

# HARROW NEWSLETTER

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OPEN MORNINGS

Harro's open mornings are an excellent way for prospective parents and their sons to learn about the School and life on the Hill. Visit [harrowschool.org.uk](https://www.harrowschool.org.uk) for forthcoming dates and to book. The Admissions Office, Harrow School, 5 High Street, Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex HA1 3HP +44 (0)20 8872 8007, [admissions@harrowschool.org.uk](mailto:admissions@harrowschool.org.uk)

FROM THE HEAD MASTER



Words cannot express how wonderful it was to see life back on the Hill at the beginning of the Autumn term. Although online learning during the Summer term was a remarkable feat of adaptability and

engagement, technology can never replace the true spirit of the Hill. The boys and staff have adapted to the 'new normal' with gusto and enthusiasm and there is a real sense of joy in the face of adversity. We are, of course, sorry not to be able to welcome visitors to the Hill for the foreseeable future but we hope you that you are enjoying our virtual open mornings. The stories in this Newsletter will also give you a deeper insight into what it means to be a Harrovian, from lectures, debates and societies organised and led by our boys, to adapting our sporting fixtures in the pandemic world, from the academic

attainment of current boys to the varied achievements of Old Harrovians, and there are also exciting plans for a milestone anniversary. Indeed, in 2022, we will be marking the 450th of the foundation of Harrow School. Granted a Royal Charter in 1527 by Elizabeth I, the School has carved its placed in the history of the world. Now we look to celebrate a modern Harrow, a School that draws on its traditions of the past to produce boys that are real world ready.

*Alastair Law*

EXAMINATION RESULTS AND UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

As a School, we were delighted with the boys' exam results, which were testament to their attainment and industry. Results built upon the record GCSE outcomes of 2019, and for the third consecutive year the percentage of grade 9s was well over 40% of entries, with nearly three-quarters of entries at grades 9-8. Fourteen boys achieved ten or more grade 9s, with 30 boys acquiring nine or more grade 9s, which is a very impressive achievement. At A level, results also built upon our previous successes, with over two-thirds of boys achieving A\*-A. Among the impressive headlines was the fact that seven boys acquired five or more A\* grades

at A level and 44 boys gained three or more A\* grades. All boys holding places at Oxbridge met the terms of their offer. Fifteen per cent of our Upper Sixth leavers have taken up places at North American universities including five of the eight Ivy League Schools, with two boys going to Harvard and three to Columbia. Boys are also attending Stanford, Duke and Chicago. One Harrovian was admitted to the prestigious BFA acting programme at the Juilliard School, widely considered the finest performing arts programme in the world, and a further two were admitted

to two prestigious programmes at McGill university: the Desautels School of Management and the Faculty of Arts. On the sporting front, one boy was recruited to play rugby at UC Berkeley. Harrovians will be attending seven of the world's top ten universities next year, and over 100 Harrovians have taken up places at Russell Group universities. More than a fifth of Harrovians have gone to one of the QS world top ten universities and nearly a third of Harrovians to one of the QS world top 20 universities including UCL, Imperial and the University of Pennsylvania.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS

Four Harrow beaks have received the University of Chicago Outstanding Educator Award: Dr Michael Gray, Mr Ben Shaw, Mrs Kasia Fletcher and Mrs Rima Tremlett. They were nominated for the award by former pupils who are now at the university in recognition of the intellectual challenges they provided and the new vistas of discovery and paths for intellectual growth they opened up for their students.





SPRIT OF SPEECH DAY

Speech Day is the principal event at which Harrow comes together to celebrate boys' many achievements in all their areas of endeavour. Sadly, COVID-19 restrictions meant that the usual physical gathering of boys and their families on School grounds was not possible. It did not mean, however, that no celebrations took place as, along with an online Bill and announcement of prize winners, there were online events throughout the day including readings by boys, musical performances, online Art, Photography and Design & Technology exhibitions and Harrow Songs. Boys and staff also took part in the Spirit of Speech Day Charity Challenge. This fundraising event involved taking part in a competition to create a work of art based around the theme of a rainbow, or climbing stairs to the height of a mountain, or creating their own challenge, for instance a sponsored walk or a cake sale.

The Spirit of Speech Day Challenge, along with donations to the COVID response fund,

raised over £60,000 and allowed the School to fund a summer programme to support young people facing significant barriers to progress by offering money to local organisations to help them run summer courses. Sixteen charities won grants; these included the Wish Centre who supported 15 teenage girls who had been the victims of gang-related sexual violence or child sexual exploitation, and CAAS who ran a programme of support for young people with autism who were particularly affected by the lockdown.

We also opened the School site to local charities working with young people over the summer period and provided full funding for all on-site projects, use of facilities and support from School staff, as well as hundreds of packed lunches. This provision, combined with Harrow beaks providing online lessons for children in care, means that the School helped over 1,000 vulnerable young people over the summer.



Spirit of  
**SPEECH DAY**

Charity Challenge | 23-24 May 2020

We can't be together but we can do our best and raise money for our charity partners by taking on a challenge this Speech Day weekend.

On your own or in a team,  
choose a challenge:

Virtual  
Mountain  
Climb

Create a  
Challenge

The  
Rainbow Art  
Competition

All funds raised will help support our local charities at the forefront of the response to the coronavirus pandemic.  
uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/SpiritHSD



An entry for the Rainbow Art Competition



CELEBRATING 450  
YEARS OF HARROW

In 2022, Harrow School will celebrate the 450th anniversary of its foundation. This will provide an opportunity for the whole Harrow Foundation, which comprises Harrow School, John Lyon School and John Lyon's Charity, to celebrate an important

milestone. It will showcase our educational and character-forming reputation, raise the School's profile, maximise our engagement with our local and worldwide communities, and raise the funds that will enable the School to provide enhanced opportunities to current and future Harrovians.

The aims for the 450th anniversary celebrations and activities are to:

celebrate Harrow's heritage; raise an additional £50m over the period 2021-23; and widen and deepen engagement across all generations of Old Harrovians.

Plans for an exciting year of celebration, under the umbrella of Harrow 450, are well under way.





The Hero City Obelisk in St Petersburg - a monument to the Soviet forces and citizens of the city who suffered during the Siege of Leningrad

PHYSICS

Sixty-one boys in the Lower Sixth sat the British Physics Olympiad Senior Physics Challenge, a national competition testing problem-solving skills and the ability to apply fundamental physical principles in unfamiliar contexts. Sixteen boys gained a bronze award and seven a silver award, with five boys finishing in the top category with a gold award. Fifty Fifth Form boys sat the Intermediate Physics Challenge, which typically involves over 5,000 entrants. Fourteen boys achieved a gold award, nine boys a silver and 22 a bronze. In the Removes, 141 boys sat the

Year 10 Physics Challenge. Sixty boys finished with a bronze award, with 39 earning a silver and 27 a gold award. A Harrovian produced one of the winning entries, chosen from several thousand, in the 2020 Immerse Education Essay Competition for his essay entitled 'Why is Physics Important?'. Another came third in the Libra Essay Prize and second in the Exeter College, Oxford, competition for his essay on 'The Impact of AI on Society'.

MODERN LANGUAGES

A Harrovian won the Independent Schools' Modern Languages Association

Original Writing Competition in Russian (Year 11 Category) and another was highly commended in the Sixth Form Category. Both boys wrote about the Siege of Leningrad, inspired by their visit to the Museum of the Siege of Leningrad during a School trip to St Petersburg. The winner of the department's inaugural Sixth Form Independent Linguistics Research Prize was won by a boy whose project was a data-science-based comparative analysis of machine and human translation. The second-placed project explored the efficacy of translation of children's literature.



The Coutts Lecture in Economics explored the future of climate policy

ENGLISH

The 2020 National Poetry Day competition was on the theme of vision. Boys and staff were challenged to write a poem in exactly 12 words that explored the theme in any way the writer wished. With 116 entries, there was an excellent variety in approach, with poems about sight, new ideas, knowledge, different perspectives, wisdom, the future, blindness, x-ray vision, telescopes or microscopes, and more.

Winner of boys competition

Grandpa  
Colossal giant,  
Filled with tales,  
Pouring wisdom,  
Suddenly, not the same  
By Joe McLean

Winner of staff competition

Required:  
Self reflector  
Introspector  
Must be able  
To see in the dark  
By Peter Davison-Rieber

CLASSICS

Professor Michael Scott of the University of Warwick delivered the Coutts Lecture in Classics. Professor Scott is a world-renowned Classicist and broadcaster whose documentaries include *Who were the Greeks?* and *Sicily: Wonder of the Mediterranean*. In his lecture, 'A Global Ancient World', Professor Scott sought to debunk the common misconception that Classics only involves the study of the Mediterranean and argued that it is much more beneficial to draw upon the research of different disciplines, such as Oriental and Byzantine Studies, in order to understand the interconnectivity of the Ancient World.

ECONOMICS

The Coutts Lecture in Economics was given by Dr Linus Mattauch, Director of the Economics of Sustainability Programme at the University of Oxford. He spoke about 'The Future of Climate Policy'.

A Harrovian was named in the Highly Commended category of the Institute of Economics Dorian Fisher Memorial Prize essay competition. The competition involves writing an essay of roughly 1,200 words on one of three economics questions; giving a 500-word answer to another question on a different area of economics; and writing 500 words identifying an area of economics that should be given more attention in the A level or IB syllabus. Two Harrovians were also shortlisted in the LSE Economics Essay Competition prize.



Professor Michael Scott





The Anunciation by Signorelli – the subject of a Summerson Society talk

COMPUTER SCIENCE SOCIETY

The Computer Science Society continued to hold online meetings throughout the Summer term. Subjects covered included a ‘How to Build a Performance/Gaming PC and ‘The Art of Game Creation’. Another meeting used VR headsets for a presentation on system emulators. The first meeting of the new academic year was on the 6502 Chip and 8-bit computing.

PIGOU SOCIETY  
Economics

The society heard from both internal and external speakers. Jessica Ground from Schroders Asset Management gave a pre-recorded talk on sustainability. An Economics beak gave an introduction to the financial markets and described her former career at Morgan Stanley, and a society member spoke about ‘The Economics of the NBA’, which explored the NBA’s monopoly of the basketball industry in America. The Junior branch of the society heard a lecture on SpaceX and NASA and the history of space exploration, as well as a talk on ‘The Rise and Fall of Jho Low (*Newlands 1998*<sup>3</sup>): the story of Malaysia’s biggest financial theft’.

SUMMERSON SOCIETY  
History of Art

Author and Wall Street Journal journalist Mary M Lane talked to the Summerson Society about her research into Hitler’s simultaneous love and disdain for art for her book Hitler’s *Lost Hostages: Looted Art and the Soul of the Third Reich*. Two members of the society spoke on the life and work of the lesser-known but important Renaissance artist Signorelli. Two other members gave a lecture entitled ‘Pigments: A Story of World Trade’, which considered the colour palettes of painters including Giotto, Vermeer and Turner and the use of weird and wonderful pigments ranging from cow urine to Peruvian insects.

DEBATING

Two Harrovians achieved second place in the International Calcutta Debate. The online debate was hosted by The BSS School in Calcutta and was sponsored by the Calcutta Debating Society. Twelve teams from the UK, the Middle East and India competed, with the Harrovians speaking on opposing sides of two different motions over the two days: on ‘whether technology has dulled the mind’ and ‘whether the masses define truth’.

In the first match of the first round of the Junior Inter-House Debating Competition, Lyon’s and Druries proposed the motion that ‘This house believes that democracy has failed’. They were opposed by The Park and Rendalls. Unusually, the match was declared a tie. The first match of the Senior competition saw ‘This house would never lie’ proposed by Elmfield and The Grove and opposed by The Head Master’s and The Park.

MEDICAL SOCIETY

The COVID-19 pandemic was the subject of a number of online talks given to the Medical Society, including ‘When Will It End? The Troubles of COVID-19’ and ‘The BAME Community and COVID-19’.

Ophthalmologist Miss Anna Mead gave a talk on ‘Eye Surgery: Past, Present and Future’, which covered topics ranging from prehistoric versions of eye surgery to the latest technology in the field and how she incorporates technological advances into her everyday practice.



The division between North and South Korea was discussed by the Trevelyan Society

TREVELYAN AND PEEL SOCIETIES  
History

‘The Art of Hypocrisy: A Global Response to the Autumn of 1956’ was the title of a lecture from one society member. It looked at the parallels and inter-related factors that contributed to both the Hungarian Uprising and the Suez Crisis. Another member highlighted four main reasons for the division of Korea in his talk ‘The Division of Korea and Why it Matters’. The Peel Society for boys in lower years explored ‘The Haitian Revolution: the only successful slave revolution in history’, ‘Scholarly Terror: Lollardy and Dissent in Late Medieval England’, and ‘Oswald Mosley and Fascism in Britain’.

ALEXANDER SOCIETY  
Military history

The Alexander Society was one of the busiest societies during lockdown and continued at an intense pace in the new term. A wide-ranging series of talks included ‘Did the Empire Really Strike Back’, which looked at the British military during the Falklands War; the impact of the Vikings on the history of warfare; an exploration of whether the Battle of Waterloo was even a British victory at all; the importance of the Battle of Stalingrad in the Second World War; and the “forgotten” battle of Penobscot Bay during the American War of Independence.



The Alexander Society heard a talk on the Battle of Waterloo



The conventions of Chinese dining were the subject of an Oriental Society talk

ORIENTAL SOCIETY

The very strict and superstitious world of Chinese dining was one of the many subjects covered in a Summer term that was busy throughout the closure of the School. Another talk described some important but relatively unknown events in Hong Kong’s history, and another the reasons for the prevalence of religious cults in South Korea.

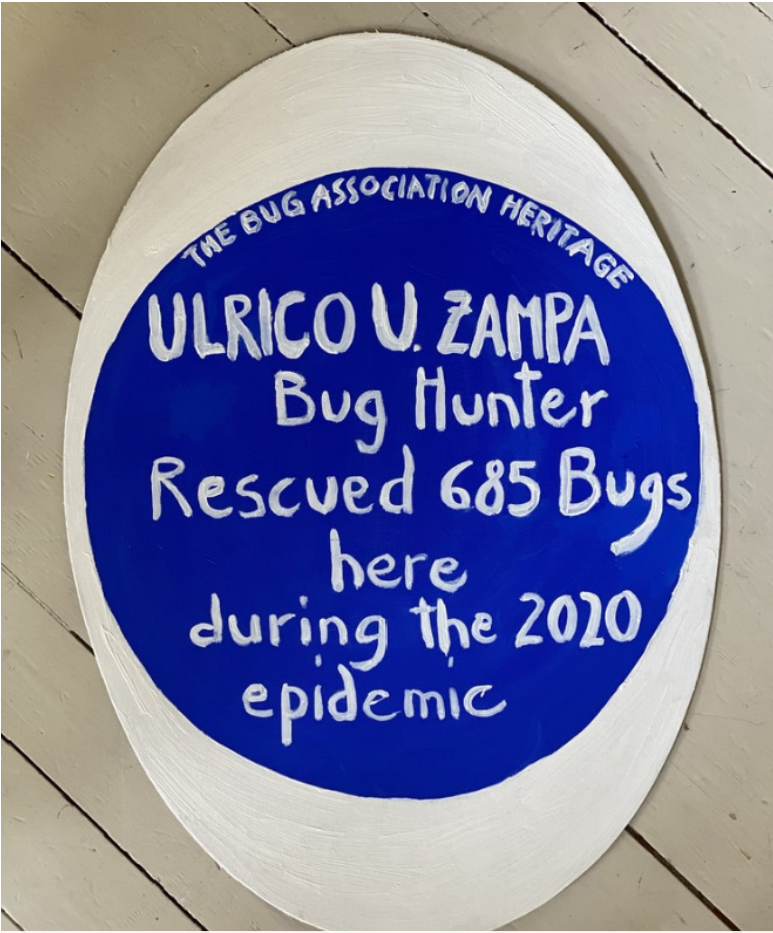


ART

Although it was not possible to hold the usual Speech Day exhibitions in the Art School, Leaf Studios and Churchill Schools, boys and parents were able to celebrate the work of all year groups online. One of the highlights was the annual Neville Burston Prize for Art. The Neville Burston Prize is made annually to an Upper Sixth artist who has produced outstanding work in their final year at Harrow. Judge this year was Jane McAdam Freud, the daughter of artists Lucian Freud and Katherine McAdam, and she awarded the prize to Raef Tanner for his installation *A world in chaos*.

Ulrico Zampa from the Shells was selected for the RA Young Artists' Summer Show 2020 with *My Blue Plaque*, a timely piece of social and historical commentary about the coronavirus pandemic.

There were hundreds of entries in the 2020 Fox Talbot Photography Competition, which was held online. The winner in the Senior category was Aidan Wood, with his image entitled *China Town*. Runner-up was Cameron Yarrow's *Rush Hour*. Winning photograph in the Junior category was Arsene Cherpion's *Alone*. In joint second place were Tomas Kemp with his image of a person in a mask reflecting on life, and Remi Jokosenumi with *Self-education in the midst of a pandemic*.



*My Blue Plaque* by Ulrico Zampa



*Self-education in the midst of a pandemic* by Remi Jokosenumi



*A world in chaos* by Raef Tanner – Winner of The Neville Burston Prize for Art



*Alone* by Arsene Paul Cherpion – Winner of the Junior category of the Fox Talbot Prize



*Rush Hour* by Cameron Yarrow



*China Town* by Aidan Wood – Winner of the Senior category of the Fox Talbot Prize

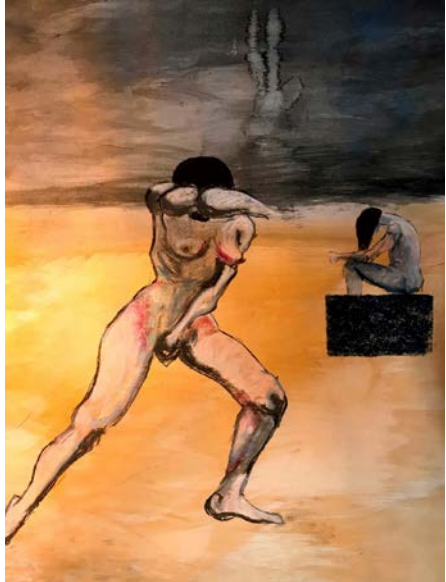


*Solitude* by Harry Tack



By Tomas Kemp







DRAMA

Despite the move to remote teaching in March, Harrow Drama was active online throughout the Summer term, launching a School-wide monologue performance competition in May in which boys from all year groups rehearsed, performed and self-taped a wide range of material. For Speech Day, in the absence of 'live' Speeches, boys created a moving digital recording of Byron's *On a Distant View of the Village and School of Harrow on the Hill* (1806).

The Jeremy Lemmon Project, in which Harrow boys form an acting company alongside pupils from partner maintained schools with mentoring from Shakespeare's Globe, moved online when school sites closed in March, with the 2020 project culminating in a vibrant and celebratory sharing via Zoom in June.

The start of the Autumn term saw the return of live performance to the Ryan Theatre stage with the House Scenes competition, in which the best actors from each House performed a scene from a play. The winners were The Grove with a scene from Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*. A group of Upper Sixth boys also staged a thought-provoking workshop performance of *Waiting for Godot* by Samuel Beckett.



Waiting for Godot



House Scenes was won by The Grove with a scene from *Rosencrantz and Guiderstern are Dead*



MUSIC

During lockdown, staff had to address the challenges of online teaching. Almost 3,000 individual online music lessons were taught in the Summer term, and weekly lunchtime concerts on Firefly continued with a mixture of archive material and performances submitted from home. The audience numbers for these online concerts were good and staff and boys clearly enjoyed revisiting concerts from the past.

Live music resumed at the beginning of the Autumn term with lunchtime concerts at St Mary's Church. The annual Commemoration Concert in honour

of Harrow's founder, John Lyon, went ahead, although sadly without musicians and singers from John Lyon School, and featured the Brass group, some small jazz groups, a socially distanced String Orchestra and the Chapel Choir, with music from all eras including works by Beethoven and Rossini.

Upper Sixth Former Francis Bamford was the overall winner in the Sixth Form age category of the St Edmundsbury Cathedral composition competition. His piece, *Kettle's Yard*, for tenor, string quartet and piano, will be recorded and performed in a concert series at the cathedral next year.

Another part of his prize will be a further commission from the cathedral.

Harrovian Marc Lindgren won the Robinson College, Cambridge, Prize Essay for which he wrote about Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem*. The judges wrote: 'The illuminating discussion depends upon skilful quotation of both musical and literary texts, and unites specialist understanding of music theory with a pleasingly personal appreciation of the effects of Britten's creative decisions - I enjoyed the enthusiastic and individual voice which comes through in this writing.'



Commemoration Concert





HARROW RIFLE CORPS

All sections of the corps carried on some form of online training during the COVID-19 lockdown. In the autumn, Royal Marine cadets and Army cadets would normally have been gearing up to compete in the national Pringle Trophy and London District Guthrie Cup but, as the COVID-19 pandemic meant that these events were canceled, an in-House replacement was inaugurated in their stead. Six teams took part and were put through their paces in Shooting, Command Tasks, Leadership, Endurance, Section Attack and Close Quarters Battle. This new competition, The Gort Plate, named after Old Harrovian Field Marshall Viscount Gort VC, saw some relatively inexperienced cadets pit themselves against practised seniors – a great testament to the spirit and aspiration of all.

LONG DUCKER BIKE RIDE

This year's ride comprised of a long (100 miles), medium (70 miles) and short route (40 miles). Cyclists of all abilities were invited to take part in one of the three fully supported rides starting and finishing at Harrow. It was a great day of cycling, with beautiful weather but with significantly more hills than previous years. There was a fantastic turnout with over 120 riders signing up. Nearly £20,000 was raised to support some of the most vulnerable young people in north-west London who have been particularly affected by COVID-19.

HARROVIANS HELP OUT AT HOME

As well as the whole-School efforts to support the wider Harrow community during the COVID-19 pandemic, individual Harrovians undertook their own projects to help those in need in their home communities. One Harrovian and his brothers assembled about 500 face shields at home in Thailand. In order to have an even greater impact, they initiated a Face Shield project, sourcing the materials and then enlisting the help of a local company to produce over 2,800 more face shields. This led to about 3,350 face shields being sent to two rural hospitals in Thailand.



HWA CHONG GLOBAL DIGITAL YOUNG LEADERS CONVENTION 2020

The annual Hwa Chong Global Young Leaders Convention had to reinvent itself in the face of COVID-19 and move from Singapore to a digital platform. Four Harrovians attended the four-day conference held after the end of term in July under the title 'Concord: Standing in Solidarity, Charting a New Era'. Delegates were assigned to one of ten fictional countries in an alternative reality, engaging in heated debates on key moral issues, medical ethics and income inequality. They worked long hours, forging allegiances to rise against other powers and held fruitful discussions as they raced to establish trade partnerships and innovative deals. One of the Harrovian delegates commented: "It's been an incredible four days that have been intense but really exciting. On top of learning a lot, we have built genuine connections with people across the world."

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The coronavirus pandemic called a halt to practice and qualifying expeditions for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, meaning that some boys will take longer to complete their award, or will struggle to do so at all. Those who fulfilled the volunteering, skill and physical recreation sections of the award will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement. Although lockdown meant that participants could not continue with many of their normal activities such as visiting an old people's home or playing in a football team, many, with imagination, adapted and continued to be active. So, at home, boys found things to do such as shopping for local people in need, taking up cookery, having music lessons on Teams, or volunteering with an online project such as Missing Maps.







RUGBY

Although most rugby fixtures for the season were cancelled and it was not possible to play traditional inter-House matches, the Harrow School Super League was set up to provide all boys a weekly competitive outlet. Each year group had their own league with teams of completely mixed ability, and matches were ten-a-side and ten minutes long. The rules challenged the boys to reach their ‘attack zone’ in four phases of play. Once in their attack zone, they had four more phases to score a try or perhaps go for a one-point drop goal. There will be a Grand Final Day to determine the winners at a future date.

The Knoll were worthy champions of the Senior House Super 9s Touch Rugby competition, defeating Newlands in the final.

Rendalls won the Junior Super 9s with an excellent performance throughout the competition, defeating a strong Elmfield team in the final.

Harrow welcomed five Senior touch-rugby teams from Gordon’s School for the first external competitive rugby of the year. Harrow put out seven teams, with all boys who play Senior rugby getting a run-out. The afternoon ran as a round-robin tournament, with each side getting four matches against their counterparts from Gordon’s. The Harrow 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams all recorded excellent wins and there were strong performances from the other four teams, taking on quality opposition and pushing them all the way.



ATHLETICS

Although all athletics events were cancelled during the pandemic, one goal for athletes was simply to try and stay motivated to continue to put in the laps, throws or jumps wherever they could. One Harrovian, Jack Gosden, embraced the challenge and worked unstintingly for six months to stay on top of his event, the 400m. He then found and entered an Open meeting with the goal of breaking the School record of 50.3 seconds, set in 2015. In spite of poor weather, Jack not only broke it but smashed it by nearly half a second, recording an electronic time of 49.82 seconds.

SOCCER

Both the Development A XI and B XI won their matches against Winchester College, although the Development C XI had a tough game and were not so lucky. The annual fixture against the historic Corinthian Casuals club saw the Development A XI lose to a more powerful and experienced adult team, but the Under-17 A team showed outstanding attitude and character to overcome Hampton, one of the country’s top football schools. They demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities and were relentless in their hard work. The School won its three matches against Kimbolton School. The Development A XI won 2-0, the Development B XI had a magnificent 4-0 victory, and the Development Under-16 XI won with the only goal in the game. A Harrovian also earned himself a professional contract with QPR.



Upper Sixth Leavers XI

CRICKET

The annual match against Eton at Lord’s, one of the longest-running sports fixtures in the world, had to be cancelled, but as the School reopened and the boys returned to the Hill, the 1st XI competed in two fixtures against an Upper Sixth Leavers XI. The games were played in excellent sporting spirit, with the First XI winning the first and the Leavers the second match. The traditional Goose Match between the First XI and the Harrow Wanderers, an Old Harrovian team, saw the visitors win by five overs. In the final fixture of the season, the First XI was beaten by just one run in the second of a two-match T20 fixture against the Free Foresters XI.



Golf Team

GOLF

The golf team put in a fine performance to beat the Old Harrovian Golf Club, sealing victory with a 15-foot putt on the 18th hole. Although they fought hard, they were less successful against a strong Wellington College team, eventually losing 3-1. At Sunningdale against Radley, the team faced both a tough opposition and a tough course, but Harrow were still in the match right to the finish, winning a very tight fixture 2-1.

SWIMMING

The first swimming gala of the term was an in-School event. Three teams entered the competition with full force and determination, leading to three new School records being set: in the 200m individual medley, the 200m backstroke and the 50m breaststroke event. The swimming squad also took part, for the first time, in the second round of the Virtual Asian Schools League. This competition comprises the top 16 swimming schools in Asia and is organised by Harrow International School Bangkok. Going into this competition, Harrow swimmers were faced with a challenging gala, but another impressive six School records were broken.







**Alexander Chamberlin** (*Druries 1986*) was commissioned by the Army to produce an oil painting of the 100-year-old veteran Captain Sir Thomas Moore, who raised over £32 million for NHS charities. Alexander unveiled the portrait in August 2020, and it was hung in the National Army Museum in London as part of commemorations to mark the 75th anniversary of VJ Day.

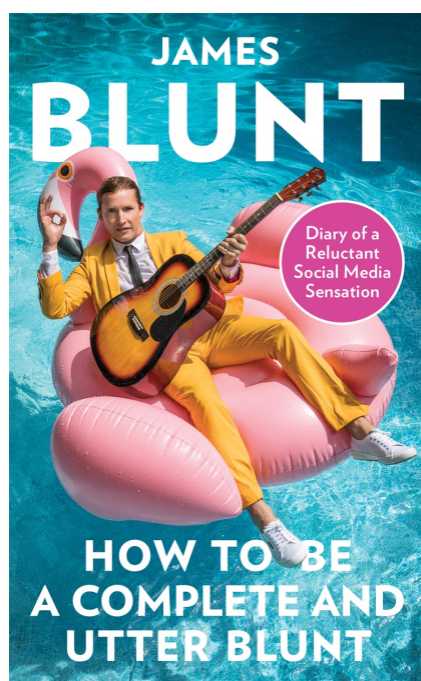
**Ody Alfa** (*The Knoll 2012*) made 12 appearances for the QPR under-23 team during the 2019/20 season, scoring two goals, and started the 2020/21 season in the first team.

**John Turner** (*Rendalls 1964*) assumed the role of a Colonel Commandant of the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps having been appointed as the Honorary Colonel - Queensland Region for five years.

**Harrison Obatoyinbo** (*The Knoll 2014*) has signed for Toulon Rugby Club after being promoted to the first team for Ealing Trailfinders in the 2020/21 season.

**Dan Shailer** (*Rendalls 2013*), **Alex Wolf Galimberti** (*The Park 2000*) and two Etonian friends swam the English Channel in September 2020 to raise money for Lighthouse Relief. The swim marked 16 years since three of the team competed in the Eton v Harrow Cross-Channel Swim Race. Daniel joined as the fourth member of the team and, in August 2020, completed a solo swim of the Channel, raising over £12,000 for the Marine Conservation Society.

**James Blunt** (*Elmfield 1987*) released his book *How To Be A Complete and Utter Blunt: Diary of a Reluctant Social Media Sensation*. Selected and introduced by James himself, this is a year in the life of the world's most reluctant social media sensation.



**James Vestey** (*The Head Master's 1968*) was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the New Year Honours List 2018 for services to Dermatology.



Daniel Shailer performing in *Antigone* at Harrow

**Daniel Baker** (*Moretons*), having served two years as Organ Scholar at Sherbourne Abbey, has gone up to Oxford to read Music and is now Organ Scholar at Christ Church College.



Daniel Baker

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