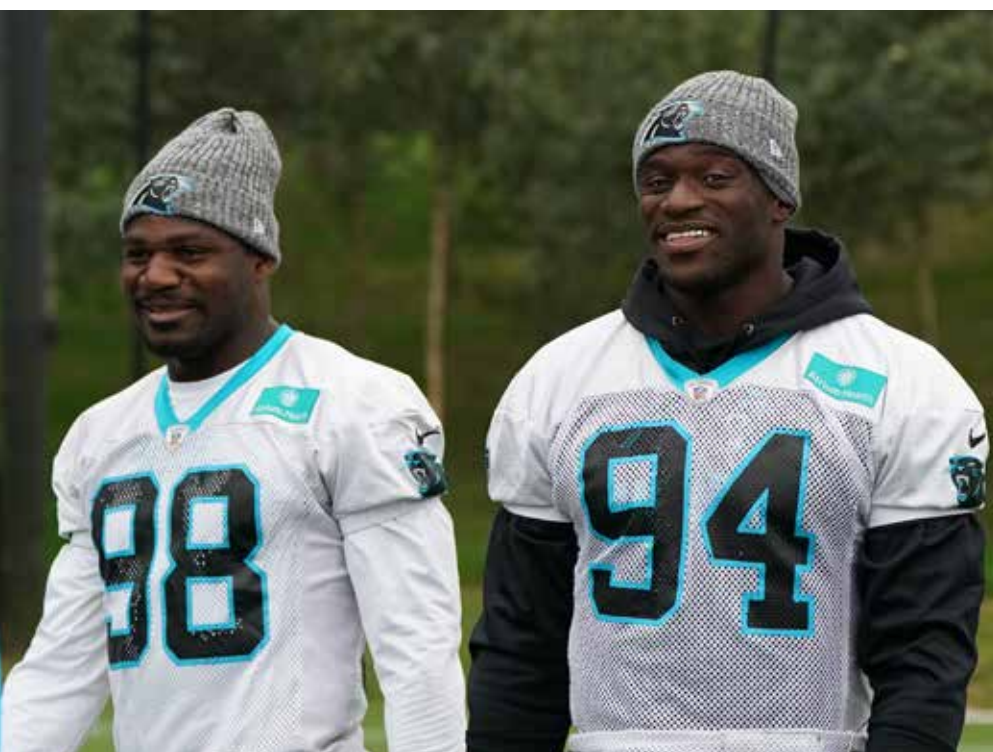
Professor Sir Greg Winter



Ambassador of Slovakia



Ambassador of the People's Republic of China



AMERICAN FOOTBALL COMES TO HARROW'S PITCHES

There was much excitement on the pitches when 60 lucky Harrow sportsmen, along with pupils from other local schools, joined members of American football team the Carolina Panthers for some training drills on the Harrow sports fields. For two days, Harrow served as the Panthers' training facility before their NFL match against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The 1st XV rugby pitch was altered to look like an American football field and some hard yards were put in to prepare for their match. The Panthers went on to beat the Buccaneers 37-26.

GREEN INITIATIVES AT HARROW

Harrovians are conscious of their responsibilities towards sustainability and their impact on the planet. The boys' practical passion in this crucial area has been a palpable force and is behind the School's aim to be single-use plastic free by September 2020.

The Environmental Committee, with representatives from staff and boys, meets termly to discuss initiatives and the way forward for the School's environmental agenda. It has initiated several measures to improve our energy saving including:

- the installation of LED lighting in School properties;
- replacing water bottles in packed meals with Belu water bottles made from 50% recycled plastic;
- replacing plastic teaspoons with metal spoons or wooden stirrers;
- removing sauce pots;
- replacing plastic cups with cups made from corn starch; and
- providing fully compostable salad containers and baguette bags.

Future initiatives include:

- replacing plastic cutlery with bamboo by the end of this term;
- reducing our food miles by sourcing local seasonal produce where we can;
- exploring beef- and lamb-free days for the School menu;
- conducting a palm-oil audit to identify products that can be removed;
- replacing individual yogurt pots with 5kg tubs;
- replacing School vehicles with electric or hybrid alternatives where practical; and
- an extensive programme promoting both the ecology and biodiversity of the School estate, including regular monitoring of the wildlife and clearance of overgrown hedgerows to promote grow-back of sustainable hedges and more diverse flora and fauna.

We are also seeking to establish at Harrow, as well as in other sites in the UK and in the countries where our international schools operate, a Harrow Forest to offset our carbon footprint; 24 mature saplings have already been planted at the School.





Nocturne: Blue and Silver - Chelsea by J A M Whistler

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HISTORY OF ART

Following some high-calibre heats at School and at regional level, Sixth Former Francis Bamford was one of two candidates chosen to go through to the national finals of the ARTiculation History of Art public-speaking competition for students aged from 16 to 19 years. The subject Francis discussed was the painting *Nocturne: Blue and Silver - Chelsea* by J A M Whistler.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

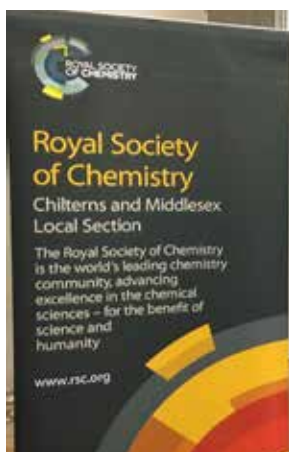
Six Harrovians took part in the Greenpower F24 Race at Dunsfold Park, the track used by the BBC for *Top Gear*. The boys entered the Under-16 category and, despite some technical problems, all of them managed to race a total of 22 laps. The Coutts Lecture in Design & Technology was given by Professor Peter Childs, Professorial Lead in Engineering Design and the founding Head of the Dyson School of Design Engineering at Imperial College London.



Professor Peter Childs

CHEMISTRY

A team made up of two boys from the Shell, a Remove and a Fifth Former won their regional heat in the Royal Society of Chemistry's Top of the Bench competition and will go forward to the next round this term. The Coutts Lecture in Chemistry was given by Professor David Leigh, Sir Samuel Hall Chair of Chemistry at the University of Manchester, who spoke on 'The Magic of Molecular Machines'.





PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY

Twenty-four Fifth Form boys took part in the 2019 Astronomy Challenge. Nine of them achieved Gold awards, some of them with the highest marks in the country. The rest of the group gained Silver awards.

Twenty-five Sixth Form Harrovians sat the British Physics Olympiad Round 1 paper. From a strong set of results, four of them received Gold awards, five received Silver awards, and a further 12 boys earned Bronze awards. Two of the boys achieved 'Top Gold' awards, putting them in the top 5% nationally and meaning they qualified for Round 2 of the British Physics Olympiad.

MODERN LANGUAGES

Sixth Form Harrovians studying Spanish entered the annual Hispanic Drama Festival alongside pupils from schools including North London Collegiate School, Eton, Bradfield, St Paul's Girls' School, Wellington College and Mill Hill School. The boys performed a scene from *Fuenteovejuna* – an adaptation of a work by Lope de Vega. The judging panel, which included representatives from the Spanish and Colombian embassies and the Cervantes Institute, awarded the prize for Best Actor to Harrow's Theodore Seely.

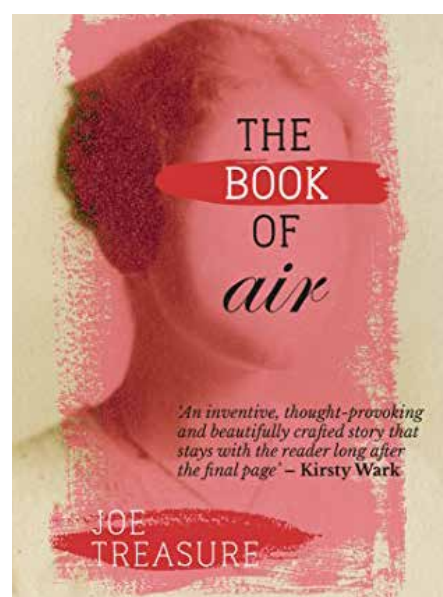
At the inaugural Sixth Form Linguists' Research Presentation Evening, two boys spoke about extra-curricular research they had carried out, one discussing contemporary attitudes to foreign words in Russian, and another presenting his research for the Oxford German Olympiad.

MATHEMATICS

Of the 141 Harrovians who sat the Senior Maths Challenge, 128 earned awards, including 45 golds (top 10% nationally). One boy scored full marks and two others scored over 100 despite still being in their Remove year. The Mathematics Department also hosted girls from North London Collegiate School for a Mathematical Symposium. Each Harrovian was paired up with one of the visitors to give a joint five-minute presentation on a mathematical topic; these included the Monty Hall Problem, Pascal's Triangle, Catalan numbers, Gambler's Ruin and Pythagoras' Theorem.

ENGLISH

Novelist Joe Treasure, author of the *Book of Air*, visited the English Department to deliver a lecture on 'The Iambic Pentameter through History'. His talk ranged from the earliest uses of the metre by 16th-century poets such as Thomas Wyatt, through dramatists Shakespeare and Marlowe and on to Milton, Pope, Blake and eventually the poets of the 20th century. The talk ended with group work where boys were tasked with identifying the strong and weak beats of sections from poems in iambic pentameter.



Lope de Vega



Niamh Coghlan at the Summerson Society

SUMMERSON SOCIETY

(History of Art)

In a lecture on 'Art and Feminism', Niamh Coghlan of the Richard Saltoun Gallery spoke to the Summerson Society on institutional problems that have prohibited women from pursuing careers in art over the centuries. She also explored how relatively new media such as performance and photography, which do not have a history of male dominance, may offer women artists more opportunities. The society also heard a talk on working in the art market from Matt Carey-Williams, who was Senior Vice President at Sotheby's in New York before working as director at some of the world's leading galleries. He was listed among the top 200 international art world influencers in 2019.

DEBATING

At the Oxford Global Model United Nations competition, two Harrovians were awarded Outstanding Delegate prizes. This was particularly impressive as they were among the youngest delegates in the competition.

SLAVONIC SOCIETY

The society hosted Bill Browder, the founder and CEO of Hermitage Capital Management, which was the investment adviser to the largest foreign investment fund in Russia until 2005, when Bill was declared a 'threat to national security' as a result of his battle against corporate corruption. His

fight for justice for his murdered lawyer, Sergei Magnitsky, led to the US Congress adopting the Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act in 2012, which became the model for all subsequent US sanctions against Russia. Mr Browder spoke to the society on 'What life is like as Putin's number one enemy'.



Bill Browder speaking to the Slavonic Society

MARMOTS

(Rock climbing)

To celebrate 90 years since the founding of Marmots, the School's rock-climbing club, and the oldest society at Harrow, a group of Old Harrovian Marmots, current Marmots and others involved in the club came together to hear a lecture given by renowned climber Neil Gresham, and to share their experiences and stories of the club. Past members brought along equipment, photographs and other items from their days of skiing and mountaineering, and new Marmots heard about the history of the club and its transformation from a society for Alpinists into one whose core activity is rock climbing.



Marmots from the present and past celebrated 90 years of the club



FRANCOPHONE SOCIETY

(France and the French-speaking world)

The society heard from Catriona Seth, Professor of French Literature at Oxford University, who gave a talk entitled 'In the corridors of power: Marie-Antoinette's secret correspondence with the Austrian Ambassador'.

Marie Antoinette, Queen of France by Jean-Baptiste - D'Algoty

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY

The School was excited to host an exhibition by Turner-Prize-winners Gilbert & George, who have been creating art together as a single artist for over 50 years. 'Art for all' is the belief that underpins their work and they have been unafraid to tackle social issues, taboos and artistic conventions, addressing many existential questions on subjects including sex, religion, corruption, violence, hope, fear, racial tension, patriotism, addiction and

death. Six Harrovian Sixth Formers each curated a series of signed posters affiliated with work made by Gilbert & George over the last 20 years. In addition to researching the series, the boys created their own artworks in response to the iconic duo.

Harrovian Daniel Zhang was the winner of a RSPCA Young Photographer Award in the 12-15 age category for his photograph, taken in Zimanga Private Game Reserve in

South Africa, of a hamerkop (a type of bird) tossing a frog in the air (see front cover). Daniel received his award from naturalist, broadcaster and campaigner Chris Packham at a ceremony in the Tower of London.



Gilbert & George at the private view of an exhibition of their work in the Art School



Harrovia artworks created in response to Gilbert & George



DRAMA

A small cast of members of the Rattigan Society, Harrow's senior drama society, kicked-off the year with a production of *No Exit* by Jean-Paul Sartre in the intimate setting of the Drama Studio.

This was followed by the Shell Drama Festival, with the youngest boys from each House, directed by Sixth Formers, presenting their own versions of tales from Rudyard Kipling's *Just So Stories*.

The first House play of the year was Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, performed by members of The Grove and Newlands, which featured original music composed and performed by the boys. Rendalls brought a seasonal atmosphere to the Ryan Theatre with their version of *A Christmas Carol*, adapted from the novel by Charles Dickens.

A new event was the inaugural House Scenes competition, in which each House performed an excerpt from works ranging from plays by Tom Stoppard and Arthur Miller to the musical *Bugsy Malone*. Winner of the first House Scenes Trophy was The Park, for their extract from *Neville's Island* by Tim Firth.



A Christmas Carol



Shell Drama Festival: *Just So Stories*



No Exit



Winners of the House Scenes Trophy



The Tempest



Glees and Twelves

MUSIC

The annual Commemoration Concert, given in conjunction with John Lyon School, included performances from the Orchestra, String Orchestra, Brass Ensemble, Chapel Choir and Big Band, and featured music by Handel, Beethoven and Elgar.

The Glees and Twelves singing competition was, as ever, of an extremely high standard and the adjudicator, Hugh Morris, who is Director of the Royal School of Church Music, was impressed by all the groups who performed. He awarded the Wreath for the winner of the Glees to The Grove for their performance of *I say a little prayer* by Burt Bacharach and Hal David. Elmfield was the winning Twelve with their interpretation of *Another Day of Sun* by Justin Hurwitz from the film *La La Land*.

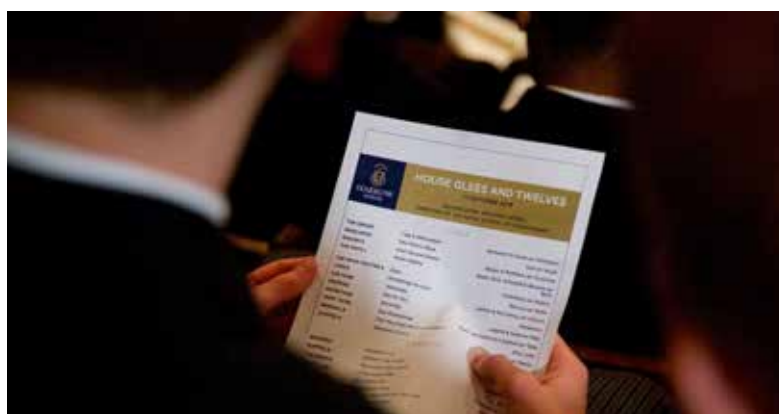
Major General Andrew Sharpe OBE was guest of honour and speaker at the 2019 Churchill Songs, one of the greatest musical events of the School year. Members of the Churchill family were among the guests at this celebration of Harrow Songs and the life and work of perhaps the School's greatest Giant of Old – Winston Churchill.

As a final act of commemoration on Remembrance Sunday, a small choir of boys, with girls from Francis Holland School, performed Victoria's *Requiem* and, towards the end of term, many of Harrow's rock musicians joined girls from Wycombe Abbey School for an exciting evening of music from bands and solo performers.

Harrowians saw considerable success in ABRSM music exams, with six boys receiving Distinction in higher grade exams, one boy passing his LTCL diploma on the cello and another passing his ABRSM diploma on the bassoon.



Commemoration Concert



Churchill Songs



LONG DUCKER

An impressive number of Old Harrovians, members of staff and parents joined Harrow boys for the 2019 Long Ducker, the School's annual festival of sponsored sporting events. Several School records were broken and three Harrovians and two beaks completed the Long Double Ducker – running a half-marathon and completing 800 lengths of the School swimming pool. Just over £130,000 was raised, a little bit ahead of 2018's record sum. To this can be added over £25,000 raised by an intrepid group of Old Harrovians, parents and boys during the inaugural Long Ducker Bike Ride in September, plus some additional sponsorship funds. In total, almost £160,000 was raised, 50% of which will go to the School's chosen charity for this year, the Harrow Spear Centre; 25% will go to the Harrow Club in West Dene and the remaining 25% will be divided among many of our partner activities, local schools and projects for improving some of the boarding Houses.

HARROW RIFLE CORPS

The Harrow Rifle Corps had much success in national competitions, alongside making an impressive solemn observance on Remembrance Sunday. A squad of nine Royal Marines cadets came fifth overall in the Pringle Trophy, taking first place in two activities and coming second in another. A squad of ten cadets achieved fourth place in the ten-school Guthrie Cup competition, with a first place in the drill section and a second place in the shooting.

The Royal Artillery, the British Army's artillery arm, is deployed all over the world from Estonia to Afghanistan. Several Harrow Rifle Corps cadets were invited to spend the day at the Royal Artillery base at MoD Larkhill on Salisbury Plain in order to experience artillery live firing: a rare and highly sought-after opportunity.



OSCAR FOUNDATION FOOTBALL TOUR

Harrowian soccer players welcomed a group of boys from the OSCAR Foundation, a charity based in Mumbai that uses football to encourage underprivileged children to go to school. OSCAR aims to empower young people in an area where not all families appreciate the value of education. An integral component of the OSCAR programme is the UK Football Tour, which sees a team of young footballers playing against British schools such as Harrow. As well as describing to Harrovians the poverty afflicting their communities and the impact that the OSCAR Foundation has had upon their lives, the visitors enjoyed a session in the pool with the School's swimming team, lessons in Chemistry and Physics, which included an exciting trial of a virtual reality headset, a tour of the School and a football match against the Lyon's Lower Sixth. At the main football fixture, the OSCAR team squeezed through an injury-time goal to beat the Harrow team 4-3.

SHAFTESBURY SOCIETY TALK

Jeremy Hughes (*The Knoll 1970³*), who is CEO of the Alzheimer's Society, gave an inspiring talk to members of the Shaftesbury Society about current research into detecting and treating Alzheimer's and how the society is campaigning for better treatment and services for people with the disease.





Harrovians with cricketer Ben Stokes



SWIMMING

Harrow's swimmers had a very successful Autumn term, most particularly when they swept the board at the Warwick 100s gala against 13 other schools, winning all three age categories with boys breaking long-standing School records along the way.

CRICKET

Nine boys from Newlands were able to get tips from a top international sportsman when they met England cricketer Ben Stokes at a charity event at Lord's. The boys enjoyed a Q&A session with Ben, and he gave them advice on how to stay on form, explaining that perseverance is the key to success. The Harrovians then had a session with three Lord's cricket coaches and some of them were lucky enough to face a few balls from Stokes.

RUGBY

Both the Yearlings (Under-14A) and Junior Colts (Under-15A) were unbeaten during the Autumn term; the Junior Colts reached the last 16 of the National Schools Cup and the Colts are similarly progressing well in their competition.

SKIING

Two Harrovian teams took part in the England Schools Area qualifying races. The A team came third and the B team finished eighth in the Under-19 category. As a result, both teams made it to the English Championships. At the English Schools' National Finals, the Harrow A squad came tenth of 18 teams, giving them a place in the British Schools' finals, where they came 16th of 43 teams.

Sixteen Harrovians took part in the Canada Cup competition in Jasper, racing against opponents from Eton, Dulwich, Wellington College, Westminster, Highgate, Chicago School, Oratory School and Marlborough. The team gave an outstanding performance, winning the top three places overall in each of the Under-16 and Under-18 slalom and giant slalom races. This gave them overall first place in the competition, beating Eton into second and Dulwich into third place to win the Canada Cup.



CROSS-COUNTRY

At the historic Knole Run, a challenging 10km course through woods and parkland, the cross-country team achieved fifth place, their best performance at this event in several years, and gained the McGregor Trophy for the best school outside Kent. Harrow hosted the first round of the English Schools Cross-Country Cup, with

the Harrow team coming second in their race, thus passing through to the next round of the competition. Harrow was also the venue for the annual Ten Schools fixture. On the muddy 4km Junior course, a Harrovian Shell came in third, only 30 seconds after the winner. Ten Harrovians battled round the 6km Intermediate course and, finally, the Seniors contended with 8km of churned

mud. With a Harrovian coming fourth in this race, the Harrow A team achieved third place overall. In a gruelling 8km competition at Charterhouse, there were excellent performances at both Senior and Intermediate levels, giving Harrow victory in the team competition.





Harrovian economists in New York

ECONOMISTS VISIT NEW YORK

Sixth Form Harrovians studying Economics and Business travelled to New York where, as well as Wall Street and other financial institutions, they visited the UN building, the 9/11 Memorial and the Ellis Island Museum. They also enjoyed a trip up the Empire State Building, went to an American football match between the New York Jets and the New England Patriots, saw a Broadway show and visited Times Square and Central Park.

ORCHESTRAL TOUR OF CHINA

Some of Harrow's top musicians travelled to China where they performed in several major cities. While in Shanghai, they visited Harrow International School Shanghai, gave a sold-out performance at the Shanghai Oriental Arts Centre and travelled by yacht along Huangpu River through the city. The orchestra also gave concerts in Zuhai and Nanning, where they visited the cultural sites at Qingxiu mountain. At their final stop, Shenzhen, they played in a cultural exchange event with the Shanghai Shenzhen Youth Concert Band and the Chanson de Montagne traditional Chinese choir group.

SWIMMING CAMP IN MALLORCA

Twenty Harrovians took part in a pre-season swim training camp at the world-renowned BEST Centre at Colonia de Sant Jordi in Mallorca, which is used by several national teams and international swimmers. The boys had two daily swimming and diving training sessions but also had opportunities for sightseeing and games and free time to use the resort's many facilities or to visit the beach.



Musicians in China



Swimming camp in Mallorca

CRICKET IN CAPE TOWN

A First XI squad of 16 boys toured Cape Town, playing matches against teams from Wynberg and Bishop's schools, SACS College and All Rounder Cricket Academy. They also had a guided tour and match at Langa township. During their visit, the group had the opportunity to travel up Table Mountain, watch some of the Cape Town Rugby Sevens tournament, surf at Muizenberg and visit the Robben Island prison and the Cape of Good Hope. They also enjoyed an evening of Harrow Songs organised by Old Harrovians at a local vineyard.

HONG KONG AND JAPAN RUGBY TOUR

A squad of 54 Harrovian rugby players and six beaks took part in an 18-day rugby tour of Hong Kong and Japan. Matches in Hong Kong were played in 90% humidity, but the Harrow boys rose to the occasion with two strong wins, with the Under-18s winning 50-5 and the Under-16s 43-0. From Hong Kong they flew to Fukuoka in the south-east corner of Japan, where they had some time to explore this canal city. After their matches there, they travelled on to Kobe, stopping off at Miyajima Island to see the Itsukushima Shrine and the memorial at Hiroshima. They visited Seiko Academy at Shizuoka, where they also met the Governor of Shizuoka prefecture, before moving on to Tokyo for matches against teams from Waseda University, who had visited Harrow earlier in the year.



Boys from The Grove with children from a village in Vietnam's Sapa Mountains

THE GROVE HOUSE TRIP TO VIETNAM

First stop for boys from The Grove on their visit to Vietnam was Ho Chi Minh City, where they visited the major sites and had a trip along the Mekong Delta to see local products being made by traditional methods. They also visited the Chu Chi war tunnels and HD Bank before

travelling on to beachside Danang and the Marble Mountain. Other destinations were the ancient riverside town of Hoi An, the Imperial City at Hue and the spectacular Ha Long Bay. They also spent a night at a traditional village in the Sapa mountains where they visited the local primary school before moving on to the Vietnamese capital Hanoi.



Luca Pittalis (*Rendalls 2013³*) climbed Mount Kilimanjaro with fellow Harrovians Hari Rattan (*The Knoll 2013³*), George Grassly (*The Knoll 2013³*) and James Burgess-Adams (*West Acre 2013³*). Throughout the four-day trek, Luca shot a film for Rotary International about the effect of climate change on Kilimanjaro's summit. The film *Kilimanjaro: The White Mountain* has attracted interest from Sir David Attenborough and is a topic that has not been explored in documentary film before.



Simon Sebag-Montefiore (*The Knoll 1978³*) presented a three-part series *Vienna: Empire, Dynasty and Dreams*, on BBC Four. The series explored the Habsburg emperors, Vienna's struggle to defend Christendom, the emergence of Freud's theories and Klimt's sensual art.

Matt Asir (*Bradlys 2011³*) was listed on Forbes 30 under 30: Law and Policy list. He founded *The Legal Bullet* during his freshman year at the University of Chicago, a company that makes legal services accessible and affordable for immigrants.

Sebastian de Baritault du Carpiat (*The Knoll 1977³*) is creating a giant decoration imagined in 1864 by the architect Viollet le Duc, who influenced Gilbert Scott, architect of the Vaughan Library. This is taking place in the Great Hall of Roquetaillade Castle in Bordeaux, one of the last English-built castles in France.



James Blunt (*Elmfield 1987³*) released his sixth album, *Once Upon a Mind*.

Abeku Nelson (*West Acre 2006³*) represented Ghana in the inaugural Middle East and Africa Rugby League Conference and the MEA Conference in Lagos. The team had mixed results, including a 10-4 win against Cameroon, and placed Ghana at 33 in the world rankings for the first time.

Jake Kennedy (*Rendalls 1984³*) completed two and a half Ironman triathlons in 2019. Jake is also writing his second children's book after a successful launch of his first this year.



Cyrus Larizadeh (*The Knoll 1981³*) has been elected Chairman of the Family Law Bar Association 2020-21 and will be in charge of the interests of some 1,800 family barristers nationwide. Cyrus was also invited by the Attorney General of Bermuda to train their lawyers and safeguarding teams on questioning and evidence-gathering in children's cases.

Mark Stewart (*The Head Master's 1991³*) produced the films *Escape Plan: The Extractors* with Sylvester Stallone and *Trauma Center, The Long Night* and *Force of Nature* with Bruce Willis.

Tunji Adeniyi-Jones (*West Acre 2006³*) featured on Forbes 30 under 30: Art & Style 2020 list. Tunji's art is inspired by West African history and mythology and his own Yoruba heritage. He has held solo exhibitions in London, New York and Los Angeles, and The Dallas Museum of Art owns one of his paintings.



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