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DEBATING SOCIETY

*'This house regrets the invasion of Afghanistan',
14 September*

On Tuesday 14 September, the Debating Society began their year with a curtain-raising fixture against a team of recently graduated Old Harrovians. The School IV proposed the motion that 'This house regrets the invasion of Afghanistan'.

To open the argument for the Harrovians, Haiwei Li, *Bradlys*, put forward the argument that the invasion of Afghanistan was conducted with the primary aim of stopping terror. With his trademark "I'm not nervous" attitude, Li put together the story of the planning of the 9/11 bombings that would make even the most competent of geographers confused. However, the underlying point of the story was to show that Afghanistan, or at least the majority of Afghans, had very little to do with the construction of terrorist threats to the West and that we therefore invaded the wrong country.

This was followed up by some rebuttal from the opening Old Harrovian speech, which was given by Adam Ait El Caid (*Druries 2016*³). Having apologised for the warzone that was his new hairstyle, the former Head of School launched into his explanation of why the invasion of Afghanistan not only was necessary to stop terror, but also brought food, electricity and rights to the Afghan people.

This was quickly refuted by the energetic Aakash Aggarwal, *Lyon's*, who mitigated the point about women's rights by explaining just how minimal the positive impacts of the invasion were. Although there was a slight improvement in women's education under the Taliban, Afghan girls only spent an average of 5.6 years in school, and even that was often interrupted. Aggarwal argued that when this marginal gain was weighed up against hundreds of thousands of deaths, casualties and displaced people, it was not a risk worth taking.

The mantle was then taken up by Will Travis (*The Head Master's 2013*³), who argued that the invasion of Afghanistan rendered the Taliban more willing to deal with the West over issues like stopping terror and safeguarding the rights of women. However, the speech was somewhat reliant on his main source, which was the word of the Taliban's chief spokesman. Not only was the source dubious in its veracity, but the very fact of its questionable nature was highlighted by Travis during the speech, rendering it hard to ignore.

The excellent William Wauchope, *The Knoll*, began his season by explaining the long-term deficiencies of the invasion of Afghanistan. Although investment had temporarily poured into the poverty-stricken country, the long-term effect of much of the occupation has been to turn it into a country which is economically reliant on the production of narcotic drugs. Moreover, now the Taliban are back in power, increased radicalisation will ensue, meaning that Afghanistan will pose even more of a threat to the West.

Theodore Seely (*The Head Master's 2015*³) seized the floor with his customary gusto. With the outrageous hand gestures that once haunted the halls of House debating, he presented the argument that action in Afghanistan was necessary and that the invasion was therefore necessary. While his argument made logical sense at face value, something of a false dichotomy was

drawn in its construction. Moreover, his appeal that we shouldn't regret the war in Afghanistan because doing so would be a disservice to our veterans was nothing more than an attempt to pull the wool over the eyes of the Adjudicator.

To sum up the case for the home team was Dylan Winward, *Lyon's*. In his weighing, he clarified that the debate was about the invasion as it happened, not any hypothetical action in Afghanistan. Re-emphasising the proposition's counter-mechanism that covert operations would have been a better alternative to a full-scale invasion of terror, Winward brought his customary experience into rebutting the key claims of the opposition. While on one or two occasions he missed open-goal chances to put the Old Harrovians on the deck, it was nonetheless a performance to knock off some of that summer rust.

To wrap up for the Old Harrovians was Hari Rattan (*The Knoll 2013*³), who put his newly found legal training to good use in arguing that the invasion was not only legal but necessary. With a measured, charming and reasonable delivery, he lulled the audience into almost believing that his side had won the debate.

However, in the event, the external adjudicator ruled in favour of the School, who have started their season in the best possible way and look forward to more challenging away matches at St Mary's Ascot and Dulwich College in the weeks to come. Thanks must go to SMK and the Old Harrovians for the participation in the event.

SENIOR GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY

*Rafe Hogben, Newlands, and Rufus Williams, Rendalls,
'Have changing perceptions of climate change caused
firms and governments to become more environmentally
friendly?', OMS, 14 September*

On Tuesday 14 September, Rafe Hogben, *Newlands*, and Rufus Williams, *Rendalls*, delivered an enthralling lecture to the Senior Geography Society on the recently changing perceptions of climate change, and how these ideas have altered the ways in which businesses and governments operate. The pair began by clarifying the meaning of climate change. A 2019 study showed that the continued emission of greenhouse gases and the release of polluting chemicals have warmed the atmosphere and world in general, and that the rapid changes have caused a loss in biodiversity. This information has been gathered through ice cores from Greenland, Antarctica, and tropical mountain glaciers, which proves that the atmosphere responds to changes in greenhouse gas levels. Ancient evidence from sedimentary rocks, for example, reveals that current warming is occurring at around ten times faster than the average rate of ice-age-recovery warming. A collateral impact of this warming is that the accelerated melting of ice caps has caused the destruction of coastal settlements and extreme weather events much more severe and frequent than normal. As a result of these discoveries, many businesses have felt the need to go green as the perceptions of climate change become more prominent and influential. However, this is by no means a burden on many

businesses, but rather an opportunity to make more profit; a study from The Guardian revealed that 70% of consumers would be positively influenced by brands that use sustainable packaging and recyclable materials, meaning that companies can use their environmentally sustainable approaches to help advertise and market. In addition to this, sustainability can reduce unnecessary running costs such as energy bills, which are one of the largest business overheads. In essence, both the environment and the company benefit from 'going green'. Eco-labels and green stickers are labelling systems for consumer products. Eco-labels are voluntary unlike green stickers, which are mandated by law; for example, in the EU, major appliances and automobiles must meet an energy efficiency law that was implemented in 2012, intended to make it easy for the customers to take environmental concerns into account when shopping. The term 'greenwashing' was coined by the environmentalist Jay Westerveld in 1986 for conveying a false impression or providing misleading information about how environmentally sound a company's products are. A perfect example of this is L'Oreal's Hair Care products, which were labelled 'vegan-friendly' despite the brand testing on animals.

ESG (environmental, social, and governance) ratings are integrated by investors to understand risks and rewards. They help identify potential risks that are not spotted by conventional financial analysis. Companies that fail to manage ESG risks have historically experienced more volatility, accounting irregularities and general higher costs. GRI (global reporting initiative) standards create a common language for all organisations to report their sustainability impacts in a credible and consistent way. This enables organisations to be more transparent. Therefore, ESG ratings and the GRI standard can work together to show which firms are more environmentally appealing for investors, capital markets and civil society. McDonald's has become a big name in the sustainable food industry, being one of the founders of the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (GRSB), which aims to reduce the global warming impact of beef by 30% for 2030, a substantial amount considering 14.5% of global emissions come from meat and dairy production. This would require both carbon sequestration and emissions reduction. The IPCC estimates that grasslands alone could sequester up to 216 million tons of carbon annually by 2030. Roundtable members are also committing to investing in research and development of climate-smart practices, tools and knowledge. They also aim to ensure the beef value chain is a net positive contributor to nature; a large proportion of the rainforest destruction in the Amazon is because of cattle farming. This has a detrimental effect on the ecosystem and has caused a decrease in biodiversity in the region. GRSB members will wholly support practices throughout the entire value chain that are designed to sustain and restore grazing lands, enhance resilience, conserve forests, grasslands and native vegetation, increase biodiversity, and help prevent ecological decline. The final aim of the GRSB is to provide cattle welfare in which they can thrive through the best practices. Roundtable members will work to improve welfare and increase the ability of cattle to thrive in accordance with the World Organization for Animal Health. Furthermore, McDonald's has changed its packaging to a ratio of 4:1 between fibre- and plastic-based packaging. They also compost and recycle over 90% of their waste in over a quarter of their restaurants. For some companies, becoming more sustainable is not a choice – with governments and courts having to take legal action. A recent case of this was Dutch Shell, who were ordered by a court to cut their emissions by 45% by 2030 in line with the Paris Climate Agreement. The judge believed that Shell's goal of cutting emissions by just 20% was intangible and non-binding for the long term. This will affect Shell financially as they must invest millions in low-carbon energy to solve their problem. It is inevitable that you will have imperfect information about products, meaning that you won't be truly aware of the extent of your consumption. By ignoring obvious signs of green washing,

you can live a more sustainable life and aim towards consuming more environmentally friendly products and therefore have a positive effect on the planet. This concluded a fascinating lecture. Many thanks to Hogben and Williams for presenting it to a very pleased Senior Geography Society.

PEEL SOCIETY

Fergus McKie, The Grove, 'Persuasion and Propaganda', Speech Room, 14 September

On Tuesday 14 September, I had the pleasure of attending the first Peel Society lecture of the year. The theme for the Autumn term, as I am sure you've heard in Speech Room, is Persuasion and Propaganda. And so, to start, one of our Peel Soc. Secretaries, Fergus McKie, *The Grove*, explored the different types of propaganda and their effect on the mind. The lecture began with a picture of Joseph Goebbels. McKie explained that the Nazi party were masters of propaganda, using it to manipulate crowds and constructing it to appeal to the majority of Germans. He explained that the main reason why the Nazis were so successful was their very organised and charismatic leadership. If it were not for Hitler, the Nazi party would not have been able to convince people of its goals. McKie also gave us examples of propaganda that surrounds us in our daily life: an advertisement on YouTube or on TV is an example of propaganda, as advertisements of any kind are promoting a specific product or service. Political signs that you often see outside people's houses or posters containing slogans advertising a party's campaign are also propaganda as these promote one candidate and his views over other parties hoping to be elected.

In *Lord Of The Flies*, the character Jack spreads propaganda about the beast, playing with the fear in the minds of the other boys by promoting the idea that the thing on the mountain is a beast when it isn't, allowing Jack to have control of them. There are many different "sub-categories", if you like, to propaganda, and I will outline some of them now. The first of them is the idea of building a mental image, a technique often used by politicians. An example would be presenting an image of what the world would be like with immigration or crime so that voters will think of that image and believe that voting for said candidate will reduce that threat. McKie provided Barack Obama's "Hope" campaign as a specific instance of this tactic.

Building a false image of oneself is another form of propaganda. This is also known as the "plain folk" technique, where a popular person tries to show themselves as just another "normal" human being, humanising themselves and bringing a more human element to their campaign or message.

Fear is another effective tool to get people's behaviour to change, spreading the idea, for example, that 'x' could happen if I don't wear my seatbelt so I'll wear my seatbelt to ensure that it won't happen, or even an anti-smoking ad showing what happens to your lungs if you continue to smoke. Testimonial propaganda is perhaps one of the more common forms today; an example of it in social media is when a so-called influencer is paid to promote a specific product or item, spreading messages telling you why it is the best and why you should be buying that product. Creating false dilemmas, on the other hand, is another method popular among politicians. This is where you are presented with two choices as if they are the only two options. Finally, assertion propaganda involves presenting a fact without any proof, often using advertising, and though that fact is not factually true it hits a hard point home.

All in all, if there's one thing that you'll take away from this brilliant lecture, take this: trust nothing that you see or hear, as it is all propaganda.

MEDICAL SOCIETY

Dr Alex Maxwell, 'Career pathways and life as a junior doctor', 16 September

On Thursday 16 September, the Medical Society had the pleasure of hosting Dr Alex Maxwell, our School doctor, to give a talk on the possible careers that medicine could lead you to, as well as a look into the life of a junior doctor. The talk was divided into five fascinating parts.

The first part was an overview of junior doctor training routes, where Dr Maxwell discussed the typical process followed by those pursuing a career in medicine. He mentioned the options available, how long each stage of the process takes and exactly what is gained at each point of the journey.

Dr Maxwell then moved onto what makes a good medical student, where he asked the group what qualities they think a medical student needs to succeed. He then proceeded to give his three most valued attributes in a medical student, which were "compassion, honesty and a powerful desire to help people that overcomes your ego". A truly interesting and thought-provoking view, which stepped outside the typical academics and studying.

The next part of the talk was looking at a day in the life of a first-year doctor. Dr Maxwell talked about the different schedules of a medical and surgical doctor, both with their own very busy routines.

The final section before the Q&A discussed the skills you need and the skills you gain from going into medicine, as well as where these skills could take you later in life. Some of these included problem solving, leadership and ethics, which could interestingly take you to areas such as business or design and engineering. However, Dr Maxwell's main points were "get rid of your ego and think outside the box".

The talk finished with a Q&A session, which considered many interesting things such as the key to balancing social and work life as a doctor and an insight into medical politics.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Arthur Pilkington, Rendalls, 'Pericles, the greatest Athenian', Deno Leventis Library, 16 September

Arthur Pilkington, *Rendalls*, gave the first Classical Society lecture this academic term in the Deno Leventis Library.

Pericles was born in 495BC in Athens, belonging to the tribe of Acamantis and the deme of Cholargus. A funny fact about Pericles is that he regularly wore a helmet. The reason for this is that he had a very strangely shaped head and covered it with a helmet. It was so noticeable that comic playwrights of the time called him names, such as "onion head". He had a noble heritage and was born into wealth; his father, Xanthippus, was a wealthy Athenian politician. His mother was Agariste, niece of Cleisthenes, who was regarded as the founder of the Athenian democracy. From his heritage, one could definitely say that politics ran in his family. Pericles was educated in music and philosophy, like many Athenian boys in wealthy families.

Pericles was educated in music by the sophist Damon, who also trained Pericles for political contests. He was also educated by Anaxagoras, a pre-Socratic philosopher who investigated natural phenomena and is known for discovering the true causes of eclipses. From him, he learned many impressive characteristics, like having a firm voice when addressing a crowd and a "nobility of utterance". Alongside this, Pericles was not superstitious as he was aware of natural phenomena, unlike many at the time. We can see this when he was on a warship and an eclipse occurred, frightening the crew. Pericles was able to use his knowledge of natural phenomena to calm them down.

Pericles became associated with the people's party and took up the cause of the poor. Arguably, this was an act of self-preservation as Cimon (his political rival) was with the nobles' party.

Pericles was an extremely talented speaker and contemporary poets gave him the nickname "Olympian" for his speaking. They said that there was thunder and lightning when he addressed an audience and a thunderbolt in his tongue as he spoke. Thucydides once said, "whenever I throw him at wrestling, he beats me by arguing that he was never down and he can even make the spectators believe it". True or not, it goes to show how Pericles was a gifted speaker and talented at persuading people (maybe from his sophist teachings?). His most famous speech was his funeral oration in which he honoured the Athenians who died for their city in the first year of the Peloponnesian War.



Pericles was a man of the people. When Thucydides took over the aristocratic party as his opponent, Pericles chose to give more power to the people: he provided jobs at sea, as well as relieving the city of "idlers and agitators" to islands like Naxos and Andros. This raised the living standards of the poorest Athenians and boosted employment. This does, admittedly, seem controversial by modern standards, but at the time, we must remember that the most important thing to an Athenian politician at the time was the good of Athens and the Athenians.

For Athens, he organised the construction of temples and public buildings, such as the Parthenon, and other buildings on the Acropolis, which glorified Athens. The money for these was brought in from treasury of the Delian League. This was seen by many at the time as scandalous, as he used money from the league treasury, and the issue caused some resentment among Athens' allies. However, Pericles argued that, as long as Athens was serving them, he could spend the surplus on the city.

The big takeaway from his military career is that he was very wary and left nothing to chance. Once, Tolmides (an exceptional soldier) was going to invade Boeotia. He hadn't thought it through but had recruited over 1,000 of the finest Athenian soldiers. Pericles tried to persuade him against it in the Assembly, and said, if he wouldn't listen to Pericles, he would do well to be guided by time.

When news came a few days later that Tolmides and many fine Athenian soldiers had died, this increased people's respect for Pericles, who appeared a wise man who knew what was in Athens' best interests.

Nonetheless, he was not always so respectable on the battlefield. In 440BC, he led an expedition against Samos and it is said that he ordered that the Samian commanders and marines be crucified in Miletus and, after ten days, that they should be clubbed to death. He was perhaps so brutal so that he could appease Aspasia's family, who were from Miletus (rivals of Samos). Aspasia was essentially Pericles' long-term girlfriend. Many believed that the plague that came ten years later, killing Pericles, was a divine punishment for his cruelty.

In 430BC, this great plague hit Athens. While much debated, it is thought to have been typhus or typhoid fever. People blamed

Pericles, as he had brought many people from the country into the city due to the war, and they were left with nothing to do but infect one another. Because of this, the people of Athens turned against him and he had to pay a fine of 15 talents and had his generalship revoked. That being said, he was quickly missed and soon re-elected in 429BC.

In this year, he lost both of his legitimate sons, Xanthippus and Paralus, as well as his sister, to the plague. It is said that, as he was laying the wreath on the dead body of his only remaining legitimate son, he broke down in tears, which he had never been seen to have done before in his life; Pericles was by now a truly broken man.

He pleaded that the law around children born out of wedlock be suspended for once in his favour, so his lineage would not come to an end. Due to this law (which he introduced), nearly 5000 people had been sold into slavery, but the Athenians felt Pericles had already paid the price for this law through his immense suffering. This meant that his son and Aspasia's son, Pericles the Younger, was both a citizen and a legitimate heir.

Pericles caught the plague but suffered slowly from it and his body gradually lost strength. At his death bed, his friends were talking about his many successes, believing he had lost consciousness. However, he hadn't just yet, and he said how he was surprised they hadn't mentioned his biggest achievement, that "no Athenian ever put on mourning because of me". This for me displays his true love and dedication to his city. After his death, the Athenians felt his loss. His previous rivals soon came to realise how his incorruptible virtue was responsible for the state's success.

CROSS-CURRICULAR LECTURE

Brandon Chang, Druries, 'How the universe and time began', OSRG, 13 September

There was no better way for the Cross-Curricular Lecture Series to begin the academic year – and its new theme of 'Beginnings' – than with a lecture from Brandon Chang, *Druries*, about 'How the universe and time began'. It truly is the beginning of all beginnings, and the answer to mankind's greatest question.

Chang began the lecture with a history of the theories themselves and how science got to the Big Bang theory, before explaining the Big Bang model in detail and what it entails.

The Big Bang theory was initially proposed by Georges Lemaitre, a Belgian Catholic priest. His theory was that at the beginning of time (when God created the heavens and the Earth), the entire universe and all matter, was squeezed into a compact space, which he called the primeval atom. When this atom suddenly decayed, it released all the matter in the universe. This theory was largely rejected by the scientific community and by Einstein.

However, when Edwin Hubble started measuring the redshifts of galaxies at the Mount Wilson telescope, he discovered that the wavelength of light changed based on how fast the object is moving away. The faster the object is moving the more the colour turns red, hence the name 'redshift'.

If Hubble was right, then galaxies were moving outwards – the universe was expanding. Since the speed of a galaxy was directly proportional to its distance from Earth, this would imply that at some point in history, all the galaxies in the universe had been compacted in the same small region. Perhaps a primeval atom.

But all was not lost in the unchanging-universe argument. A Cambridge trio consisting of Fred Hoyle, Thomas Gold and Hermann Bondi created a radical new model of the universe. They managed to describe a universe that was expanding, but still eternal and unchanging. They proposed that the universe compensated for its expansion by creating new matter in the growing gaps between the receding galaxies, so the overall

density of the universe remained the same. It was dubbed the steady state model, and it could explain Hubble's observations perfectly.

For a few years, the two competing theories battled it out, insulting one another at every turn. The final blow to the steady state theory was dealt by two astronomers named Penzias and Wilson. While attempting to detect radio signals from distant galaxies, they accidentally made perhaps the most important discovery in the history of astronomy. They stumbled across cosmic microwave background radiation, or CMB radiation. This changed everything as it showed the very beginnings of the universe, and made the Big Bang theory far more plausible than the steady state model.

In the second part of his lecture, Chang focused on what the Big Bang model is. He explained it like this: "There was simply nothing. Even time didn't exist. Asking what happened before the Big Bang is like asking what's north of the North Pole. Then the Big Bang happened."

In a trillionth of a trillionth of a trillionth of a second, the universe expanded by a factor of 1030. Just to put that into perspective, if you expanded an atom by a factor of 1030, it would be as big as the Milky Way, our galaxy.

A trillionth of a second after the Big Bang, in every corner of space, the temperature was a billion times hotter than the Sun. As the universe expanded and cooled, particles smashed into each other and quarks started to combine and form protons and neutrons. The formation of hydrogen would come later, followed by the heavier elements, which are produced in the heart of stars and ejected throughout the universe via supernovae. The universe had begun.

To conclude, Chang described how we think it will all end. Before the 1990s, the Big Crunch was the leading theory for the fate of our universe. After Edwin Hubble discovered that the universe was expanding, astronomers naturally assumed that due to gravity, the expansion would slow, and then it would start contracting back into that primeval atom. Some believed that at that point would be a gargantuan black hole, while others speculated that the infinitely dense point would ignite another Big Bang, which could mean an infinite expansion and contraction dance.

The leading theory is currently dubbed the Big Freeze. It goes like this: within a few trillion years, all but the closest galaxies will be too far away to see, some will be travelling so fast that light can't even escape them. Then, star formation will cease, while white dwarves and black holes engulf any remaining material still lurking about. The last of the universe's objects, supermassive black holes, will finish evaporating via Hawking radiation. The universe will be in a state where all energy and heat is uniformly distributed. All will be empty and dark, and human civilisation is but a distant memory.

Having destroyed life's meaning for a group of 30 boys, Chang ended his brilliant lecture with a severe grilling with questions, and two hearty rounds of applause."

GORE SOCIETY

William Wauchope, The Knoll, 'Preference utilitarianism and animal rights', NS 2, 9 September

On the first Thursday back from the holiday, and coincidentally on the speaker's 18th birthday, the Gore Society welcomed William Wauchope, *The Knoll*, to deliver an extremely fascinating and thought-provoking lecture titled 'Preference utilitarianism and animal rights'.

Wauchope began by asking the packed form room a simple question: would you eat non-human animal meat if you were hungry? Unsurprisingly, virtually the entire form-room raised their hands. As a follow-up question, he asked if we would eat

a 10lb ethically killed baby which had no cognitive function; significantly fewer hands were raised.

Wauchope then outlined utilitarianism as a hedonistic, egalitarian and consequentialist theory. To illustrate this, he used the example of murder. In a utilitarian framework, the death of a human is not inherently wrong, but is only morally dubious because of the pain produced. Everyone's pain and pleasure is worth the same and there is no differentiation between them depending on the action committed. While in theory this may sound convincing, the weighing of pleasure v pain is far more complicated. For example, how do we differentiate between the pain of an emotional heartbreak against the pain of breaking your leg? Furthermore, in the case of sadistic prison guards, while they may gain immense pleasure in torturing a prisoner, it does intuitively seem wrong for a collective group to benefit from the excruciating pain of one person.

As a solution to this, Wauchope introduced preference utilitarianism, which involves satisfying as many preferences as possible. Preferences can either be satisfied or not satisfied, which avoids the vaguely defined and vastly impractical hedonic calculus of classical utilitarianism. Furthermore, preference utilitarianism does suffer from the same fallacy as classical utilitarianism, in that all the depressed people in the world could not be fed to the all the starving people in the world to get rid of the majority of pain and starvation, as this would contravene their strong preferences not to die. Killing them would violate such a preference.

The question arises of what a preference is and what the requirements are to have one. Wauchope proposed the idea of conception of the self, an idea of the future and self-permanence as the qualifications for having a preference. Animals do, although by no means conclusively, appear to have some of these traits. For example, the mirror test involves putting a mark on an animal's back whilst they are under anaesthetics. When the animal wakes up, if they see the mark on their back reflected in the mirror and thus begin to scratch their back, they seem to have a conception of their own existence. Apes, dolphins, elephants and, to the audience's surprise, magpies, all passed this test. With regards to an idea of the future, Wauchope explained how, in the wild, one alpha chimp maintains reproductive engagement with all females. If an alpha sees a beta in reproduction with a female, the beta covers itself up. The chimp thus has a conception of itself in the future and wants to take active and considered steps for its future. Moreover, in terms of intelligence, dolphins and chimps are known to have similar levels of personhood to humans and pigs, and dogs and cats are known to have quasi-personhood.

Wauchope went on to describe how non-human animals are subject to egregious treatment and how this is wrong under a preference utilitarian model. Through factory farming, animals often live in cages for their entire lives and are essentially treated as full-blown egg-producing beings. Furthermore, testing the safety of products such as shampoo or cologne can have hugely negative biological impacts on animals. As an objection to such claims of rights abuse, many argue that the effects of killing animals are far less than of killing humans. Humans have a greater primal conception of fear and thus would be more negatively impacted by the death of a fellow human being than a non-human animal would be by the death of an animal of the same species. Moreover, many argue that the cognitive capabilities of humans are what differentiates us from the rest of the animal kingdom. However, it is unlikely that someone would use the same reasoning to justify the murder of a severely mentally disabled human or someone in a coma. Wauchope then described other approaches to the concept of personhood. Scalar personhood is such that non-human animals can have varying levels of personhood (e.g. pig has one-third personhood, chimp as half personhood). Language based personhood differentiates humans on the basis of our ability to effectively communicate our thoughts in a mutually intelligible way. Another approach is

that of reciprocity-based personhood; animals can only receive rights once they respect our rights. However, this same logic would justify the killing of babies.

Wauchope concluded this fascinating lecture with a thought-provoking question about the role of humanity in determining rights. We have taken human qualities and applied them to animals, and thus we are implicitly making ourselves the basis of rights. We are putting ourselves at the centre of a very large universe. Why should we not work our way up from animals, instead of ourselves?

On behalf of the Gore Society, I would like to offer huge thanks to MJG and Wauchope for such a meticulously researched and flawlessly executed presentation. It truly was a privilege for all members of the society to hear such an amazing lecture.

OPINION

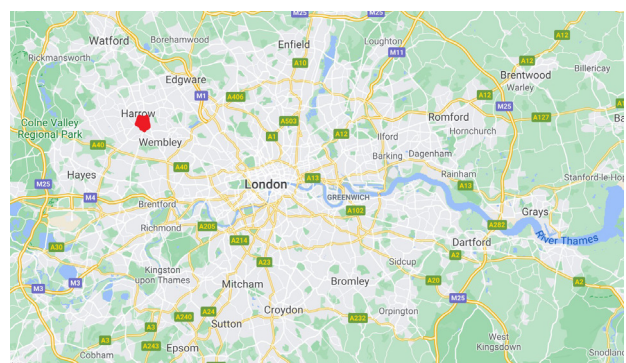
CORRESPONDENCE

Letters to the Editors

DEAR SIRS,

I write to you all, compatriots, comrades and companions, to broach a subject, undoubtedly controversial amongst the seditious and reactionary elements of the School, which I know will be a burning issue that countless generations of boys will have to grapple with in our future.

We live in a state run by Old Etonians. Our prime minister is an Old Etonian (as have countless others been). Our monarchs, will eventually be Etonians as well! Our unique culture, cuisine and clothing, is disregarded by the rest of the United Kingdom. Our language at Harrow, a unique pidgin; it is (according to the UN) technically endangered, that is, being larger size than Cornish, and smaller than Jerrais, yet it is not given recognition as a local language. One hardly needs to remind you of the mistreatment Harrovians are and have been subjected to in politics? Spencer Perceval, murdered. Viscount Goderich, betrayed. The Earl of Aberdeen, forgotten. Stanley Baldwin, ignored.



Above: A map of the new Independent Harrow within London

Friends, why is our rich and unique School and her people treated like this? Is it out of hatred? Misunderstanding? Jealousy? Why do we let ourselves and our culture remain in such a state of suppression by the central government in Westminster? Our land is rich, our fellow pupils are intelligent, and our beaks are fair... (apparently). Anyone who would suggest otherwise to any of these statements is clearly a spy from the other place.

While my suggestion may be radical, I hope you listen to it with open hearts: I believe that the time may come for Harrow to declare a unilateral independence. Our struggle would be

long and hard, it is true, but think of all which we stand to gain! An independent Harrow would be the second smallest country on the planet, larger than the Vatican and just smaller than Monaco. Similarly, our population would also make us the second-least populated country on the planet (though we would have a population density larger than the USA).

We would be free from the threat of being shut down, free from unfair taxes, free from the bureaucratic restrictions which have affected us for so long. Our language would be allowed to flourish, our culture would be given the status it properly deserves, and our leaders given a true opportunity. Let us make cultural societies, language societies, and secret societies to promote this noble goal of independence! With the wealth of talent that we have here at Harrow we can draw upon, we can truly make Harrow a world-class nation. For days, we fly the flag of Harrow on the flagmast atop Bill Yard. How can any Harrovian look on that flag without a burning patriotism, a desire for self-determination, for freedom?

I do not deny the difficulty of this endeavour. Some may try to stop us. When we finally embrace our fate, we will face struggles, and trials (real ones), the likes of which will scar the Hill. However, all of we, whoever we be, come up to the Giants of Old you see? With the brave soldiers of the Harrow Rifle Corp, and the fine minds of our academics, we will prevail! To misquote arguably our greatest Harrovian of all, we shall defend the Hill whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the playing grounds. We shall fight in the classrooms. We shall fight on the High Street. We shall never surrender. Advance Harrow! Long live the cause of freedom!

Yours maniacally,
HENRY RIDLEY, THE PARK

DEAR SIRs,

Normal has returned, and the rugby mafia is back. As we approach the colossal drums that ring out for the monarch of all months, the Ducker, Reddings and Sunley pitches again begin to line themselves with the blood of the martyrs who have thrown their bodies into the ruck and the ground dirt of the tackle.

The poor Shells this year. I've seen one Shell feign a "consistent cough" to get out of going to an away game where he hears the XV are "much bigger". Another desperately practises his fencing drills with a stolen fragment of baguette in hope that a minor sport will be his sweet release.

But the unfortunate truth is that for the vast majority of these boys, help is not on the way.

This author has no objection to rugby. In fact, rugby is a sport that fosters brilliant values in some boys, keeps us physically fit and has even been known to transcend the invisible line between Lyon's and The Knoll to form relationships of camaraderie. Indeed, I agree that every boy should be playing sport of some variety at Harrow. Exercise is not only a useful but necessary part of a modern boy's education.

But is it really appropriate that we still don't give the incoming Shells a choice about their autumnal activity? Surely by the end of their third week at School, they have "tried" it enough to know whether or not it is their calling? Particularly in light of new research suggesting that Harrow's favourite "high collision sport" can have dangerous long-term health effects, can we really justify forcing boys to take the risk?

If a boy does not want to play rugby, no amount of him being thrown to the floor is going to change that. Does a conscript army not resent its wars? If our aim is simply to expose boys to rugby to see if they would like it, could a spot in the Monday Afternoon activities programme along with fives and rackets not have the same effect? Secondly, we are discouraging boys from engaging with sports for which they will have a long-term future. Imagine how much better our minor sports could be if Shells were allowed to drop rugby earlier. We must also admit that there are other ways of meeting the aims of sport without forcing Shell boys to continue with rugby throughout

the Autumn term. Personal development, teamwork, ethical behaviour, rule following, leadership and sportsmanship are all traits that can also be found in football, badminton and fencing amongst many more sports.

When I joined this School, the Philosophy for Sport stated that "no boy at Harrow will be forced to play a sport he doesn't want to". Now, I find the line conspicuously removed. However, this is a real concern now as much as ever. There are a number of poor boys whose start to Harrow life has been made more a little bit harder by having to chase an egg-ball three times a week.

Even if rugby is a good thing for character and integrity, can we not have it be both such and optional? There are plenty of other good things they could take up instead.

Kind regards,
DYLAN WINWARD, LYON'S

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METROPOLITAN

DAMP

Damp everywhere. Damp on the frayed, moss-coloured floor; damp oozing from every inch of the sickly coloured walls; damp dripping from the straw of freshly varnished hats. Damp on the spongy leaves starting to collect on top of the slick, wet tarmac. Damp consuming every inch of the peeling, ancient posters. Damp trickling off of the monotone desks down into a forest of grey and black. Damp on the squelchy soles of oversized shoes. Damp surrounding the tall, grey trees swathed in cloth. Damp sitting locked inside a never-ending loop as the second hand lugs slowly around. Damp winding like a meander in a river into every crack and crevice and then resting there, waiting for the slow, winter months to pass.

Time ticks on. Minutes turn to hours, hours to days and days to months until at last, a single, shining beam of light beats down upon the bilious curtains bringing them to life like a phoenix rising from the ashes. Light burns through the dusty, discoloured windows and fills the room, causing each object to glimmer. Light beats down onto the freshly varnished hats, illuminating them in a golden glow. Light beams onto old, tatty posters, making them interesting and attractive. Light filling every inch of the room, seeping from one crack to another, healing the scarred walls as it drips slowly to the floor. Light slowly drying the slippery tarmac until it becomes warm to the touch. Light glistening through the fresh, green leaves filled with a new lease of life. Light everywhere.



Weekly Tea Review

Masala Chai By The Teamakers of London

Masala Chai by the Teamakers of London is made from fine Assam, cinnamon, cloves, cardamom, nutmeg, saffron, ginger and black pepper for an interesting kick. This is a largely traditional masala chai, which I enjoyed with milk.

When looking at the tea, you can tell that the base is made from dark Assam leaves, with larger pieces of dried ginger, whole cardamom pods and cloves. The smell is genuinely lovely and very rich, as if you are already tasting it.

This tea requires 10g for every 100ml of water, which is impressive considering its rich taste and quality. It takes 5 minutes at 100°C to brew.

The taste is beautiful. Wonderfully balanced and perfectly spicy. The sweetness is complemented by the acidity and the acidity is complemented by the spice. This tea carries out the tradition of the Masala Chai, with an all round brilliant experience.

The Tea Society meets regularly on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Join our mailing list to receive information about upcoming events.

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HUMANS OF HARROW

What is Humans of Harrow: Humans of Harrow is a new series inspired by Humans of New York – a platform through which New York citizens are interviewed and given a chance to express their own story. From a casual interview, a quote is chosen and is published along with the photo of the individual.

It is meant to encourage the sharing of one's interests or the delivering of a message of choice. *Humans of Harrow* will help build perspective, from looking at one another by our position in the community, to looking at one another as simply humans who all have their own story. We are hoping that this will help build a stronger and more respectful relationship between all members of our community, forming tighter bonds. We look forward to a community in which we know each other better rather than ignoring one another's existence within Harrow, a community in which we appreciate each other's stories better, and a community in which diversity is embraced.



Yujin Koshiba, Lyon's – Captain of Fencing

"The most memorable night out of my short 16 years of life is the night before my 12th birthday: The night before the biggest competition of the year, the National Fencing tournament.

When the chance finally came for me to stand in front of the national stage, I felt a sentiment that I had never felt before. There I stood in the middle of the piste, being the centre of attention of at least 1,000 spectators. One of these was Yuki Ota – a former number-one-ranked fencer but more importantly, my role model and advisor. With my loss count still at single digits at this point of my career, I was so confident that I would be standing on the podium by the end of the night.

However, the reality was different from the imaginations that I had drawn in my head, as I ended up being three points away from making the Japanese national team for fencing. I was in the locker room and was completely distraught, but that was when my coach came in and whispered to me three words that would become a turning point in my fencing career: "Broaden your perspectives."

It took me a week to figure out what my coach meant when he told me to 'broaden your perspectives'. Those words made me realise what I lacked in the game of fencing and what I lacked as a sportsman. Looking back, I was too focused on one thing and that was just winning. Some advice that I would like to have told myself earlier and to any other fencers is that losing is the best thing that you can do. From my loss, I was able to abandon my sense of hubris, and my loss made me pay more attention to my mistakes as well as the advice from others.

I am not ashamed to admit that it did take me more than three years to realise what this game of fencing, which I am so in love with, is about. In fact, I am proud of myself and extremely grateful to my former coach in Japan who helped me mature in the game. This is why fencing is, and will continue to be, my pride, comfort, and joy.

KALEIDOSCOPE

Congratulations to Rena Rawanchaiku from Harrow Bangkok for winning first prize in the High School category of Raise Your Voice: Exploring Youth Identities Competition organised by The Union International. We are delighted to be able to share Rena's writing with the Harrow Family community. There will be further opportunities to read the creative writing of students from all the Harrow Family schools with the publication of the Harrow Family of Schools Creative Writing Anthology. The 2021 edition is now available on the School website.

In an ever-changing world, when was the time you explored an unfamiliar identity? How have experiences shaped your aspirations and your perspective on social or cultural identity?

One of my earliest memories was of my mother, warm fingers grasping my tiny hand as we crossed the road. A flash of colour, and fabric was floating down the street in an odd dance: lift and tilt, lift and tilt. The wind's mischievous finger had unwound my mother's veil from her head, and the Iranian morality police were on us in an instant.

I remember bouncing into a dusty castle in Oman alongside my schoolmates, too young to keep still, as I explored rooms with old chests and carvings on the ceilings. I crouched by a hole in the wall that made for a window, playing pretend by peering out as if I were some Arabian princess of a bygone age.

As I did my homework every day, I could hear the sounds of the Salat al-zuhr from the white-domed mosque nearby. I frequented bazaars and shopping malls where women dressed in burkas and men in thawbs, and where the distinct smell of the Oud perfume flooded the hallways.

A few years later, I would run in an entirely new land, one where I would climb trees and search for dandelions and dare to stand a few feet away from kangaroos in the wild. I would wake to the kookaburra's laughter, analogous as ever to the free-spiritedness of then, a time where I would build sand castles and sneak into tree houses without a thought.

And yet, not long after, I was back in the country where I spent my earliest years, its name stamped across my passport. At my international school, Thai culture and language reigned supreme amongst the students. I struggled to make sense of words I was now hearing on a daily basis, to mold my tongue into odd shapes; to speak in a language I had only ever associated with domestic settings.

Having places you had called 'home' for a while be whisked away from you as you were transported elsewhere meant that 'home' was never a place for me. It meant that I had no one identity. Home was a feeling, and I was a kaleidoscope of memories; of different cultures and political systems; of histories, of identities. I experienced the raw beauty in being alive. My eyes opened to the role of the human will in creation and destruction, and to the respect that differences are owed. It shaped me inexorably into a global citizen who is fuelled by the desire to make a positive change in the world.

For what I have come to realise is this - we are mosaics. We are the pink and blue and green of Iran's Pink Mosque. We are the inquisitive child's voice in our head, like my 'why did he have to die, dad?' in Turkey, turning to a depiction of the crucifixion of Christ. We are an eclectic mix of identities - pieces of things we've seen and people we've been and spaces we've occupied. We are made of all that has gone before.

HARROVIAN POLL

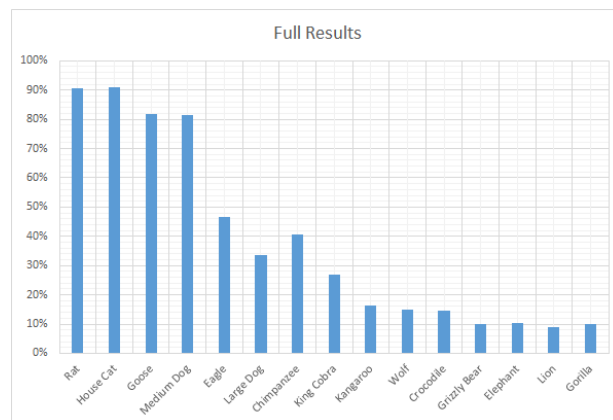
"Which animals could you defeat?"

For scientific purposes, the editors polled Harrovians on the following question: 'Which of the following animals could you defeat in unarmed combat?'. The animals listed? Rat, house cat, goose, medium dog, eagle, large dog, chimpanzee, king cobra, kangaroo, wolf, crocodile, grizzly bear, elephant, lion, and gorilla. The results are below.

Most of the results are as expected: most Harrovians polled think that they can take on a rat, a house cat, a goose or a medium dog. We see a sharp drop in affirmative responses when we get to eagle, followed by further decreases as we get to the more deadly animals. What is odd, however, is that around 10% of Harrovians think that they can take on a gorilla. What? Even if you are extremely strong and physically gifted, it's practically impossible to win that fight. How would you go about killing an elephant before it gores you or pancakes you? How do you withstand the pounce of a lion, or the charge of a grizzly bear? Though it is likely that many of these seemingly incredibly self-unaware Harrovians put down those animals 'for the hell of it', at least some of them must have been serious. These grave delusions need to be dispelled - perhaps a gorilla-Harrovia face-off for the 450th?

Another odd thing: 40% of Harrovians think they can take on a chimpanzee. Now, while the chimpanzee may look like just a smaller, hairier human, commonly held knowledge states that chimpanzees are around five to eight times stronger than the average human. In reality though, they are 1.35 times stronger, pound for pound. If we say the average chimpanzee weighs 55kg, you'd have to be more than 82.5kg to match it in terms of raw strength. Some Harrovians are stronger than a chimp, though many not as bright. All in all, no Harrovian would be able to withstand a chimp's onslaught, let alone 40%.

In rough comparison, the least self-deluded Houses were Moretons and The Grove, who had the lowest proportion of people who thought they could take on the big beasts. In Moretons specifically, nobody thought they could beat any of those animals, so they are either the wisest, or the least courageous.



The most deluded house was Bradbys. One in five thought they could win against a gorilla, and 60% think they could take on a chimpanzee (oddly enough, this bravado did not extend quite so much to eagles: a more modest 36% backed themselves there). The former result probably says more about how seriously Bradbysians take *The Harrovian's* polls, but the latter seems to be a genuine result, as there is a significant spike at the 'chimpanzee' category when compared to the neighbouring 'large dog' and 'king cobra' categories. Again, this is very worrying indeed; similar arrangements to the gorilla showdown may need to be made for a chimpanzee.

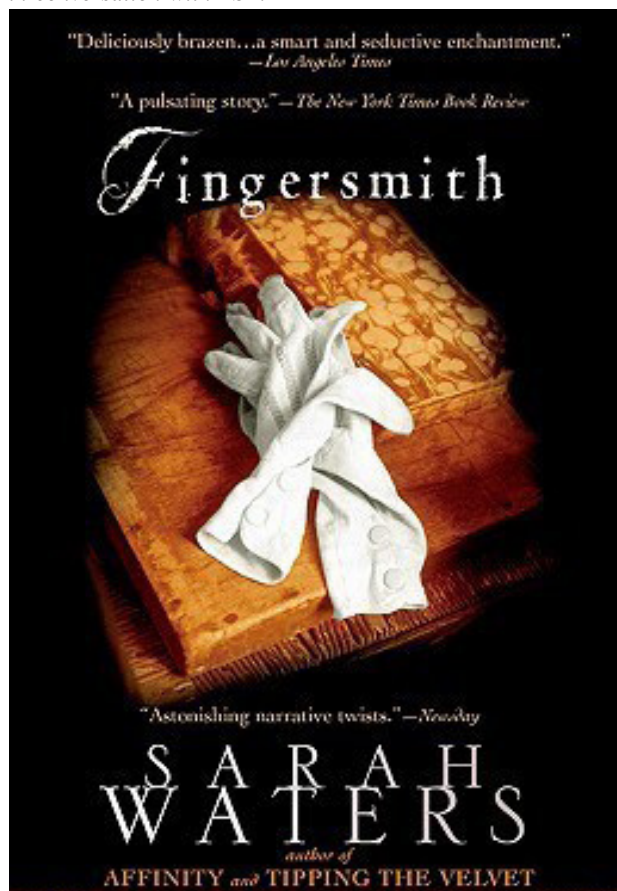
There were a few more interesting results. The Park, for instance, seems to be terrified by the prospect of fighting a goose: around two in five Parkites thought they would not win the match-up. Moretons meanwhile has a similar issue with

rats, with around one in five predicting that they would not win a fight against one. This may be because boys in Moretons are particularly conscientious and would rather die than kill a living animal.

It should also be noted that Harrovians are far more confident of their martial abilities than the average Brit or American in a similar poll.

BEAKS' BOOKS

As part of a new initiative in The Harrovian, our correspondence will interview English Beaks about their favourite books. For the first week of this new column, Dylan Winward, Lyon's, was in conversation with LSA.



Petticoats hang over the austere candlelit halls of an innocent heiress, whose newly arrived maid is secretly part of a plot to help steal away the decadence for an Artful Dodger type archvillain. The “gentleman” hopes to use his “inside woman” to help him seduce the secluded Maud into marriage for her money, before shipping her off to the nearest asylum. However, this isn’t a story that transcends class like any other. The master criminal doesn’t fall in love with the woman he is trying to seduce. He never finds himself reformed. Instead, his accomplice, the character who’s normally neglected and whose job you would think is nothing more than that of the narrator, falls in love with the heiress, perverting the course of this historical thriller.

When it comes to *Fingersmith*, nothing is as it seems.

Inspired by Sir Walter Scott, a writer who LSA studied while at university, *Fingersmith* captures the spirits, cultures and behaviours of the Victorian age without being overburdened by the necessity of factual chronological consistency. Rather than telling the stale *Oliver Twist* like tale of a den of thieves that we have come to expect, Sue and Maud serve as protagonists

whose illicit relationship is the driving force in Sarah Walter’s 2002 novel.

Written from the perspective of the two protagonists, *Fingersmith* shows us that while Sue and Maud come from vastly different backgrounds (one being an urban orphan in a den of thieves and the other being locked away in a country estate with her eccentric and misguided uncle), they share similar experiences. Both have been exploited. Both are longing for something which they can’t openly have. Both are subject to a plot twist that LSA described as “one of the best written in the 21st century”.

According to LSA, the fact that the novel is about a romantic relationship between two women makes it an important read for Harrovians, who would not ordinarily be exposed to those ideas within their conventionally covered literary canon. Moreover, Maud’s discovery of her identity through the lens of her own meta-literary adventures as the book goes on should serve to inspire boys who are looking to cover content in their own writings. Perhaps most impressively, in a book that manages to cover an innocent girl forced to curate pornography, crime and love, there is a deep sensitivity that aspiring writers should look to mimic (LSA certainly thinks it helped in the writing of her own novel).

If you are interested in delving into *Fingersmith*, copies are available in the Vaughan Library and it is on the English Department Reading Challenge. While it is a longer read, the fast-paced excitement in it mean that there is certainly joy in the journey.

GAFFE AND GOWN

“I don’t understand people who go to Maccies to get a salad, it’s like going to your local Chinese for some fish and chips. It’s just totally morally wrong.”

“It’s so good seeing people back in Chapel, it’s just a shame I have to be there as well.”

“Ahh that’s nice, you’ve got a picture of you and your sister on your phone.” “No not really, it’s only there to remind me that if I can survive a summer with her, I can do anything.”

“The only reason there was a second round of the cross country was because they missed watching us suffer last year.”

“Therefore, we should kill the poor. Wait, don’t kill the poor. ... Well, I don’t want to undermine your belief system.”

SPORT

RUGBY

The School XV v Dulwich College, Won 47-7

A comprehensive victory for the XV away at Dulwich spearheaded by an outstanding defensive effort which stifled any hope of a Dulwich response to Harrow’s rampaging attack. Tries from Tuipulotu, *Duries* (2), Phillips, *Newlands* (2), Anderson *Moretons*, Ademuwagun, *Duries*, and Cutler, *The Knoll*, with Ellis, *Rendalls*, kicking the conversions, led Harrow to a superb 47-7 win away from home.

2nd XV v Dulwich College, Won 57-8

The 2nd XV defeated Dulwich in emphatic fashion, with tries spread throughout the team and an impressive brace from Ivan Thayil, *Rendalls*.

After crawling through London at an agonising pace for two and a half hours, JM sprang to his feet and told the lads to get their “rugby brains” switched on. At this moment the pre-match antics from the back of the bus swiftly came to a halt as everyone focused on the job at hand.

Anticipation for this game had grown day by day since it was put on the fixture list and, after a quick warmup, Harrow were straight into it. An error from Dulwich at the opening kick off, sending it too deep, allowed for a strong carry and a swift exit from Keey, *Duries*.

With the ball in touch early on, it was a great chance for the forwards to show what they had been working on all week, the line out. The hours of graft on Julian 1 have clearly paid off as Olowe, *The Grove*, freshly awoken from his nap on the bus, wrapped his tentacles around the Dulwich throw to the front. This was a recurring theme throughout the match and allowed Harrow plenty of free ball in transition the whole afternoon.

It only took Kit Chetwynd-Talbot, *West Acre*, five minutes to bully his way over the line from the back of a scrum. With the conversion effort hitting the upright Harrow we were off to a good start early on.

Two men were intent on rubbing salt into the wounds of the Dulwich defence after the first score, Ivan Thayil, *Rendalls*, and Sam “Queeesto” Quist, *The Grove*. Quist got in on the action quickly, when he received a bullet of a pass from the consistent hands of Gabriel Black, *West Acre*, and proceeded to beat several defenders. In an attempt to step the full back Quist crashed the floor at a terrifying pace, before springing back to his feet and beating the Dulwich defence once more, scoring under the posts.

Seconds after, Harrow found themselves on the Dulwich line once more, and they didn’t miss out. The ball was worked through the hands for Ivan to grab his first of the afternoon.

Keeping the foot on the pedal, Harrow sensed an opportunity out wide utilising their new “face” move. Keey to Cross, *Newlands*, who drew the man and timed the pass to Garuba, *Newlands*, who raced away from 40m out. Textbook stuff, fresh from rehearsal on the training ground

To close out the half, some poor discipline left Harrow scrambling on their own line. A quick tap and go from the Dulwich front rower allowed him to get up to full speed before being put in reverse by Toby Ferneyhough, *Elmfield*, winning a dominant collision. Front runner for hit of the season so far.

Strong defensive efforts from the whole forward pack especially Jack Hedley, *The Head Master’s*, Bobby Dunne, *Elmfield*, Arnaud du Roy, *Elmfield*. and Cockburn- Miller. *Bradlys*, forced some field position for the boys in blue and white stripes. Dulwich were put under pressure in the backline through the relentless tackling of Kurran Calvert-Davies, *Duries*. The home team managed, however, to get on the board with a penalty from in-front just before the half-time whistle. The lads headed to the huddle for some water and a few wise words from JM.

With strong intentions to play some proper rugby and put our shape into action, Black kicked the ball high and right at the restart and the relentless defence started once again. Harrow were able to slow Dulwich attacks, at the breakdown. Dunne was up to his usual tricks locking himself in a strong position over the ball time and time again. Olowe, Gaffaney, *Bradlys*, and Ferneyhough often teamed up to exploit high body position from Dulwich by driving them off the ball.

After an aggressive attack, Harrow were able to get their hands back on the ball and a cluster of tries were to follow, with Ivan Thayil, *Rendalls*, playing a key role in both. Firstly, bursting through the midfield after being put through a hole by Luke Ritchie, *Newlands*, who marshalled the midfield excellently. Thayil was brought to ground and managed to offload to Keey

who was one of many support runners who did the east job of running it home from inside the 22. He then scored a try of his own from a similar midfield tackle-bust.

Quist’s try of the day was nearly topped by Casper Davis, *Elmfield*, showing what he can do in the 9 shirt. He spotted space left on the blindside after the line-out and darted down the touch line before putting it on the boot and nearly recovering to score what would’ve been a certain try.

Dulwich continued to struggle as Harrow, in typical Yearlings fashion, kept chucking it to powerful runners. (Tito and Ivan.) the ball rarely working from width to width as Harrow have practiced which deprived key players of the ball out wide which is something that will be worked on.

Ferneyhough was the next to do his best impression of Ivan, bursting through the midfield and scoring sensationally under the posts.

A small blip occurred when a miscommunication allowed Dulwich to score their first try with a few minutes to go.

There was, however, still time for some back-line magic. After the kick off Harrow stuck to the famous “Two Pass” philosophy, introduced in the Colts. Tito Edjua, *Lyon’s*, flung missile off his weak hand to Charlie Cross, *Newlands*, who took contact and was able to offload to Garuba who ran in yet another ludicrous try. Icing on the cake.

Handshakes followed before the team headed off to watch Jasper Cockburn-Miller (one of our own) get a few minutes on the First XV pitch, where he looked at his destructive best.

An impressive yet unstructured performance gave the 2nd XV plenty of things to smile about and an equal amount to improve. The forward pack were relentless in D, impressive tackling numbers put in by Jack Hedley, Arnaud Du Roy and Kurran Calvert-Davies set the tone. The front row were dominant at scrum time and Olowe was a nuisance at the line out.

The backline executed the simple thing well, which was all it took to score against a sub par defence.

Overall, definitely a positive day out for the 2s.

(Special mention to Barimah Adomakoh, *Newlands*, for making the journey and delivering the waters and the kicking tee with incredible accuracy.)

3rd XV Away, Dulwich College, Won 50-0

The 3rd XV put in an excellent team performance against Dulwich yesterday. Two tries apiece for Paton-Smith and Blackwood, both *Elmfield*, were the highlights in a dominant performance which saw eight tries scored in all.

4th XV, Away, Dulwich College, Won 33-14

Tries Banfield, *The Knoll* (2), Bethell, *West Acre*, Kim, *Lyon’s*, De Labilliere, *The Grove*

An excellent opening performance for the 4th XV in a close-fought match that was played in a good spirit by both sides. Alex Banfield, *The Knoll*, was never far from the action and scored two tries through his speed and deceptive power. Arthur Kay, *Lyon’s*, Charlie De Labilliere, and Fred Bethell, were also prominent with strong carrying. All boys tackled hard. Points to work on for next week include supporting players who have made breaks, getting more quickly to breakdowns to secure our ball, using the width of the pitch in attack and not forgetting the value of a clearance kick.

5th XV, Away, Dulwich College, Won 70-0

Colts A, Home, Dulwich College, Won 51-5

Colts B, Home, Dulwich College, Won 29-0

The Colts Bs put in another superb performance against a very physical Dulwich side. Harrow showed a superb attitude throughout, showing true courage and honour to not rise to any of the opposition’s attempts to rile them. Will Everall, *The Grove*, scored the first try after some good work from the

forwards. Ollie Jones, *West Acre*, was superb at fly half and the tight 5 in particular were outstanding. The two raptors, Valentine Ballingal, *Moretons*, and Digby Emus, *Rendalls*, were excellent in defence and vice captain Henry MacDonald, *The Park*, once again showed his tenacious character. The B team is gelling well together, showing wonderful camaraderie as a team on and off the field. This is definitely one for the books and a well deserved victory 29-0 with five tries to none,

Colts C, Home, Dulwich College, Won 78-5

Colts D, Home, Dulwich College, Cancelled

Junior Colts A, Away, Dulwich College, Won 21-14

This was a match that tested the boys both physically and mentally. A series of basic errors throughout the game left us on the back foot. However our tenacity shone throughout the match, coming back from 14-7. Two first half injuries left the boys stunned, yet we worked together to go into half time 7-7, with a try from Hal Hersee, *Newlands*, finishing off the half, scoring in the corner and skillfully converted by Sam Winters, *Elmfield*. In the second half, we did not lose composure when conceding a try from a kick and chase. With 20 minutes to go, we broke through the line and secured a ruck on the 22. A lovely hard line from Sam Winters off of the shoulder of Patrick Keaveny, *Durries*, excited the crowd as Sam Winters dived over the try line. We had gained momentum. We continued the pressure, and an intelligent forwards move from the line out led to a try under the posts, scored by Cameron Knight, *Newlands*. In the final five minutes of the game, we were focused and disciplined, working hard on the restart to gain possession and securing the win.

Junior Colts B, Away, Dulwich College, Won 20-17

Junior Colts C, Away, Dulwich College, Lost 17-26

The Junior Colts travelled from Harrow to Dulwich covering a distance of 14 miles in two hours. Work out the average speed of their journey. Correct. 7mph. The boys kept themselves busy discussing where their various second homes were en route (Junior Colts C tour on the cards maybe?) whilst mentally preparing for battle. Thankfully, the JCCs decided to play at least twice the speed of the bus in the opening minutes of the match and, after some swift handling, Awni Dajani, *Moretons*, flew in at the corner to get Harrow off to a splendid start. Teddy Barnett, *Rendalls*, converted to see the boys 7-0 up within the first few minutes.

One might expect that hours spent practising tackling would correlate positively with tackling prowess. The JCCs managed to prove just the opposite in the next few phases of play as they slipped off tackles, letting Dulwich in for the equaliser with around seven minutes on the clock. Captain Samuel Howes, *The Grove*, steadied the ship and continued to put his body on the line throughout the game. He cast an inspiring figure towards his teammates who soon rose to the challenge and began hitting tackles hard. Nathan Karri, *Rendalls*, Karried like a packhorse/ racehorse/shire-horse as he dominated the Dulwich defence and the opportunity soon opened up for Dajani to score his second before half-time. Harrow couldn't quite hold on to the break as they let in a score and a fine conversion to see them trailing 14-12 at half-time.

MJW and JRP produced a rousing team talk, 'Tackle', and the boys set off to regain control in the second half. Things certainly improved and the boys showed increased physicality and spirit. Ed Latham, *Bradlys*, and Timmy De Hemptinne, *Bradlys*, started smashing Dulwich back, breaking the glass, clamping a ring of steel and creating a strong tower all at once (thanks Pierre!). Dulwich, however, would not back down, and more missed tackles resulted in two more tries. Barnett came close as the ball was cruelly ripped from his hands as

he went to touch down, and Howes almost made it across the line after a bulldozing run when he reclaimed the kick-off, but sadly even Dajani's hat-trick was not going to be enough. The match ended 26-17, a bitterly disappointing result in a game that could have gone either way. The boys certainly had the better of their opponents at the breakdown and in open play, but the defence was the difference and we will have to build confidence in the tackle this coming week.

Junior Colts E, Away, Dulwich College, Won 62-29

Yearlings A, Home, Dulwich College, Won 45-15

The Yearlings A showed ambition, organisation, and composure throughout the match to secure a much-deserved win. A courageous team performance.

Yearlings B, Home, Dulwich College, Won 35-10

Powerful running saw Michael Lourie, *Newlands*, score the first try of the game. He carried well throughout the game with some great swerves and scored a second try later. Max Stafford-Davies, *Lyon's*, also scored two tries with some powerful running and was also extremely effective in terms of counter-rucking. Dulwich stayed in the game in the first half with a well crafted score to make it 15-5.

Neal Timblo, *Moretons*, tackled superbly well and also carried well scoring a try through the middle (there was a five-man overlap). Dario Holland, *The Park*, led the side well and distributed effectively. Aris Aldrich-Blake, *West Acre*, and Toye Kolawole, *Newlands*, were a sensationally effective centre partnership with Toye punching holes through the middle and also scoring the final try. Aldrich-Blake was busy with ball in hand, distributing nicely and often choosing to use great feet and aggressive running. Dominic Hopkins, *Elmfield*, and Endesha Dokolo, *Druries*, did a lot of the unseen grunt work over the ball.

Charlie Chambers, *Rendalls*, deserves a mention for some great try serving tackles and Alex Edu, *Lyon's*, made ground with some quick fit. Jude Munro-Peebles, *Elmfield*, also proved to have good feet and made some effective runs.

However, the man of the match was Peter Ballingal, *Moretons*. He ran the show like a master puppeteer with magical fit, communication, organisation and distribution.

Yearlings C, Home, Dulwich College, Lost 40-45

Yearlings D, Home, Dulwich College, Lost 30-50

Yearlings E, Home, Dulwich College, Draw 30-30

Yearlings F, Home, Dulwich College, Lost 5-40

BADMINTON

The School v Eton College

Harrow 1st VIII lost 1-7 to Eton (home)

After two fixture-free years, the team assembled in anticipation of the first opportunity to test their mettle on court. Eton's team certainly had more experience than our own, but the first round of matches showed that what we lacked in age we certainly made up for in courage. In pair 1, captain Alex Locke and vice-captain Marcus Tung, both *West Acre*, came out fighting with a tense three-game match, which ultimately was our only success in the fixture. Tobias Adetula, *West Acre*, and vice-captain Chris Liu, *The Head Master's*, of pair 2 suffered a forensic attack from Eton's first pair, losing in straight games, but came back with spirit against pair 2. In pair 3, Ashton Kong, *The Head Master's*,

and JB Yang, *The Grove*, made Eton work hard for their wins, pushing their pair 4 to three games before finally conceding 20-22 in the dying moments of the fixture. Well done also to Alex Anikin, *The Park*, who stepped off the reserve bench and partnered Jarvis Lam, *The Park*, in pair 4. After the doubles matches had concluded, Liu secured a 21-15 friendly singles victory. The boys played with determination, celebrating with grace and conceding losses with good sportsmanship. We look forward to challenging Eton again later in the term.

Pair 1: Alex Locke and Marcus Tung, both *West Acre*
v Eton Pair 1 Lost 21-17, 19-21, and 19-21
v Eton Pair 2 Won 21-19, 18-21, and 21-11

Pair 2: Tobias Adetula, *West Acre*, and Chris Liu, *The Head Master's*
v Eton Pair 1, Lost 6-21 and 17-21
v Eton Pair 2, Lost 21-14, 18-21, and 21-19

Pair 3: Ashton Kong, *The Head Master's*, and JB Yang, *The Grove*
v Eton Pair 3, Lost 16-21 and 10-21
v Eton Pair 4, Lost, 21-19, 16-21, and 20-22

Pair 4 : Jarvis Lam and Alex Anikin, both *The Park*
v Eton Pair 3, Lost 15-21 and 15-21
v Eton Pair 3, Lost 12-21 and 23-25

The School v Coopers' Company & Coborn School, Draw

Two days after the tough tournament against Eton's experienced team, the Harrow team were ready for an opportunity to set things right. The first two pairs from Cooper's Coborn were vicious competition. In pair 1, captain Alex Locke and vice-captain Marcus Tung, both *West Acre*, unfortunately were defeated in both games, as were pair 2s Aarav Tribuhvan and Jarvis Lam, both *The Park*. Our first two pairs played wonderfully, but the Cooper's boys just managed to snatch the match point. Tobias Adetula, *West Acre*, and vice-captain Chris Liu, *The Head Master's*, of pair 2 confidently ran circles around their opposition and won all their games. The pressure was on for pair 3, Ashton Kong, *The Head Master's*, and JB Yang, *The Grove*, whose games lasted longest and were against boys of very similar ability. The first two games resulted in a win for each team. Moments before the end, our boys snatched the match point. They played terrifically. Well done also to Alex Anikin, *The Park*, who stepped off the reserve bench and partnered Jarvis Lam, *The Park*, in pair 4. Pairs 3 and 4 led Harrow to draw with Cooper's Coborn, which was the redemption we were after. As always, the boys played with concentration, decorum, and good sportsmanship. We look forward to our 'away' match against Cooper's Coborn.

FOOTBALL

Development A XI v Marlborough College Boys Under-18A, Won 5-1, 16 September

Scorers: Elliott Taylor, *West Acre*, x2, Bradley Leong, *The Knoll*, Edward Pagani, *Lyon's*, OG
An excellent performance to begin the season, capped off with stunning strikes from Taylor, Leong and Pagani

Development B XI v Marlborough College Boys Under-18B,
Won 4-2

Scorers: Max Baygual-Nespatti, *Elmfield*, Dami Olugbodi, *The Park*, Hari Moondi, *The Park*, James Gibbens, *West Acre*,

It was a pure delight to see the boys set-up to play Marlborough on a perfect pitch under perfect conditions. It has been far too long since we have been able to enjoy competitive fixtures and it was clear in the very first few minutes that the Harrow team were relishing the opportunity to play again. Setting up in a 3-4-3 formation, Harrow moved the ball around beautiful in the opening exchanges and it was a full 3 minutes and 8 seconds until Marlborough managed to get a touch on the ball. Max Baygual-Nespatti, *Elmfield*, and captain James Gibbens, *West Acre*, were pulling the strings beautifully in the middle of the park with great width and dynamism coming from Zain Ayoub, *The Knoll*, and Roger Litton, *Newlands*, down the flanks. It wasn't long until Harrow started to cut open the Marlborough defence with Hari Moondi and Dami Olugbodi, both *The Park*, going close. It was a touch of class from Baygual-Nespatti that broke the deadlock though, with a fine left-footed strike from the edge of the area. The second arrived shortly after with Good work down the right from Litton and Ayomide Awolesi, *The Head Master's*, releasing Moondi to cross and Olugbodi to finish. Harrow were in the ascendancy, controlling the ball and creating chances until an odd moment with the referee changed the momentum in the tie. Marlborough kept plucking away though and managed to get a foothold in the tie when a long ball wasn't cleared effectively by the Harrow backline and eventually struck the hand of one of the defenders. Starting the second half 2-1 up, Harrow just couldn't get in to a rhythm as Marlborough continued to pump long balls over the back three on a relatively small pitch. The scores levelled up when one of these long diagonals caught out the Harrow keeper, Tom Haworth, *The Knoll*, who had an impeccable afternoon otherwise. The leveller seemed to kick Harrow into gear though and a change in formation enabled Gibbens and Baygual-Nespatti to gain a grip of the game again. Harrow went ahead again following a fine passing move which enabled Moondi to break free down the right and finish low to the keeper's right. The pace of the game slowed down considerably as a lack of fitness started to set in, and Gibbens took full advantage as he strolled through the middle of the pitch, picked his spot in the top corner and hit a perfect strike from 30 yards out. Harrow ended on top to make the journey home feel all the more pleasurable – it's good to be back!!

Goals: Baygual-Nespatti, Gibbens, Olugbodi, Moondi

Development C XI v Marlborough College Boys Under-18C, Won 3-2

Goals : Bami Awolesi, *The Head Master's*; OG; Max Bloomfield, *Elmfield*

Man of the match : Ollie Mitchell, *Rendalls*

The CXI started the season with a victory. Having taken a 3-0 lead in the first half, this was ultimately a closer game than it should have been, but there were signs of promising play that bode well for the future. The passing through midfield was at times excellent, with Ollie Mitchell industrious and Shiraz Mueller, *Moretons*, dictating play with crisp distribution. Sam Lussier's, *The Knoll*, hold-up play up front helped pin the opposition back on a tiny pitch and this enabled Bami Awolesi to profit in scoring the opening goal. The second, an OG, came after a super driving run from Jude Esposito, *Newlands*, on the left wing, and Max Bloomfield, *Elmfield*, put the visitors into a seemingly unassailable position with a fine third, struck into the top corner from distance. From that point, however, the game got scrappy and Marlborough started to disrupt the play more successfully. They scored from a mix up in the box after a throw shortly before half-time, and the pattern of the second half was similarly disrupted. The host's second came in the final couple of minutes, causing some panic, but Harrow held on for a deserved win. They will need to tighten up at the back in order to confront some of the harder challenges to come, but

this was a good start after a long break from competitive games.
Goals: Bloomfield, Awolesi

*Development A XI v Forest School Boys Under-18A,
Won 2-0, 18 September*

Scorers: Blesk Ekpenyong, *Druries*, x2

A strong defensive display with outstanding saves from Caspar Baker, *Moretons*, in goal with Blesk Ekpenyong the difference maker scoring from 12 yards and 50 yards out.

Development B XI v Forest School Boys Under-18B, Won 3-0

Scorers: H Moondi, *The Park*, x2, K Morishige, *Newlands*

Following a strong performance on Thursday against Marlborough College, Harrow looked to maintain the seasons momentum as we travelled away to Forest. The weather was beautiful and the pitch conditions perfect for stylish and fast paced football that we set out to play. We set up in a 3-4-3 and began to control the game as the front three of Ayomide Awolesi, *The Head Master's*, Dami Olugbodi and Hari Moondi, both *The Park*, put pressure on Forest's backline who had also opted to play three at the back. The only scare came early in the game when a rebound in the midfield fell Forest's way. However, Alonso Fontana, *The Grove*, was able to snub out the chance with a well-timed slide tackle.

Harrow put Forest under pressure with some close chances before Moondi was able to open the scoring after Olugbodi won an admittedly questionable penalty. Harrow continued to turn the screw with Max Baygual-Nespatti, *Elmfield*, and James Gibbens, *West Acre*, controlling the middle of the park, resulting in close chances for Awolesi and Moondi. Moondi was able to extend Harrow's lead in the closing phases of the first half. He received the ball on the right just outside of the box and was able to skilfully dribble to a position where he could challenge the keeper. Putting good pace on the shot the keeper was unable to deny Moondi as he claimed his third of the season leaving Harrow 2-0 up as we entered the break.

Following an insightful half-time talk by DH, Harrow started the second half with the same intensity observed earlier in the fixture and controlled the game comfortably. Unfortunately, the side's talisman Gibbens picked up an injury half way through the half, which unsettled Harrow for ten minutes as we gave the ball away too easily. After gaining our composure and slowing the pace of the game down, Harrow once again controlled the game and were rewarded with a third goal. Kanta Morishige, *Newlands*, was able to capitalise on the rebound of a corner with an excellent finish putting his laces through the ball. Harrow continued to play nice patterns of football and created several chances but were unable to further extend their lead ending the game with a 3-0 victory.

The quality of football, work ethic and professionalism that the boys have shown has been exemplary and leave this side well positioned to push on for the rest of the term. Next week sees us play John Lyon School as we look to maintain our unbeaten record.

Development C XI v Forest School Boys Under-18C, Lost 1-3

Goals : Bami Awolesi, *The Head Master's*, Man of the match: Mubarak Tinubu, *The Knoll*,

The CXI put in a fine performance, especially in the first half, before running out of steam and falling to a harsh defeat. Forest started the match quickly, putting on a lot of pressure without making the breakthrough. After this initial ten minute flurry, however, Harrow came into the match with some fine passing team play. Shiraz Mueller, *Moretons*, was dominant at the back, and Jude Esposito, *Newlands*, linked up well with the forward players from his left wing-back berth. The opening goal was a super effort, Bami Awolesi, *The Head Master's*, heading home at the back post after excellent interplay in midfield and

an overlapping run from Mubarak Tinubu, *The Knoll*, making his first performance of the season. After half-time, Harrow had chances to increase their lead, spurning a couple of one on ones, and this was ultimately costly. With fitness levels and concentration waning, a couple of individual errors put Forest ahead and, with the visitors pushing forward for the equaliser, they were able to nick a third at the death. An unfortunate result, but there was much to commend the CXI's performance. Greater fitness and alertness will help the team exploit their technical qualities more

GOLF

OHGS Match, 16 September

Win for the School 2-1

The sun was shining at the picturesque Moor Park Golf Club and the golf team were raring to go against a strong team of Old Harrovians.



Jonty Williams, *Moretons*, and Henry Oelhafen, *Lyon's*, were eager to get off to a good start against Matthew Gibbens, *West Acre*, and Jonathan Pool, *The Head Master's*, but Oelhafen's shocking drive on the 1st, followed swiftly by a shin-breaking slice right, left Williams to scramble and halve the hole. On the second hole, Gibbens, playing off a handicap of 1, stuck his tee shot to 4 feet, leaving an easy birdie for the two OHs and an early 1 up lead. Consecutive pars and steady golf from both Williams and Oelhafen led the pair to all square through nine. A cracking tee shot from Oelhafen on the par 4 10th gave him a 20-foot putt for eagle, but he secured the birdie and won the hole. After a stray tee shot from Oelhafen on 11, Williams decided to step up and secure the hole for the pair. Now having a 2 up lead, Oelhafen and Williams were feeling confident. The pair fell to only a 1 up lead despite an excellent birdie from Williams on the 14th. An easy par for Oelhafen on 15 led the pair back to 2 up, however, Pool had strokes on both 16 and 17. Birdies from both Oelhafen and Williams halved the hole on 17 for a 1 up lead going into 18. A halved hole from Oelhafen on 18 sealed a 1 up victory and the win was looking hopeful.

The second pair out were Fred Hower, *The Park*, and Victor Grant, *Moretons*. After a shaky start on the first, they drew level on the 2nd thanks to a superb birdie from Grant and a passionate Poulter-esque fist bump to match. Some more solid play from the boys saw them 2 up through 6. However, the OHs, in the form of Jerome Ponniah, *The Head Master's*, and older brother Sam, *The Head Master's*, came roaring back to turn the match around and find themselves 2 up through 14. A string of excellent pars from Hower meant the pair were 1 down going down the last. After Grant found himself amidst a wedding celebration as he overshot the green, Hower hit a good

second shot and had a slippery long putt to halve the match. It snaked its way towards the hole but took a right turn towards the end and lipped out. A tight 1 down loss for the boys.

It would come down to the final grouping which saw the young pretender, William Everall, *The Grove*, team up with the debutant, Casper Stone, *The Park*. Pretender would soon appear to be the correct term for Everall. Another appropriate term would be bandit. The pair were up against some stiff opposition in Mr Simon Berry (SPB) and JRP, although with plenty of shots in hand, the Harrow pair were the bookies' favourite. The boys got off to a strong start going 4 up through only 7 holes. JRP's driver, however, was on point, bringing the OHs back into the game. The match was on a knife edge, the same edge that JRP used to chip 30 yards through the green with on multiple occasions. The OHs brought it back to 3 but, after a huge drive on 12, Stone thought he had hit a good approach shot to a blind pin. He later found out that he had been inches from hitting someone 50 yards left of the green and had to rely on the bandit to get the boys back to 4 up. On the next hole, following good shots from the boys, JRP was wayward and managed to take a chip out of the ornate wall surrounding the mansion and ended up OB. Up stepped SPB to find the green with a sublime approach and the OPHS managed to hold on to the flying Everall. The OHs came back strongly over the next few holes and the boys were 1 up going into the last. JRP and Stone both hit huge drives OB into the wedding (no injuries) whilst their partners found the short stuff. Yet another fine par from Everall sealed the deal for the School and the match was won.

*The School v St Paul's School, Won 2-1,
Area Cup Round 1*

With the rain pummelling throughout the morning and the previous night, hopes for a good day's golf against St. Paul's at Royal Mid-Surrey were not high. And yet as we descended the Hill, the rain fell softer; by the time we arrived at Richmond, the skies began to clear. The match was on.

While the sun shone for Max Shirvell, *The Head Master's*, and Aidan Wong, *The Park*, winning their matches 7&5 and 5&4 respectively, clouds lingered over Toby Shirvell, *The Head Master's*, whose golf was not with him today, fading out with a loose drive on the thirteenth at 7&5.

Birdying the first hole, Max started as he meant to go on; after the first nine, he was one under par and five points up against his opponent. A wobble on the tenth spurred him on to two more birdies on the eleventh and the thirteenth, the latter winning him the match.

Wong's match was more closely contested. He was only one up on the tenth as he took out his seven iron, which he connected with sweetly, landing within seven feet of the hole and following up with a birdie. Back-to-back birdies put him three up after 12. A high draw over the trees to the green of the fourteenth (par 4) secured him yet another birdie and the match was won on the fifteenth.

A great win for Harrow as we progress on to the next round of the regionals.

ATHLETICS

Henry Dargan, *Druries*, was recently selected to represent Berkshire in the South of England Inter-Counties Athletics Championships after winning the Under-15 boys' javelin throw in his County Championships. He finished a creditable third in the inter-county competition with a throw of 40.88m. This now gives him a national ranking of 26.

CRICKET

The Goose Match, 12 September

1st XI v Harrow Wanderers

1st XI won by 20 runs

| | B | R |
|--------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| G Cutler † c L Harrington-Myers | | |
| b L Harrington-Myers | 71 | 45 |
| C Nelson c R Wijeratne b J Connell | 22 | 13 |
| V Patel b H Smith | 7 | 0 |
| M Ferreira c J Chohan b J Chohan | 42 | 15 |
| B Sheopuri c R Wijeratne b J Nelson | 19 | 5 |
| A Chatwin b R Nelson | 46 | 26 |
| C Ellis st T Sheopuri † b J Chohan | 19 | 3 |
| J Richardson b J Nelson | 8 | 3 |
| P Ashworth not out | 25 | 21 |
| J Blackwood c H Smith b J Chohan | 15 | 10 |
| C Hope c J Branken-Frisby b J Chohan | 13 | 16 |
| Extras | | 18 |
| Total | 175 | for 10 |

| | O | M | R | W |
|--------------------|------|---|----|---|
| H Smith | 9.0 | 3 | 29 | 1 |
| J Connell | 7.0 | 2 | 24 | 1 |
| L Harrington-Myers | 5.0 | 0 | 25 | 1 |
| J Chohan | 11.4 | 3 | 39 | 4 |
| J Nelson | 10.0 | 1 | 39 | 2 |
| R Nelson | 5.0 | 1 | 8 | 1 |

| | B | R |
|--|-----|--------|
| J Branken-Frisby c A Chatwin b J Blackwood | 26 | 8 |
| J Connell c V Patel b J Richardson | 18 | 12 |
| T Sheopuri † b J Richardson | 15 | 7 |
| R Wijeratne c B Sheopuri b C Hope | 30 | 14 |
| R Wijeratne c M Ferreira b P Ashworth | 83 | 65 |
| A Ferreira st G Cutler † b P Ashworth | 19 | 17 |
| L Harrington-Myers c M Ferreira b P Ashworth | 9 | 4 |
| J Chohan c B Sheopuri b B Sheopuri | 10 | 5 |
| R Nelson c J Blackwood b J Richardson | 30 | 18 |
| J Nelson st G Cutler † b P Ashworth | 7 | 0 |
| H Smith not out | 0 | 0 |
| Extras | | 5 |
| Total | 155 | for 10 |

| | O | M | R | W |
|--------------|------|---|----|---|
| J Blackwood | 6.0 | 0 | 22 | 1 |
| J Richardson | 13.1 | 3 | 34 | 3 |
| B Sheopuri | 10.0 | 1 | 51 | 1 |
| C Hope | 3.0 | 0 | 15 | 1 |
| P Ashworth | 9.0 | 0 | 28 | 4 |

After a cricket-filled summer holiday, boys and OHs returned to the Hill to contest the traditional Goose Match fixture on Sunday 12 September. Despite heavy rain earlier in the week, the weather was pleasant and ensured a full day's play would be afforded to all involved. The declaration format, with a maximum of 20 overs to come after 5pm, opened up a fascinating dynamic of attacking and defensive cricket which facilitated an enthralling encounter.

Harrow won the toss and elected to bat first in a captivating clash where all three results remained possible right to the very end. Harrow's innings was opened by George Cutler, *The Knoll*, and Charlie Nelson, *Bradby's*, who battled through testing conditions to build a well-grounded opening stand before Nelson was caught at first slip off Connell for a promising 13. The Wanderers struck again almost instantaneously as the new batsman Veer Patel, *The Knoll*, was bowled in the following

over by a beauty from Herbie Smith, leaving Max Ferreira, *The Grove*, to reassess a somewhat problematic pitch with Cutler. The pair were resilient, fighting hard to remain at the crease, which provided a level of stability to the Harrow innings that set a welcome platform for the remainder of the game. Cutler, gaining confidence with every bludgeoning pull shot, progressed smoothly and rotated strike well to ensure his score continued to tick over nicely.



The partnership was ended when Cutler was caught and bowled in the 23rd over, just as he seemed to be finding some fluency, for a well-made 45, before Ferreira was dismissed in the same way the following over by Chohan, for a battling 15. Harrow, with the knack of losing wickets in quick succession, now found themselves 89-4 with a new pair Brij Sheopuri, *Lyon's*, and Archie Chatwin, *West Acre*, attempting to reconsolidate a faltering innings. Sheopuri was caught at slip for 5 on the final ball before lunch, meaning Harrow ended the morning session 105 for 5 from 30 overs. After a short 40-minute break, Cameron Ellis, *Rendalls*, was the new man in, resuming Harrow's innings with Chatwin, who, after just 5 overs, fell for a well made 26, bowled by Robert Nelson. This was the start of a worrying demise for the XI who were 122-5 before Chatwin's dismissal, but just 3 overs later faltered to 127-8 as Ellis and John Richardson, *Elmfield*, fell cheaply. Phoenix Ashworth, *The Head Master's*, played what proved to be a crucial knock of 21* from number 9, with his cautious approach being backed up by punishing strokeplay when the Wanderers' bowlers missed their mark. He was supported brilliantly by Jasper Blackwood, *Elmfield*, and Charlie Hope, *Rendalls*, whose cameos propelled Harrow to finish on 175 all-out after Hope was caught at extra cover in the 48th over.

Buoyed up by the last wicket stand of 32, the XI knew that their total was a defendable one on a wicket which offered enough to all the bowlers and proved difficult for new batsmen. Blackwood and Richardson took the new ball and bowled tightly, not allowing the Wanderers batsmen to get away, while also taking valuable wickets. Richardson took Connell and Sheopuri before Blackwood had Brankin-Frisby caught at gully to leave the Wanderers 28-3 and the XI sensing an opportunity. This momentum was, however, quashed by the arrival of the Wijeratne brothers, who added 40 for the 4th wicket before Hope, with his first ball in 1st XI cricket dismissed Rishi Wijeratne for 14. From then on, despite Rahul Wijeratne blitting his way to threatening half century, the Wanderers struggled to piece together a sustained partnership and when 5pm came the match was tantalisingly poised for a thrilling finish; the Wanderers needing 78 off the final 20 overs, Harrow needing the remaining 5 wickets. Ashworth and Sheopuri each took a wicket to reduce the Wanderers to 128 for 7, needing 48 for victory, but Rahul continued to find the gaps and keep the hopes of an unlikely Wanderers victory alive.

On the evidence of some phenomenal ball-striking, Harrow knew that Rahul's wicket would be the turning point of the

game and they were rewarded for their persistence when he was caught at deep mid-wicket trying to clear the rope off a full toss from Ashworth, for 65. At last, Harrow sensed a prime chance to chase the remaining two wickets, and, with the game falling away from them, the Wanderers opted to try and valiantly see out the final 8 overs as Harrow crowded the bat and piled on the pressure in search of a nail-biting victory at the death.



When Ashworth had James Nelson stumped off the final delivery of his ninth over, Harrow had just three overs left to take the final wicket. However, only one more delivery was required as Richardson finished off the job when Robert Nelson top edged to a sweeper on the leg side leaving the Wanderers 155 all-out, 20 short of the target. Ashworth, 4-28, and Richardson, 3-34, were the pick of the bowlers with the former taking home man of the match for his sublime bowling spell and crucial contribution with the bat. The fixture was played in good spirits throughout; and a very enjoyable day back on the Hill was capped off by a marvellous dinner in the SCH, which was attended and enjoyed by many cricketing beaks and OHs.

FIFTH FORM TUG OF WAR

12 September



Photograph – winning Newlands team, Andrew Stratton, St John Smith, Melvin Ackah, Joe Storey, Tommy Mackay, Joel Balogun, Nick Finch and Henry Emerson.

Sunday 12 September saw the inaugural Tug of War competition take place for Fifth Formers. Teams gathered near the Reddings pitches for an afternoon of fun and brawn. The referees issued the instructions "Pick up the rope", then "Take the string" and finally told the players to "Pull" – the best of three. The early

rounds were competitive, with teams giving their absolute all. It was a great afternoon of fun for the boys involved and it was good to have some parental support too. Many thanks to JLM, JRP, ERS, GBF and Dan Rosies for refereeing the competition.

Semi-finals

Druries 1 v Lyon's 2

Newlands 2 v The Head Master's 0

Final

Newlands 2 v Lyon's 0.

RACKETS

The School v Radley College

Boys 1st Team v Radley College, Lost

An excellent effort from Max Shirvell, *The Head Master's*, and Tarquin Sotir, *Druries*, who battled well to level at 1-1 before a very strong Radley pair dominated from the service box ultimately costing the boys the match.

Boys Under-18B v Radley College, Lost

A strong performance despite a 0-3 loss for Verr Patel, *The Knoll*, and Federico Gherzi, *The Head Master's*. Both boys showed plenty of potential for the future.

Boys Under-16A v Radley College, Lost

Mostyn Fulford, *The Knoll*, and Charlie Hope, *Rendalls*, fought hard throughout but were unable to stop a strong pair from Radley.

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