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TREVELYAN SOCIETY

*David Starkey, Crisis in Parliaments, Speech Room,
25 February*

Theresa May was an abysmal failure; John Bercow was megalomaniacal; all bad ideas originate from France. In his lecture on “The Crisis in Parliaments”, Dr David Starkey lived up to his reputation as “the rudest man in Britain”. With witty and incisive analysis, Dr Starkey drew astonishingly accurate parallels between the 17th century and Theresa May – consistently centring his comparisons around a core question: what are parliaments for?

To answer that, Dr Starkey had to begin with Magna Carta. In 1215, a group of dissentious barons attempted to impose a type of aristocratic republic on the immensely unpopular King John. Ultimately, the barons failed to achieve this outcome due to their plan to bring in a French prince, along with a shrewd political manoeuvre by King John: dying. In his place, Henry III acceded to the throne aged 9. His brilliant regent, William the Marshal, managed to effectively defuse the barons, but in their proposed charter he saw potential. The barons’ document, designed to disempower the monarch, could perhaps be used to strengthen the monarch. Earl Marshal set up a committee to redact the radical elements of the charter and transformed it from “a text legitimising revolution” into a constitution. This document, known to us as Magna Carta, was then reissued in 1225 in exchange for taxation.

With a constitution in place, political parties soon emerged. The first of these rudimentary factions was led by Simon de Montfort. As Dr Starkey astutely noted, de Montfort possessed the rare combination of characteristics that are today found in modern politicians – perverse principles and crafty cunning. In an age where the king was not yet obsolete, de Montfort spotted an opportunity to hold the monarchy in check. He called the first parliament, summoning all noblemen and the representatives of all councils to convene in person. Unfortunately, de Montfort went on to lose a battle against the king’s forces and, consequently, his head. But the victor of their battle realised parliaments could be the key instrument of government. Their use by the monarch would be perfected by Edward I in 1295.

In parliament, every Englishman is present – whether in person or through a representative. The monarch soon realised that due to this presence, his subjects would be compelled to comply with whatever act was passed by parliament. It would be easier to rule with parliaments than by royal decree. Parliaments were now an English institution.

Dr Starkey starkly contrasted this with French governance – from Ancien Régime to Macron – which he described as “desperation modified by riot.” Furthering his polemic against France, he soon directed his vitriol towards the French, who he claims idealise abstract theories. In Dr Starkey’s opinion, the French Montesquieu’s Doctrine of the Separation of Powers was nonsense, especially in an English context and, given Montesquieu’s lack of understanding of parliaments, Dr Starkey argues, in the Westminster system of government, Separation of Powers is impossible given that the executive had controlled the legislature (parliament) ever since Robert Walpole – the *de facto* first Prime Minister.

Dr Starkey delivered an insightful account on the evolution of our government. Reflecting on how elections, rather than being the decision, were the beginnings of a decision, he started to explain the monarchy’s position with respect to parliament: starting in the early 15th century under Henry VIII, “The king at Whitehall dominates the king at Westminster.” Dr Starkey noted the importance of the appearance of the royal crest in the Palace of Westminster; it is a visible reminder of the king’s authority over parliament. Overtime, the Monarchy discovered it could not rule without parliaments. However, it did not understand how to rule with parliaments.



Concluding that Parliament took “over 150 years” to adapt properly with a monarchy, Dr Starkey then identified Disraeli as the unsurpassed pioneer of democracy. For, during the 19th century, the role of MPs changed. They “stood as representatives of the people, not as individuals.” Linking this to the present-day antics of our “parody” parliament between 2017-2019, Dominic Grieve (whom he described as “poison”) represented how government cannot be run as a representative assembly. He also blamed John Bercow, the former Speaker of the House, for “tearing up the rule book of the house of Commons.” He thence continued to criticise Theresa May for her “lack of skill and clumsiness.” With that Dr Starkey ended his address, having described Harrow as “a very pale reflection [of Eton]”. His reputation as “the rudest man in Britain” intact, a contingent of aggravated Harrovians awaited.

However, fear not, Theodore Seely, *The Head Master’s*, having sat through roughly an hour of French animosity, swiftly erupted with righteous and indignant fire. The questions soon changed focus to Tony Blair, which naturally provided Dr Starkey with reason to insult the Labour Party. The writer would like to note that this part of the lecture was enthusiastically received by Harrovians. Conversation then waded towards the US constitution. He elucidated on the foundations of the American parliament and emphasised its direct overlap with the British constitution, recognising the significance of the Executive’s absence from the Legislative – the House and the Senate.

“The Crisis in Parliaments” was, without a doubt, a most memorable lecture. Potentially one of the most controversial speakers to have stood in Speech Room, it is only fitting to conclude by quoting Dr Starkey: “the essential purpose of the English Monarchy is to conquer to France.”

PALMERSTON SOCIETY

Trevor Phillips, OBE, *"The Big Divide"*,
OH Room, 4 February

Gathering in the OH Room on a dark February evening, the Palmerston Society had the pleasure of welcoming Trevor Phillips OBE. After a brief introduction from Archie Nicholls, *Bradlys*, highlighting a few of Mr Phillips' many career highlights – with Chairman of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, President of the Partnership Council of the John Lewis Partnership and Chairman of the Greater London Assembly among them – Mr Phillips, sitting at the front of the OH Room facing the audience, proceeded to launch into what was a truly interesting talk.



The issue of Brexit has divided the nation in half and caused a great deal of opposition, tribalism and many bitter point-scoring exercises. Most political followers tend to describe Brexit as the greatest issue facing the UK and the greatest divide in modern times. However, Mr Phillips didn't agree. Instead he stated that the "huge amount of attention that has been focussed solely on our exit from the EU has distracted us from a far more deep and severe divide." This divide is common across the Western world and goes much further to explain the votes that have shocked the establishment recently: namely Brexit, Trump, AFD's success in Germany and various other populist movements. Mr Phillips prophetically predicted that more of these were to follow and, with Sein Fein's success in Ireland's recent election, it would seem he was correct. However, these results are not the result of a sudden surge right or left, but rather a recent division that has emerged between metropolitans and rural folk – mainly those who used to work in heavy industries such as coal. However, Brexit has acted as a 'smokescreen' drawing all the attention of the politicians, media and public alike away from this divide that continues to shape our politics.

Mr Phillips first worked as a chemist specialising, he explained, in petrol chemicals. His job was to read the different levels of chemicals and try to differentiate from the 'noise' to see what really was causing certain characteristics, such as what was causing high toxic levels. Moving on to become a political analyst, separating reality from the noise has become his 'day job' and the best way he does it is not to look at the media, but at statistics. The noise he referred to was the various mediums through which we experience politics, such as the likes of: Twitter, Facebook, the daily papers, magazines, radio and news channels such as the BBC or Good Morning Britain. These, he mused, pay far too much attention to 'those who shout the loudest' and, as a result, many of the small voices are never heard. Sometimes, such as in the case of Brexit or the more recent General Election, they can give much more attention to those so-called "figures of influence" who assume what they say is the general mood/opinion when in fact they are only representative of a small minority. This is partly what has allowed the aforementioned change to effect our politics without

anybody noticing. But what has caused this divide which is larger and more intrinsic to our national identity than Brexit?

First is the rapid rise of technology, changing the global landscape beyond recognition in the space of a decade. Today's youth (ranging from millennials to Generation Z), Mr Phillips explained, find it hard to imagine things that would be considered recent history. "How many of you have watched black and white television? Or have owned a phone that wasn't touchscreen? Or have listened to analogue music?" Whilst it took over a hundred years to advance from telegrams to mobile phones, some developing nations such as India or many African states have gone straight to mobile (with no such thing as landlines) in the space of a few years. So, although many people take many things for granted, the real concern Mr Phillips voiced was that many not only take those things for granted, but see it as a given as they've never known any different. Taking freedom of speech, as an example: Mr Phillips – one of ten siblings and part of a family from British Guiana – remembers when Britain, seemingly out of the blue, suspended British Guiana's constitution when he was a child; they sent in troops who took control of the entire country. Several of Mr Phillips' family were detained and much of what are now seen as basic freedoms were suspended among which were freedom of speech, freedom of the press and, in effect, freedom of thought, as Britain was reacting to what they thought was a Communist insurgency.

Secondly, this technological advancement has made (and will continue to make) an astronomical change to the industry, and way and place we work. Although this may seem a fairly uncontroversial statement, Mr Phillips made some rather surprising predictions. During his time as President of the John Lewis Partnership, one such change they predicted is the extinction of cash and consequentially the cashier. "In around three years' time there will be no cashiers", in five years' time Mr Phillips thought it 'highly likely' that industries such as transport will be made obsolete by a combination of drones and driverless cars. This will lead to a drastic change to the job market: roughly five million people are currently employed in the transport industry in America. However, there was more: the digital and retail industry will see a vast evolution due to a technology boost which will lead to far less eradication of many human roles (jobs) within it. Population growth in Africa of up to a billion – not to mention its incredibly fertile and resource-rich land – will inevitably cause the global markets to shift in that direction significantly over the next few years. Meanwhile at home, the number of people who are eighty-five years or older is set to double in the next few years leading to what will have to be a 15% increase in spending on healthcare. These are, according to Mr Phillips, the fault lines that dictate our politics tomorrow. And changes such as globalisation, phones and the internet are what shaped the politics of yesterday – which have caused Mr Phillips' city vs country split.

Those who used to work in heavy industry or in skilled labour (e.g. in coal mines), used to work with a team all of whom would have been respected as a result of the work they did and would have enjoyed a local community (through trade unions or working men's clubs, and so forth). Most would be walking distance from work and their children would all go to the same school leading to a closeness that cannot be found in today's society. Communities are non-existent, people often have to travel miles to work and their work isn't respected but is often on, as Mr Phillips put it, "some godforsaken industrial estate." "Their concerns are not", said Mr Phillips with a bitter irony, "the economy stupid." Rather they are as Matthew Goodwin, a close friend of Mr Phillips, claimed, made up of two things: the economy and culture with culture taking more and more precedent over capital. Mr Phillips cited Brexit as proof ditto Trump and so on and so forth. These are not 'freak coincidences' but rather predictable responses to a changing environment (he did not mean climate change) where people are choosing their socio-cultural stance over their socio-economic one.

This is where the divide exists. As jobs are hoovered up by technology and centrally run in cities by people who are not connected to the industry but rather all fill white collar jobs to the detriment of local communities. While cities go global and adopt futuristic tech, local work, communities and respect all 'go out the window'. Mr Phillips, who has spent a great deal of his time looking into this, stated that this has led to an active 'hate' of the metropolitans which is not at all aided by then being told who to vote for and how to live and think.

Mr Phillips' message was that, given the crumbling of the "red wall", it is essential that Boris Johnson and the new Conservative government get it right. He was, perhaps surprisingly for some, very supportive of Dominic Cummings, commenting that 'he is three times more mad in person than how he is portrayed' but said that he is also 'incredibly smart' and sees this cultural change and recognises the importance of culture. There is also extra pressure to resolve this as 48% of the seats Labour lost to the Conservatives were where these old industries have died – the so-called "left behind" parts of the country. Having posed the question 'which Prime Minister is Boris Johnson most likely to resemble', at the beginning of his address, he concluded that Bojo is most likely to resemble Macmillan (understated but hard-working).

What followed was a number of thought-provoking questions, which Phillips provided equally thought-provoking answers to; ranging from the danger of big corporations harvesting our data (he reflected that it is a contract you enter willingly), culture, the liberalising of Western Europe and the concept of a Westminster bubble (the 'worst type of politician is one who doesn't know the country' and unfortunately 'that is the vast majority of them') all the way through to the idea that Britain is systemically racist (a concept he strongly disagrees with, he believes Britain is one of the most diverse, open and accepting places on earth). Theodore Seely, *The Head Master's*, then gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the School and Palmerston Society to close what was a fantastic address. We are very thankful to Trevor Phillips OBE for braving the Metropolitan Line and for affording us an address, sharing his time and knowledge with us in such an open and forthcoming manner. Additionally, many thanks to Mr Cook and to the Palmerston Society for organising such a terrific address.

PIGOU SOCIETY

Deepan Sakthivel, *Bradlys*, "How climate change can be solved by economics", OMS, 24 February

On Monday, Deepan Sakthivel, *Bradlys*, gave a fascinating lecture to the Laborde and Junior Pigou societies on how climate change can be solved by economics. Sakthivel started by defining economics as a form of decision-making and a partnership between governments, firms and people. Sakthivel then moved on to talk about the effects of climate change, including the main consequence: an increase in global temperature which in turn leads to lower crop yields and therefore lower global output. Speaking like an experienced economist, he evaluated his analysis by arguing that the increased temperatures primarily impact developing countries who rely on primary industry. The next impact Sakthivel spoke about was a rise in sea levels. He explained that this forces the government to spend more which in turn increases the global opportunity cost. With the aid of a map of America showing estimated damage due to climate change, Sakthivel pointed out that coastal areas are more economically damaged by a rise in sea levels. Sakthivel then explained the causes of climate change, focusing on carbon emissions (65% of all greenhouse gas emissions) and methane emissions (16% of all emissions) as well as electricity and heat production. Sakthivel argued that the best solutions

had to meet the criteria of being able to be implemented on a global scale, permanently reducing yearly emissions and being sustainable. This led him to two solutions: carbon taxation and carbon credits. Carbon taxation is a tax on firms on the amount of carbon they admit, though he admitted the tax must make carbon more expensive than renewable sources of energy to be effective. Carbon credits, on the other hand, are permits for how much firms can pollute. This is effective as it allows developing countries to be able to grow without harming the environment. Credits can be sold to other countries generating even more revenue for those countries (Sakthivel noted that Bolivia made \$25 billion dollars selling their carbon credits to Brazil). Sakthivel ended his thought-provoking lecture by highlighting the importance of artificial intelligence in solving climate change as it can improve predictions for how much electricity is needed, optimise supply chains and help farmers manage crops more efficiently. Overall, this was a well-researched lecture and it was very promising to see a Lower Sixth boy speak with such confidence and use economic terms while also showing plenty of analysis and evaluation – both skills that are key for economics A Level!

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Brandon Chang, *Druries*, "Is There a Problem with the God Particle?", *Physics Schools*, 5 February

A few weeks ago the Science Society was delighted to have Brandon Chang give a snappy 15 minute talk about the Higgs Boson entitled "Is There a Problem with the God Particle?" where he explored whether the particle is actually that 'godly' or, as recent research has suggested, a flawed particle.

Chang began by introducing the Higgs Boson as a fundamental particle in the Standard Model and without it, nothing would exist other than massless particles moving at the speed of light. Bosons are responsible for forces to exist in the universe and although these particles are real, some (the photon and the gluon) are massless. Following on from this, Chang raised the question: "Why do certain particles, like electrons, have mass but others do not?"

The proposed explanation to this conundrum is the Higgs Field, Chang explained. The Higgs field is a hypothetical, invisible force field that is everywhere in the whole universe. It only gives fundamental particles mass, and this happens when particles pass through and interact with the field. It takes an excitation of the Higgs field to produce a Higgs Boson, but this can also be done in a particle accelerator which has enough energy. On 4 July 2012, the Higgs Boson was 'found'. However, whilst it is suspected to be the Higgs Boson, due to the fact that it decays very quickly after formation, physicists are still unsure of whether it is the one that the Standard Model predicts.

At this point, Chang thought it would be great to crack a joke about the Higgs Boson. It went something like this: a Higgs Boson is stopped by the police for speeding on a motorway. The police asks: "do you know how fast you're going?" and the Higgs Boson replies: "No I don't, but I do know where I am." Although no one laughed at this, Chang at least managed to get some awkward chuckles after saying that he knew it wasn't funny...

Anyway, here comes the problem that this talk was about: the observed mass of the Higgs Boson was "a hundred million billion" times smaller than the predicted mass according to the Standard Model. This massive difference has puzzled physicists and so several theories that have been developed to solve this issue and the two that Chang explored are 'Supersymmetry' and 'Technicolour'.

Supersymmetry is the idea that every fermion has a boson superpartner and vice versa and the Higgs Boson's superpartner would cancel out the enormous predicted mass of the Higgs

Boson, making the observed mass of the particle fit with the Standard Model. However, if this were true, we should have been able to observe these superparticles in the particle accelerator.

The second theory that Chang talked about was Technicolour. This theory says that the Higgs Boson is not a fundamental particle but is made of particles called techniquarks. An analogy to this would be white light being made up of red, green and blue light. Since the Higgs Boson is not a fundamental particle in this theory, the Standard Model should not be used to calculate the theoretical mass of the Higgs Boson and so the problem is solved.

Lastly, Chang concluded that the Higgs Boson is something that has revolutionised the world of particle physics and has opened up a 'Pandora's Box of new ideas', rounding off a well-researched and enjoyable talk.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

*Humza Qureshi, The Park, "Real-Life Space War"
Physics Schools, 27 February*

In this week's instalments of Science Society talks, we were treated to an excellent talk by Humza Qureshi on "Real-Life Space War". He explored the many fascinating aspects of future space warfare on a solar system scale; debunking many sci-fi favourites such as Star Wars along the way.

Qureshi first imagined what a realistic spacecraft designed for combat would look like. Since they need to be agile, our spacecrafts would require high delta-v in a short amount of time. Thus, Qureshi invoked the rocket equation to emphasise the importance of low mass. Two irremovable components of a spacecraft are its armour and propellant. But the mass of the propellant cannot be decreased, so the mass of armour needs to be at a minimum: a round spherical shape (like the Death Star) would prove problematic due to a large cross section, making it an easy target to hit. Qureshi proposed that the ideal shape of armour would be a convex cylinder as it has minimal cross-sectional area and mass.

Qureshi then continued onto what seems to be the weak spots of all realistic combat spacecrafts: the radiator. A problem then arose as we learned that radiators, being the only way to cool your engines in space, cannot be shielded with armour – it would prevent heat dissipation, risking overheating of our spacecraft. Thus, future wars in space will most likely concentrate on protecting your own radiators whilst aiming to hit your enemy's radiator.

This leads onto the logistics of the engines as you must be able to quickly adjust to your environment as we now know one shot to the radiator can end a battle. Solar sails, laser sails, ion drives, and chemical rockets all present their own problems whether being too slow or inefficient. Nuclear Thermal Rockets, on the other hand, seems to fit the bill. It is more efficient than chemical rockets and provides a delta-v of 4-9km/s, a change in speed that is more than enough for inter-solar system warfare.

After that, Qureshi brought up the long-awaited topic of weapons. Contrary to what the *Star Wars* series portray, missiles and lasers will not be playing a major role. Instead, Qureshi proposed three other weapons: conventional guns (which are cheap and disposable), rail guns (which utilises the Lorentz force to launch projectiles at speeds of more than 10km/s for defence) and coil guns (which uses magnetic fields induced by multiple coils to energize a projectile to be launched at high velocities).

Moving on from weapons, Qureshi discussed with us the importance of a crew. After all, remote-controlling spacecrafts will prove to be impossible due to the distance between the battlefield and Earth. For instance, "a signal sent from a controller form Earth to a spacecraft around mars will have a 26 minutes round trip time".

After considering all the above, Qureshi concluded that orbital motion would be pivotal in a realistic battle. Having a more complicated orbit makes you harder to predict. This makes space warfare a battle of positioning. Actual engagements may only last up to seconds despite weeks of positioning and planning. A quick "fly by" is what Qureshi describes this to be, two spacecrafts flying towards each other and fully unloading their ammunition in one quick burst.

This talk is certainly only speculative, but Qureshi had proposed his ideas with clarity, supported by his outstanding knowledge of physics, making them very entertaining to listen to.

ATLANTIC SOCIETY

*US Presidential Debate, Richard Hayward, The Knoll,
"Republican", v Dylan Winward, Lyon's, "Democrat"*

All Opinions expressed in this article are not of the candidates themselves but the parties they represented.

And with that distancing statement, the Atlantic society decided to host an event which will no doubt go down in the Society's history. Its very own presidential debate and Q&A with the audience. The two delegates selected were Dylan Winward, *Lyon's*, and Richard Hayward, *The Knoll*, and with such a line-up it would be an example of *litotes* to state that the audience were elated and on the edge of their seats. Their excitement was soon satisfied upon the arrival of candidate Winward, who brought with him a collection of badges emblazoned with a giant blue 'D'emoocrats, which only reminded us of the enormous expenditure which takes place during the real election campaigns. Soon after Candidate Hayward arrived carrying no badges but carrying a toga (his goal to return oratory to its roots), which was swiftly removed from sight at the wag of SMK's finger. As the two candidates took their places, faces grave, the audience was aware that they were in for a night of excitement.

Winward's opening speech was an impassioned onslaught on Republican America, urging citizens to abandon the racist, backdated views of the current leaders which only benefited the minority of billionaires and to vote for a more liberal approach to the USA. Hayward, in response spat back with a whirlwind speech, which had its audience in tears of laughter (whether this was intended or not is debatable), promising ten times more jobs, an economy which is ten times bigger and a country which is ten times better. He additionally released a vicious *ad hominem* attack upon the Democratic party, branding them traitors of the country as they lacked the ruthlessness and national's self-interest of the Republicans, and explained that Republicans were winners (not dissimilar to how the candidate himself recently won face of the world). Both candidates were left in a tense standoff as the chairman, Paddy Breeze, *Elmfield*, advanced onto the first set of questions outlining common issues in the USA. A particular mention must go to the conflicting responses regarding a rather divisive topic, abortion. Winward spoke clearly and emotionally, explaining that the Democrats supported a woman's right to choose, declaring that in situations of rape or where a woman's life was in danger, an abortion would certainly be supported by the democrats. The Republican candidate's views were in stark contrast to this, with Mr Hayward stating that in no situation should a woman ever get to abort a child specifically saying, "You can't just kill a child because you don't want it anymore. Let me tell you a story about a friend of mine. She tried to abort her nine-year-old son. She went to prison."

After the chairman's line of questioning, the questions were opened up to the floor. A series of questions from boys to the candidates regarding a range of topical issues were presented. regarding the choice of people to transition genders, Winward

explained that the Democrats believe that everybody had the right to pursue happiness (as is stated in the declaration of independence); when the topic turned to social services, the Republican view was the privatisation of mental health which would need to be dealt with through counselling, but this led to the Democrat to give an outburst about how the Republican government is actually sucking money out of the healthcare sector. In a moment of passion Hayward announced that as President, he would amend this (technically disqualifying him from the race for announcing his contention early). When asked regarding climate change the two candidates once again locked horns, with Winward outlining a progressive new strategy to combat climate change, whilst in the spirit of his fellow republican Hayward branded climate change a hoax and called Greta Thunberg “an angry teen, who did not receive enough love as a kid,” before outlining a plan to move more of his “boys” into Alaska (a democratic controlled state by the way) to frack, because “fracking creates jobs” and “longer summers are just a longer opportunity to get those bikinis out.”

Winward gave yet another powerful speech highlighting the importance of developing America for the future and threw in some original and witty idioms, a personal favourite of the audience being ‘in your guts you know he’s nuts’ (regarding Candidate Hayward) and “Republicans for billionaires, democrats for billions.” Haywood closed by telling the audience that if sworn in he would bang it and ensure more money, more ladies and a better future for everyone. The final vote then took place with Hayward winning by the skin of his teeth with only five additional votes (although he technically disqualified himself so there might still be hope for the future).

Too conclude, I would like to thank the two speakers for such an entertaining evening, Adam Ait El Caid, *Druries*, and Paddy Breeze for arranging the event and SMK for presiding. On behalf of the audience we hope that this is not the final opportunity for political debates to be staged at societies.

ORIENTAL SOCIETY

Review of Parasite, 8 February

Saturday, 8 February - not a remarkable day by any measure. But that all changed at 6pm, when an Oriental Film Society contingent consisting of 12 bodies gathered outside Mr Land’s residence, fired up and ready for a good old-fashioned trip to the moving pictures.

Before we get to the good stuff, let’s back up a little bit. Ever since ‘Parasite’ earned the right to brandish those fancy, blindly trusted film festival emblems on their posters, Lawrence Leekie, *West Acre*, Head of the Oriental Society, had been desperate to see it. The only hitch was that there were no suitable platforms through which he could stream it illegally. Therefore, he had no choice but to buy a ticket and watch it in a cinema, legally. However, he did not want to see it alone. So, he did what any reasonable Harrovian would do: set off on a mission to turn this into a school trip.

For minutes, he pestered RMT and David Huang, *The Knoll*, Head of the Oriental Film Society. Initially, RMT thought ‘Parasite’ was a nature documentary. Hey, don’t laugh. In the end, an exasperated RMT gave in and purchased a dozen tickets online. It was now up to Huang to pick up the pieces and bring together a group of people to accompany lonely little Leekie and fill those seats. In no time, he managed to rally the troops. Meanwhile, RMT convinced MJT to come along. Again, that was not meant sarcastically. Every little helps, okay? Oh wait, I forgot that only 41% of you actually understood that reference. What is it they say at Waitrose? Two for the price of three? Sounds about right.

Okay, now that we’ve set the scene, let’s get the camera rolling. That metaphor made more sense in my head.

The group trudged along in the darkness, headed for Harrow-on-the-Hill Tube Station. As ‘Parasite’ wasn’t showing in St. George’s, we had to go to O2 Finchley instead, not that anyone had any complaints about that. Aboard the relatively busy train, I am ashamed to admit that our boys wound up being ‘those idiots’ who thought it was funny to do chin-ups on the train. Besides that, the trip went swimmingly.

Soon after arriving at Finchley Road, we made a beeline for the O2. When asked whether we would prefer to pay for our dinner or have it billed, you can probably guess which option we voted in favour of. With a forlorn and mildly concerned look, Mrs Tremlett pulled out her card and we made our way to Yo! Sushi. I know it’s not Korean, but in our defence, it was as close as we were going to get both gastronomically and geographically.

After a hearty dinner, it was time for the film Leekie had yearned so much to see. The first of many surprises was the fact that the cinema was full. Selling out a foreign film? Unbelievable (but in a good way)! After the trailers and commercials, we were bitterly disappointed to learn that the usual pitch-black ‘Hello’ routine by that man with laryngitis was shortened in favour of a more high-budget piece featuring John Boyega.

After finishing all our popcorn, the film started. Two hours and twelve minutes later, it ended.

Although we in the UK do not particularly enjoy taking after our friends across the pond, the cinema spontaneously broke out in a round of applause, kick-started by our very own Andrew Hong but nonetheless genuine. ‘Parasite’ was so good that it made Britons release their usually repressed feelings. For the longest time, I thought that was a power exclusively held by live sports. I was wrong.

This feeling of being wrong and the subsequent confusion was something we had all gotten used to throughout the course of this film. Unlike a certain Cameron Mahal, *The Grove*, I will not spoil films for the entire school. Instead, I will say this: ‘Parasite’ is truly one of the greatest films I have ever seen. That sentiment was shared by each and every member of the group, who left the cinema shell-shocked and returned to the Hill with their minds blown out of the proverbial water. It had been a good night to say the least. As one attendee remarked, ‘that was better than any tutor trip, if you ask me.’ Although nobody did ask him, we all knew he was right, and thus accepted his contribution and published it for the whole School to marvel at.

It’s safe to say that Bong deserves every plaudit and accolade he has won thus far, as well as every plaudit and accolade he is going to win in the future. ‘Parasite’ is a film which is as relentlessly unpredictable as it is original, re-inventing itself as it progresses, constantly finding a way to ask new questions of its confounded audience. ‘Parasite’ is a frank, yet artful portrayal of class and human nature, teaching us universal lessons about the world, lessons which we sorely need. ‘Parasite’ manages to cross genre after genre, ebbing and flowing through the realms of comedy, drama, tragedy, thriller and mystery with a poise and elegance I never knew was achievable. Long story short, ‘Parasite’ is a tour-de-force of cinema, a masterclass in filmmaking we may not see again for a long time. I cannot recommend this masterpiece to you enough. Please, please, please, experience it before you die. I would say ‘watch.’ but I can’t help but feel that it doesn’t do justice to the film.

Before I get down on one knee and ask ‘Parasite’ to marry me, I think it is worth acknowledging and thanking those who made this trip happen. Firstly, David Huang deserves a special mention for organising the trip at such short notice, showing exactly why he is Head of the Oriental Film Society. Secondly, RMT and MJT are owed a debt of gratitude for securing the tickets and giving up their precious Saturday evening to run this trip. Lastly, Lawrence Leekie deserves some credit, albeit not as much as the others, for having the idea in the first place. Let’s not forget that.

JUNIOR INTER-HOUSE DEBATE

"This House believes fighting climate change is the world's most pressing matter"

Lyon's v Elmfield, OH Room, 28 February

On Friday the OH room was packed full of eager faces for the Junior House debating finals. Out of twelve houses two had successfully battled their way through a range of controversial, political and though provoking topics. Proposing the motion "This House believes fighting climate change is the world's most pressing matter" were the reigning champions Elmfield expertly led by Edward Blunt and Aum Amin; these two had quickly dealt with any opposition during this tournament with undisputable facts and sympathetic anecdotes. Opposing the motion were Lyon's Dylan Winward and Aakash Aggarwal, well known for their eloquent and passionate speeches and cantankerous rebuttal. As the audience took their seats in the OH room, they were well aware of the fact that their Friday night would be full of twists, turns and excitement.



The first speaker for the proposition was Edward Blunt who gave an impassioned speech on we "only have sixty years left to fix climate change" and spoke about how it in fact exacerbated a whole host of matters such as homelessness and starvation. He was then swiftly countered by Aakash Aggarwal who passionately spoke clearly with much passion and conviction, arguing that whilst climate change was a problem, there were much more severe problems, namely world cooperation. Aggarwal pointed out that whilst the negative effects of climate change would not be seen for another sixty years, we live in a state of constant fear with a 'Rocketman' in control of highly dangerous missiles. Additionally, there are very present issues facing LICs such as starvation or dealing with epidemics like the Coronavirus which has infected over 2,000 people. These, he argued, are problems of the present and should be the priority of the international community – which can only be achieved by teamwork because it really does make the dream work.

The second speaker for the proposition was Amin, who told a heartfelt anecdote about how farmers near to floodplains were losing out on harvests due to flooding and how this was once again preventing LICs from gaining the economic growth required to pull so many of their people out of poverty. With eager anticipation upon Amin's finish, Winward stood up with an air of gusto and opened his speech with his "cantankerous rebuttal." Winward elaborated on the points of his colleague and launched an attack on the opposition's points, arguing that climate change can in fact be beneficial to some farmers as it allows for more arable land. Winward clashed with the opposition when he calmly continued with his point whilst they were quite literally waving points of information at him and when he dubbed the proposition bad patriots and bad Samaritans (they're just Catholics).

As the four speakers finished the floor was opened to the audience to ask questions. A whole range of matters was thrown

at the opposition due to their arguably bold approach to the debate (mention must go to the timekeeper William Wauchope, *The Knoll*, who utilised the minute he was allocated to the best of his ability) whilst initially nobody had any questions for the proposition although these slowly came in.

The two teams concluded with closing statements, summarising their points and attempting to slip in any last-minute rebuttal. Although I do not envy the job of the Adjudicators Lyon's claimed victory due to their succinct and persuasive points which I think it is fair can be deemed bold but brilliant.

INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

Maths Schools, 6 February

164 Harrovians sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge shortly before half term. The results are now in, and Harrovians performed very well, earning 62 gold, 60 silver, and 33 bronze certificates (awarded to the top 10%, the next 20% and the next 30%, respectively, of all participants). Of particular note were the performances of Oscar Wickham, *The Head Master's*, who was the highest scoring Shell, with 129/135 (only missing one question), and of Fifth Former Brandon Chang, *Druries*, and of Removes Liron Chan, *The Grove*, and Matthew Chin, *Bradlys*, who earned full marks.

A total of 69 Harrovians have qualified for a subsequent round of the competition, setting a new school record.

HERE AND THERE

On Sunday 23 February, Remi Jokosenumi, *Lyon's*, competed in the England Athletics Indoor Age Group Championships. He won a bronze medal (third place) in the U17 200m after running a personal best of 21.98s in the semi-finals, which gives him a current National indoor ranking of 1 in the country.

LONG DUCKER

In the week following half term, the Long Ducker Incentive Prize Dinner was held in the Shepherd Churchill Room, with representatives of this year's Long Ducker charity, Spear, as guests.



Harrow Spear's Centre Manager, Esther Kavoor, and the Lead Coach, Thembi Miti, were joined by a group of Harrovians who had gone over and above in their efforts for Long Ducker – by raising large amounts, putting in a fantastic performance on the day or doing the cycle ride. Also present were a group of boys who have been volunteering with Spear as part of Shaftesbury Enterprise, as well as Mr Collins, Mr Arundell, TMD, JEP and HRM.

Following a delicious dinner, a cheque for £74,689 from the Long Ducker proceeds was presented to Reverend Rachel Campbell of St Peter's Church, Harrow, the chairwoman of Harrow Spear. The evening concluded with a short speech from TMD, in which he made clear how fantastic the School's fundraising efforts as a whole were this year. He concluded by saying that the association between Harrow and Spear has been a highly successful one so far and that hopefully it will continue for many years to come.

PRESENTATION FROM CHINA

As a sequel to December's music tour to China, Leo Sun, *Bradlys*, returned in the new year with a commemorative painting which he presented to WMAL, DNW, and DLC. The was made on behalf of the Wispring Education Development Foundation, the charity which had organised the orchestra's major concert in Shanghai.



A performance was also held at the enormous Shanghai Oriental Arts Centre, and involved a collaboration between our orchestra and D.Lab, a local dance troupe. Sun himself performed a piano solo during the sell-out concert. During the two music tours in China, last year and 2017, the boys were introduced to the work of Wispring, which seeks to raise educational standards and funding in rural areas of China.

ARTICULATION

On Friday afternoon, Francis Bamford valiantly descended the Hill into central London to represent Harrow School at the Regional Finals of ARTiculation. Francis had won the school heats, despite tough competition from over twenty other excellent presentations by Harrovians. He had also breezed through the London Heat at the Victoria & Albert Museum in late February. But this was his greatest challenge yet.

Francis and JESB were eased into the process on arrival at the National Gallery with an exclusive tour of the collection looking at Botticelli's 'Mars and Venus' in the Sainsbury Wing as well as Rubens' ambiguous 'Sampson and Delilah'. At this point, Francis was whisked away to go through the logistics of the event and to meet the competition while JESB was left to await the other cheerleaders including Francis' parents, LWH, Jack Chen and Archie Martine.

The programme revealed that eight of the ten talks were by female presenters and the large majority were on contemporary art with a strong political agenda. However, this was not enough to ruffle Francis who, once again, delivered an outstanding presentation on his chosen topic, Whistler's 'Nocturnes'. His evident passion for both the musical and visual 'Nocturne' led to a convincing but nuanced argument that balanced art historical

fact with personal anecdote and left the audience tittering and thoughtful in all the right places. On completion, the judge, Dr James Fox, a personal hero of both Francis and his mother, asked a tricky question about the influence of Japanese prints. JESB held her breath. But she needn't have worried as Francis easily took the question in his stride.



We listened attentively to the other nine speeches before the judge retired to adjudicate. On his return, he congratulated Francis and said how much he had enjoyed – and learnt – from Francis' presentation on Whistler – which is no mean feat given that Fox had made a BBC documentary on the artist! At this stage, the talks were all so unique and of such a high calibre that it could only be an entirely subjective decision and alas, Francis was not selected to go through to the Final. However, Francis should be immensely proud of his performance and he was a credit to the school. Congratulations Francis!

MATHS FEAST

St Dominic's Sixth Form College

Last week, the Remove Maths team, comprising Liron Chan, *The Grove*, Matthew Chin, *Bradlys*, Alex Chow, *West Acre*, and David Liu, *Bradlys*, competed in the Year 10 Maths Feast competition hosted by St Dominic's Sixth Form College last week. They didn't have the best start, making some elementary errors in the first round and dropping a few points. They then however produced three flawless performances to win the remaining three rounds, securing certificates for the best team performance on the day.

OPINION

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters to the editor

DEAR SIRS,

Daniel Sturridge has recently been banned from all football for four months for breaking betting protocol in football. Why do football stars risk a well-paid profession to go against protocol for betting? Sturridge is not alone, Joey Barton was also banned for 18 months for betting offences. Even if Betting provides a rush of emotions and, yes, there is always that chance that you can win big, going down such a slippery slope such as betting with the risk of public humiliation and losing a flourishing career (in the case of those two footballers), is all this really worth it? Does there need to be more education for adults and children alike?

Yours sincerely,
FERGUS MCKIE, THE GROVE

DAME VAUGHAN

Agony Aunt

DEAR DAME VAUGHAN,

Oh Damey, as you shelter under your water resistant roof, I would like to share with you a few choice verses which have been precipitating in my mind recently, who knows why: Rain, Midnight Rain, nothing but the wild rain On the bleak hut, and solitude, and me.

(RAIN EDWARD THOMAS)

And:

"Raining in torrents again," they say,
The field is a slippery, miry marsh.

(FIVE HUNDRED FACES, JF/EWH)

And:

I silently laugh at my own cenotaph,
And out of the caverns of rain,
Like a child from the womb, like a ghost from the tomb,
I arise and unbuild it again.

(THE CLOUD, PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY)

And:

Blow winds and crack your cheeks,
Rage! Blow! You cataracts and hurricanoes, spout
Til you have drench'd our steeples, drown'd our cocks!

(KING LEAR, ACT III, WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE)

Nevertheless, you get the picture: between Ciara, Dennis, and as I write Jorge (adding a Spanish flair to our British deluges), we've been utterly drenched with cloud tears, as things have gotten stormy for Britain. I don't think I've had an entirely dry pair of socks since January 11th. However, this precipitation inundation has prompted some cogitation: what is rain? How is rain? Why is rain? And why can't I rain on your parade? Seeing as I'm spending a lot more time indoors, do you, dear Dame, have a book recommendation to part the heavy clouds of my wet weather ignorance?

Yours fully soaked through,
CYRIL STRATUS

DEAR MY WET WEATHER WRITER,

It has been a rather damp February, I admit. Every day currently seems mired with grey dreadnoughts of clouds ploughing the windy skies. However, they do say 'every cloud has a silver lining', and at least the ducks are happy. Moreover, I've had a chance to dust off my Fred Astaire impression and perform 'Singin' in the Rain' all over London – people are clamouring for me to star in the upcoming Sadlers Wells production, but darlings, I've sworn off the stage after my little tiff with Laurence Olivier. A story for another time – I don't want to put a dampener on the moment. Anyway, as to be expected, I am the silver lining to your readerly cloud: I have the perfect book for you – Rain: A Natural and Cultural History by Cynthia Barnett, a fascinating study of such an elemental, mysterious, precious and destructive phenomenon. As you've shown, Rain is the subject of not only a geographical and scientific process, but also of human inspiration and cultural endeavour. Barnett's book starts four billion years ago with the torrents that filled the oceans, and builds to the storms of climate change via the true shape of rain drops, the mysteries of frog and fish rains, and humanity's attempts to control rain through ancient rain dances and barriers such as the 2,203 miles of levees straitjacketing the Mississippi river. It takes into account rain's cultural impact, the superstitions, and meteorology, as well as acts as a travelogue through the world. This is no boring small talk about the weather around the water cooler, and I'm sure it will fascinate and beguile. Enjoy!

Yours in a rainbow-inducing drizzle,
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]

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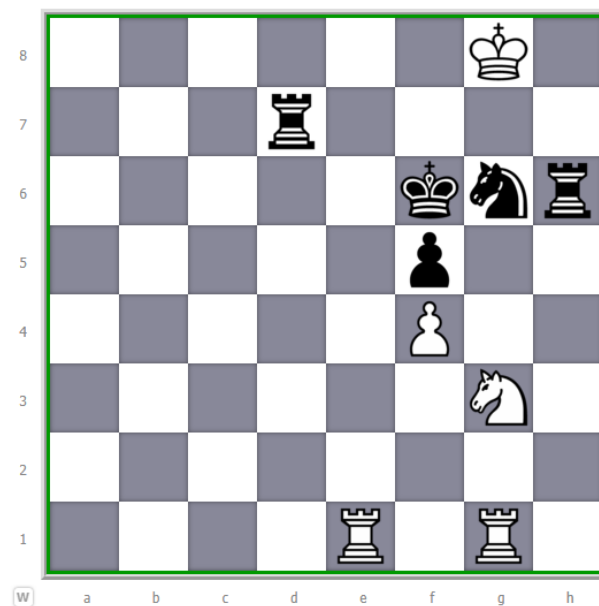
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CHESS PUZZLE

The weekly Chess Puzzle set by JPBH. Email your solutions to him (jpbh@harrowschool.org.uk) to enter the termly competition. Answers are published with next week's puzzle.

This edition's puzzle: White to play and mate in 3 moves.



Last puzzle's answer: 1. ... Qg1+ 2. Rxf1 Nh2#

Fancy playing chess? Drop in to Chess Club – Tuesdays and Thursdays 4.30–6pm in Maths Schools 5. All abilities (boy, beak or non-teaching staff) are welcome!

SPORTS

HARROW FOOTBALL

Cock House Final, Newlands 6, The Head Master's 2

Newlands Squad: Archie Hogben, Robert Litton, Ewan Josserand, Charlie Christie, Philipp Benigni, William Dutton, Tom Foster, Herbie Smith, Justin Donohugh, Caleb Efemuai, Jude Brankin-Frisby, Luke Esposito, Aurelien Josserand, Callum Lloyd, Jasper Gray, Joseph Fan.



The Cock House Harrow Football final was played in perfect conditions. The mud was sticky and large puddles were prevalent everywhere. It was going to be a very tiring and demanding game of Harrow Football. Both houses came down with an army of pink and yellow and there was not a single minute of silence during the whole game. The Head Master's kicked the first half off and had a very quick and dominant start which caught Newlands off-guard. The Head Master's were capitalizing on the downhill and started off very aggressively. The aggression paid off as The Head Master's scored the first base of the match. Both teams were struggling in the conditions, but Newlands were able to fight back and secure a base to level the game. However, the downhill continued to favour The Head Master's and right before half-time The Head Master's secured a second base, thereby leading 2-1. After an excellent team talk by Philipp Benigni, *Newlands*, began the second half full of energy, grit and determination. Aggression increased from both teams and more line breaks came from Newlands. However due to the mud the ball did not have much momentum and kept getting stuck, frustrating both teams. The Newlands attack was relentless, scoring five unanswered bases, with The Head Master's struggling to defend. The final whistle was blown, and the score was 6-2 to Newlands. This was an important game as this meant that the Newlands Upper Sixth have remained unbeaten in five years. The game was played in an excellent atmosphere with both teams giving of their best – sportsmanship at its finest.

The Outcasts XI vs John Russell & Jamie Hill's XI
Outcasts lost 7-1

The Russell and Hill XI: John Russell (Moretons 2008³), Mirko Altana (Moretons 2008³), Jamie Hill (The Head Master's 2013³), Will Travis (The Head Master's 2013³), Milo Chetwynd-Talbot (West Acre 2013³), Ed Chia Croft (Lyon's 2013³)

A strong OH side made up of members of John Russell's XI and Jamie Hill's XI beat the Outcasts 7-1 on a cold, wet afternoon on Hemstall 6.

The OHs took full advantage of the torrid conditions and

the downhill slope and put together a number of excellent marauding runs, yielding 4 bases before half-time. The School fought back in the second half but the Old Harrovians used all of their experience and guile to ensure that a big win would be secured for the old boys.



Scorers for the OHs: Russell x 2, Hill x 2, Travis x 2, Zac Yardley, *Druries*.

Scorer for the boys: George Craven, *The Grove*.

FOOTBALL

The School v St John's School, Leatherhead
1st XI, Won 5-2

Scorers: Jasper Gray, *Newlands*, 2; Tom Ward, *West Acre*, Arthur Leney, *The Knoll*, Kit Davidson, *Rendalls*

The Four Seasons is a luxury hotel that you can find in the heart of Mayfair and other glamorous locations across the globe. The four seasons are also something that you have to endure over 80 minutes of football at Harrow these days: rain, sleet, sunshine, earth, wind and fire. But the 1st XI once again battled the elements to put in their most impressive performance this season.

St John's arrived so late that Harrow had almost set off for the 2021 return fixture. Having spent 3 hours on the coach and having only had 5 minutes to warm-up, ADJT and NT's pre-match team talk was based around how the opposition would be lethargic and stiff after a long journey, so we should get at them right from the start and give them no time on the ball. Naturally, Harrow were 1-0 down inside the first minute. A St John's corner was poorly dealt with, and the loose ball was toepoked in from a few yards out.

This was the shock that the 1st XI needed to spur them into action. They barely looked back from that point on. After a frantic period of 15 minutes where the game was being played at breakneck speed, Harrow settled into a good rhythm and moved the ball nicely, with Kit Davidson, *Rendalls*, pulling the strings in midfield. The boys found their equaliser midway through the first half. Ben Harrison, *West Acre*, was fouled on the edge of the area and Jasper Gray, *Newlands*, stepped up to plant the free kick into the corner after some dubious positioning from the St John's keeper. From then on, it was all Harrow. Davidson almost added a wonder goal after some glorious link up play with Fin Scott, *Rendalls*, outside the area. His curling, dipping shot came crashing back off the crossbar, but would have been a certainty for goal of the season had it gone in.

The 1st XI took the lead shortly after. Will Holyoake's, *The Head Master's*, corner was met by Tom Ward, *West Acre*, whose powerful header took a very slight deflection on its way in. Ben Smith, *Bradlys*, who has never scored a goal for Harrow, claimed that the ball deflected in off him, but the Harrow School Dubious Goals Committee (ADJT, NT, LAM, WMAL, DJE, KAF – applications to join this elite group to be sent to ADJT)

met in secrecy in the very early hours of Sunday morning to review the footage and award the goal to Ward.

After half-time Harrow managed to establish a comfortable cushion to put the game beyond doubt. Arthur Leney, *The Knoll*, burst through on the left-hand side and his shot was blocked and rolled slowly through to the keeper. Somehow, disastrously for the St John's stopper, the ball then trickled underneath his dive and over the line for Harrow's third.

Harrow's fourth goal was another moment of quality from Gray, who used the wind to his advantage to score directly from a corner. He struck the ball sweetly and the wind carried the ball over the keeper's head into the top corner.

St John's then managed to grab a goal back after Harrow's back 4 started to drop a bit too deep. However, a tactical change to a back 5 swung the game back in Harrow's favour. Credit must go to the forward line of Ben Harrison, Fin Scott, Arthur Leney and Ademide Odunsi, *Moretons*, who all showed impressive fitness in the late stages of the game to press the St John's back line relentlessly, winning the ball back in high areas and giving the Harrow defence a bit of a rest. Matt Harrison, *West Acre*, and Raef Tanner, *Bradlys*, were also tenacious and strong in midfield, breaking up play and moving the ball well.

This excellent high pressing led to Harrow's fifth. It was a deserved goal for Kit Davidson, who was released on the left-hand side and he curled a wonderful strike into the top right corner from 20 yards out to finish off a great Harrow performance.

Colts A, Lost 0-1

Colts B, Draw 2-2

Junior Colts A, Won 3-2

Scorers: Elliott Taylor, *West Acre*

The JCAs performed with great resilience to win this tough encounter. Elliott Taylor's two goals, in addition to an own goal, gave them victory and there were notably impressive performances from Cameron Ellis, *Rendalls*, Luke Walton, *WestAcre*, and Chinedu Orji, *The Park*. The JCAs fought back impressively from 1-0 and 2-1 down to win this entertainingly tough encounter. With the game played on the 4G astro, owing to the heavy rain, time and space on the ball were not readily available. However, the quality and determination of the players ultimately got them through to record their most satisfying win of the season so far. Harrow's two conceded goals were, of course, frustrating and did not reflect the balance of play. The first came from a loss of possession in a defensive area, with a quick one-two allowing the St. John's attacker through on goal. The second came in the second half during a period of considerable Harrow pressure, indeed Cameron Ellis had just narrowly missed at the other end. A defensive mix up enabled the St. John's striker to round the home keeper and squeeze home an effort at the far post, leaving the JCAs a lot to do to rescue the result. That they did so was a reflection of their spirit and quality. Elliott Taylor's first, in the first half, was a close-range, back post header after a lovely jinking run and cross from Charlie Young, *Newlands*. His second, to win it, was a sharp piece of play in the box, shifting the ball away from the defender and stabbing a low finish into the far corner. It was suitable reward for a typically high-class captain's performance, during which he drove the team on with skill and determination. In between, Harrow had equalised with an own goal, coming from a deep free-kick. In the jumble of players jumping, the ball flicked in off a defender. That set the scene for the last ten minute push in which the home side ultimately prevailed. There were superb performances throughout. Cameron Ellis was unlucky not to score with a number of excellent efforts. His drive and skill up front were, as ever, complemented by the dominant midfield performance of Luke Walton, who won the ball on countless occasions and drove forward with excellent dribbling and passing. At the back, Chinedu Orji was strong defensively and provided a real attacking force down

the right side. Kanta Morishiga's, *Newlands*, introduction in the second half brought calmness and quality to the midfield and the centre-back partnership of Alonso Fontana, *Grove*, and Henry Woodcock, *Headmaster's*, was typically solid. The JCAs should aim to play with this level of intensity and focus in the remaining games of the season.

Junior Colts B, Won 3-2

Scorers: Victor Grant, *Moretons*, Casper Kingsley, *Elmfield*, and Ayomide Awolesi, *The Head Master's*

JUDO

2020 HMC Independent Schools Judo Tournament

A team of 27 boys entered the HMC Independent Schools Judo Tournament, held on Saturday at High Wycombe Judo Centre.

15 shell boys entered the Junior (U14) age band of the competition. Lukas Edstrom and Theo Stockmeier were dominant in the Under-73 and Over-73-kg categories respectively, both finishing with gold medals. Gabriel Harrington-Myers, Harry Jang, St John Smith, Netanel Lawrence-Ojo and Fuad Abualsaud took silver medals in their categories with bronze medals for Freddie Dinan, Rodrigo Agag Aznar, James, Lanni, Joel Balogun, Seb Brindley, Sam Phillips and Ollie Chambers. As a group this relatively inexperienced Junior Team was superb, and a good example of what can be achieved with careful preparation and courage on the day!



In the Intermediates, Giancarlo Urselli took the gold medal in the Over-81-kg category with Phillip Truscott taking the silver. Emmanuel Olowe worked hard for a silver medal in the Under-81-kg division, while in the Under-73-kg category Josh Soyemi finished with Silver and Jude Esposito Bronze.

In the Seniors, Daniel Ponomarenko took the gold medal in the Under-60-kg division with Jake McDermind finishing bronze. Captain George Biles topped a tough Under-66-kg category, fighting intelligently throughout the afternoon and winning a difficult final by an opportunistic lapel choke. George Davies saw off all of his opponents with the maximum score, ippon, to finish with gold medal in the Under-81-kg category, with Hugh Pearson and Caspar Gurney taking bronze medals in the same group. In the Under-90-kg weight class, Jan Kryca was dominant in his early matches but had to settle for a silver medal behind a junior international competitor.

This was certainly Harrow's most dominant display at this tournament, with 26 out of 27 boys medalling. In the final medal table Harrow again finished as winning school, well ahead of main rivals Tonbridge, Winchester and Merchant Taylors. This is the sixth year in a row that Harrow has won this tournament, which is the longest winning streak in the tournament's history. The team is now preparing for the British Schools Championships, which takes place the weekend after next at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield

SWIMMING

Gala vs Bishops Stortford, Senior, Won 115-96

On Saturday afternoon, Harrow hosted a very strong Bishops Stortford Team, competing in three age categories: Under 15, Under 18 and Open.



There were 8 Personal Best times swum by the Harrow competitors in this competition. Thomas Khan, *West Acre*; Ethan Yeo, *The Head Master's*; Z-Za Bencharit, *Elmfield*; Joe Storey and Nick Finch, both *Newlands*, were the only swimmers to win both of their individual races. With regard to the Swim Squad's streak of consistent records in each and every gala swum this season, this gala was no exception: there were three set. Nick Finch beat his own school record in the 100 Butterfly by nearly 2 seconds in a time of 1:00:75; Mark Zeng, *Elmfield*, touched in at 31.77 seconds in the 50 breaststroke event and, finally, Maxwell Brooks, *West Acre*, swam the the 200 Metres backstroke event in 2 minutes 33 seconds.

RACKETS

The School v Wellington College

Senior 1st Pair, Lost 3-1

A fine effort against the top-ranked Pair in the country by Rishi Wijeratne, *The Head Master's*, and Ben Hope, *Rendalls*, who played at their best to win a tight game before losing 1-3.

Senior 2nd Pair, Lost 3-0

Henry Wilson, *Elmfield*, and Johnny Connell, *Rendalls*, were not quite consistent enough in a match of good standard and lost 0-3.

Junior Colts 1st Pair, Won 3-1

Some strong rallying and good serving from Tarquin Sotir, *Druries*, and Veer Patel, *The Knoll*, that culminated in a 3-1 win.

The School v Marlborough College

Senior 1st Pair, Won 1-3

A determined performance from Rishi Wijeratne, *The Head Master's*, and Ben Hope, *Rendalls*, in a 3-1 win.

Senior 2nd Pair, Lost 1-3

Henry Wilson, *Elmfield*, and Johnny Connell, *Rendalls*, improved after a slow start but eventually went down 1-3.

Senior 3rd Pair, Won 3-2

A very spirited effort in a hard-fought 3-2 victory for Sasha Sebag-Montefiore, *The Knoll*, as well as Jude Brankin -Frisby, *Newlands*.

Colts 1st Pair, Won 3-1

Federico Gherzi, *The Head Master's*, and Max Shirvell, *The Head Master's*, showed their improvement in a 3-1 win.

Junior Colts 1st Pair, Won 3-1

After a slow start some excellent Rackets in a 3-1 win for Tarquin Sotir, *Druries*, and Alonso Fontana, *The Grove*.

Yearlings 1st Pair, Won 3-1

Another strong performance in a 3-1 win for Charlie Hope, *Rendalls*, and Gus Stanhope, *Moretons*.

HOCKEY

The School v Aldenham School

1st XI, Lost 1-0

A strong and positive performance kept the score line equal until the final 5 minutes. Constructive and determined hockey brought about some exciting chances in the strongest overall performance of the season.



2nd XI, Won 3-1

A hard fought match that saw two evenly ranked sides play and an enjoyable and competitive fixture of hockey. The match became somewhat scrappy in the second half, with Harrow capitalising on a intercepted pass to score a third goal which took the match away from Aldenham in the latter stages of the fixture. Well done to all involved.

Junior Colts A, Lost 5-3

Yearlings B, Lost 1-0

FIVES

The School v Eton College

Senior, Lost 3-0

The boys suffered a 3-0 loss today against some classy paly from Eton. Whilst they were not outplayed at all more attention to the set piece would have helped.

Colts, Lost 3-0

A 3-0 loss today with some good battles which went against us.

Junior Colts, Won 2-1

A great win today for the boys with Gus Stanhope, *Moretons*, and Charlie Hope, *Rendalls*, winning a tight last set and Casper Stone, *The Park*, and Leo Gordon Pullar, *Newlands*, continuing their winning ways with good determination and skill.

Yearlings, Lost 3-0

A tough game for the boys but some encouraging performances again from Freddie Dinan, *Rendalls*, and Algie Anderson, *Moretons*, showing that they are not far off the pace.

CLAY SHOOTING

120 competitors in 30 teams took part in Harrow's 10th annual Fido May Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition at the EJ Churchill shooting ground. Harrow entered four teams and achieved 3rd place in the 100 bird Flurry Competition as well as 11th, 14th, 15th & 19th places overall. In the High Gun competition there were notable performances from Arthur Ludlam, *Druries*, Peter Peganov, *Druries*, and Carrick Reid, *The Head Master's*, who shot accurately in very cold and often blindingly bright conditions.

SQUASH

The School v Charterhouse, 27 February

1st V Lost 1-4

WTC Sotir, *Druries*, Lost 0-3

SWS Sebag-Montifiore, *The Knoll*, Won 3-0

WA Orr-Ewing, *Elmfield*, Lost 2-3

FAW Murley, *The Park*, Lost 1-3

H Qureshi, *The Park*, Lost 0-3

2nd III Lost 0-3

HAX Sie, *Newlands*, Lost 0-3

I Qureshi, *The Park*, Lost 0-3

JT Nelson, *Bradlys*, Lost 0-3

Junior Colts Lost 1-2

HAM O'Shea, *Druries*, Lost 2-3

IWJ Doyle, *The Park*, Lost 2-3

DG Doros, *Elmfield*, Won 3-2

Yearlings Lost 1-4

AM Stratton, *Newlands*, Lost 0-3

MA Fulford, *The Knoll*, Won 3-2

A Anderson, *Moretons*, Lost 2-3

B Leong, *The Knoll*, Lost 1-3

V Plyushchenko, *The Grove*, Lost 1-3

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