

Harrow Way Newsletter

Community School

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Head's Corner

I am now approaching the end of my second year as Headteacher of Harrow Way. I have no idea where the time has gone, but it has been a wonderful experience. I would like to thank the staff, students, governors and parents for all their support throughout the year. This time last year we had just had our Ofsted inspection. As you will be aware we were graded 'good' in all areas under this new challenging framework. With this in mind we have started planning for our next 3-year strategic plan. We have involved all stakeholders in our school community in this process of building our "Vision for Harrow Way Community School in 2018". Vision can mean different things to different people, collectively; I hope we'll shape something ambitious and exciting but also grounded and practical for HWCS to work on over the next 3 years.

We had a very successful visit from our Leadership and Learning Partner (LLP) Jean Thorpe. This involved a discussion with me about self-evaluation and student data, a learning walk across the school, visiting a number of classrooms, a discussion with middle leaders and SLT and student interviews with a selection of Year 10 students.

"During the learning walk there was clear evidence of the focus on improving student engagement. In many lessons students were expected to think more deeply through the use of extended questioning. Students were participative and responsive, and really appeared to enjoy their learning."

LLP report 2014

The Harrow Way Community School parents' survey took place in May 2014 to gauge parental satisfaction with the school and to gain feedback on subjects that are pertinent to school development. The online survey was emailed to all parents on the school database, via a web link. A total of 164 responses were received. A summary of the findings are included as a separate insert with this Newsletter.

Summer Term

The summer term, like many others, is always

busy, active and enjoyable. We have had a wide range of activities taking place, including a successful outdoor activities trip to Calshot for 60 Year 8 students. Students have also returned from visits to Krakow and Ghana and there has been the normal fixture lists for rounders, tennis and athletics to cram in before the end of term. Year 9 and Year 10 students have entered the world of work via Enterprise Days, learning what it takes to design, produce and market new products. Year 10 students have also had a taster day at Andover College, in preparation for the next step in their education. The French Department ran very successful Bastille Day Celebrations on the 14th July, extending our knowledge of French history and culture. Our Unicef Peer Educators also met with Police, Local Authority personnel and Southampton Solent academics and have devised an Internet safety workshop. Our sporting highlight this term has to be on Friday 23rd May when on a bright and sunny evening in Southampton, the Harrow Way School Year 8 football team were crowned Hampshire Champions after a thrilling 1-0 win over Hounslow School in what was an exact rematch of last year's final.

We have also held our Year 7 and 8 and Year 9 and 10 Presentation Evening, which gave us an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of students. Other events held this term have been the Year 9 Dance/Drama Showcase and the Year 10 BTEC Showcase.

Sports Day

On Wednesday 3rd July we held our annual Sports Day. This year's sports day took on a new format, with every student in school taking part in an activity. The day started with an opening ceremony, which consisted of a dance from the afterschool dance club. Morning activities began and students were playing for their house teams in rounders, softball, tennis and tug-of-war.

After break, the field events started which included javelin, discus, long jump and track running. After lunch the students all gathered

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to watch the hurdle and relay races. The day ended with a staff tug-of-war.

The overall winners of the day with 1480 house points were Buzzards.

Year 11

Year 11 Leavers were almost unrecognisable when they arrived for their Prom this term. It was a wonderful night to remember for all of them and a fitting end to a very successful and hardworking year group. We look forward to seeing them again in August to celebrate their exam results.

Uniform

I continue to be very proud of our school uniform and the vast majority of our students adhere to our expectations at all times. As a result of enquiries from parents, we have put together a guideline for uniform styles, particularly trousers, which was posted home recently. A copy of the guidelines are available on the website, link below:

<http://www.harrowway.hants.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Uniform-guidelines.pdf>

Prefects

Last term we appointed our new prefects and senior prefects. From a very competitive field we have appointed Katie Guilford and William Cooper to the posts of Head Girl and Head Boy respectively with Hannah Allmark and Alexander Morling as their deputies.

It is always a privilege for me to be able to make these decisions. I know how much the students, parents and staff value these positions in the school. It is a tough job representing the student body at this level and working with me, the Headteacher, to promote the school and represent all our students to the visitors we welcome.

PiXL Club

This year we were asked to become members of the The PiXL Club (Partners in Excellence). The PiXL Club is a collaboration of school leaders, headed by Sir John Rowling; this is a club that some have said to be "the best thing they have seen in education". Partners in Excellence work with over 800 secondary schools and 280 Sixth Forms. The focus is on raising standards at GCSE. The PiXL Club aims to support the promotion of excellence for students. The club is about sharing new ideas

with school leaders; it is a partnership of focused, determined and dedicated professional practitioners. This year we have used a number of strategies to support students who have examinations in 2014.

Staffing changes

This term we are saying farewell to John Baxter and Tony Parsons, who are retiring. We wish them both a long and happy retirement. Goodbyes are also being said to James Clarke, Laura Doyle, Angela Ricci and Julia Fitzpatrick who are moving to pastures new, and we wish them every success in their new posts.

We will be welcoming a number of new staff in September. Samantha Webster will be taking on the role of Curriculum Leader for History during Callie Essop's maternity absence. Jan Appleton will be a Teacher of English during Vicky Thompson's maternity absence. Nicola Pearce will be joining us as Deputy Headteacher, Kevin Peebles as Curriculum Leader for ICT and Computing, Stephen Cosier as Lead Practitioner in English, Ruth Clarkson as a Teacher of English, Rian Torres as a Teacher of ICT, Katie Jameson as a Teacher of Science and Majdeline Bousarghin as a Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages. We will also be welcoming Lola Gibbard to our team of Learning Support Assistants.

Internal appointments have been made, with effect from September, as follows: Shelley Frape is Lead Practitioner in Maths, Andrew Woods is Lead Practitioner in ICT & Computing and Christina Marsh is Assistant Curriculum Leader in Maths.

Last but not least, I need to mention that Mrs Becky Burbidge, Chair of Governors, is stepping down from the Governing Body after 18 years. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all Governors, staff and students to publicly thank Mrs Burbidge for her untiring commitment to and support for Harrow Way Community School.

We are looking forward to next year with lots more exciting opportunities for our students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I wish you an enjoyable and restful summer break.



M J Serridge,
Headteacher - July 2014

Beginning of the Autumn Term 2014

School begins on Wednesday 3rd September at 8.45 am for Year 7 students and selected Year 11 prefects and Thursday 4th September for Years 8-11.

UNIFORM SALES

Uniform can be bought from the school during the INSET day on:

Tuesday 2nd September
between 9.00am and 3.00pm

If you would like to see a list of the items available and their prices, please visit the school website: www.harrowsway.hants.sch.uk and click on the 'Uniform' category in 'School Information' to download a price list. Harrow Way has strict uniform guidelines which can be viewed or downloaded from this section of the school's website.

Parents may also purchase all uniform from our Uniform Office, 9am – 3:45pm on any school day. Items can usually be collected on the same day, subject to availability.

School will close at 1.30 pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday 23rd September
- Friday 19th December
- Wednesday 22nd July

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Available at Harrow Way School

Register now to make payments online (eg Trips, Events, Lunches, School Uniform, Revision Guides etc)

To find out more, contact:

The Finance Department
adminoffice@harrowsway.hants.sch.uk
Tel: 01264 364533



GCSE RESULTS

GCSE results will be available from the school on **Thursday 21st August between 10am and 12 midday**. If you do not intend to come to school that day to pick up your result slips, a stamped, addressed (A5) envelope should be left with Mrs Cook in the uniform office. All remaining result slips will be held at the school for collection at the beginning of the September term.

These result slips are often requested by admissions officers for Further Education courses.

SCHOOL'S EMAIL ALERT SYSTEM

If you have not received email alerts or notifications from us, this means that we do not have your email address on record.

Please send an email to adminoffice@harrowsway.hants.sch.uk with your child's name in the subject line and we will add you to our mailing list.

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES

It is most important that any change of mobile or landline number, or home address is reported to the school. Please ensure you notify the School Office as soon as possible of any changes to your contact details, particularly daytime telephone numbers, so that we are able to get in touch if the need arises.

Savings for your family

You could make savings of around £380 per year if your child qualifies for free school meals. This will also result in a Uniform Grant Allowance for children in Years 7, 9 and 10 (currently worth approximately £60 per year) and also depending on distance from home to School, possible travel assistance.

To make sure your child doesn't miss out, there is now a quick and easy online checking service for you to check your eligibility for an instant result, all you need to do is enter your name, national insurance number or asylum number, your address and your child's details. Press 'submit' and you will find out if you are eligible.

This self service option is available at:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/caterers/hc3s-freeschoolmeals>

If your result comes back 'found' this means your child is eligible for free school meals and the system automatically tells us.

No more hassle in digging out paperwork and going into school to get it checked!

For more information, check the web address above, or phone me on (01264) 364533 or alternatively email me at sharon.pape@harrowsway.hants.sch.uk

CALENDAR DATES

July 2014 to September 2015

Weds 23 July	Last day of Summer Term - 1.30 finish	23/24 Feb	Peter Symonds Interviews in school all day
Thu 21 Aug	GCSE Exam Results available between 10am > 12pm	Wed 11 Mar	Year 9 Reports home
Tues 2 Sept	INSET DAY 1 - Uniform Sales 9 am > 3.00 pm	Fri 13 Mar	Years 7,10,11 Progress Reviews home
Weds 3 Sept	Start of the term for Year 7 and Year 11 prefects only - 8.45am	Mon 16 Mar	Year 9 Curriculum Evening
Thu 4 Sept	All Years - Normal timetable for whole school	18/19 Mar	Year 9 Parent/SLT appointments for Curriculum Choices
Wed 10 Sept	Year 11 Rugby Hampshire Cup - Churcher's College	Fri 20 Mar	Year 8 Reports home
w/c 15 Sep	Year 7 CAT tests	Sun 22 Mar	Technical set-up for Musical
Fri 19 Sept	Years 7 & 10 Photographer	Mon 23 Mar	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Fri 19 Sept	Julius Caesar - Globe trip - Drama Years 10&11	w/c 23 Mar	Geography Osmington Bay Residential - Yr 9 students
Tue 23 Sept	Open Evening 6.30-9.00pm - School closes at 1.30 pm for students	w/c 23 Mar	All week Musical 7.30 pm
Wed 24 Sept	Open Morning 9.15-10.30am	w/c 30 Mar	Year 10 Exams (week 1) - Year 7 Core Subject Exams
Wed 24 Sept	Year 11 Single H&SC work placement begins (3 Weds)	w/c 30 Mar	Maths Assessment Week - all years
Thu 25 Sept	Open Morning 9.15-10.30am	Tue 31 Mar	Sport & PE Presentation Evening Years 7-9
Fri 26 Sept	Year 9 Gothic Tales Performer	Wed 1 Apr	Sport & PE Presentation Evening Years 10-11
Weds 1 Oct	INSET DAY 2	Thu 2 Apr	House Fancy Dress Disco
Mon 6 Oct	Year 7 Settling-in Parents' Evening	Fri 3 Apr	Good Friday - School Closed
Tue 7 Oct	HPV 1 for Year 8 Girls	Friday 3 April to Friday 17 April - Easter Holiday inclusive	
Wed 8 Oct	Year 11 Careers Fair a.m.	w/c 20 Apr	Year 10 Exams (week 2)
Thu 9 Oct	Ski Trip Parents' Evening 7.00 pm	Mon 27 Apr	Year 8 Curriculum Evening
Fri 10 Oct	After-school Ski Fitness Training begins every Friday until departure	29/30 Apr	Year 8 Parent/SLT appointments for Curriculum Choices
w/c 13 Oct	Year 11 Mock exams - Week 1	Thu 30 Apr	UK Maths Challenge for 7x1, 7y1, 8x1, 8y1
Thu 16 Oct	Inter-house Quiz Night	Fri 1 May	Year 8 girls HPV 2
w/c 20 Oct	Year 11 Mock exams - Week 2	Mon 4 May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thu 23 Oct	Year 11 iGCSE English Challenge Day 1	Tue 5 May	Year 11 GCSEs commence - finishing 24 June 2015
HALF TERM MONDAY 27 OCT - FRIDAY 31 OCT 2014 inclusive		Mon 11 May	Year 7 Parents Evening
Half term week	Shakespeare Link Rehearsal Week	w/c 18 May	Maths Assessment Week
3 - 6 Nov	Shakespeare Rehearsal 3 til 4 pm	HALF TERM MONDAY 25 MAY - FRIDAY 29 MAY 2015 inclusive	
Fri 7 Nov	Shakespeare Show (Year 11) 7 pm	w/c 8 Jun	Year 8 Exam week
Tue 11 Nov	Year 5/6 Town Basketball Competition	w/c 15 Jun	Year 8 Calshot trip
Thu 13 Nov	Year 11 iGCSE English Challenge Day 1	Tue 16 Jun	AEGON Tennis trip
w/c 17 Nov	Year 11 iGCSE English Speaking exams (1) this week - No Year 11s to be out of school	Fri 19 Jun	Years 8 and 9 Summer Progress Review home
Mon 17 Nov	Year 11 Leavers' Presentation Evening 7.30 pm	w/c 22 Jun	Year 10 GCSE Catering Practicals this week
Fri 21 Nov	Autumn Progress Reviews home for Years 7,8,9,10	Wed 24 Jun	INSET DAY 5
Thu 27 Nov	Year 11 Reports Home	Fri 26 Jun	Years 7 and 10 Reports home
Thu 27 Nov	Year 11 mock results issued to students	Fri 26 Jun	Year 11 Leavers' Buffet/Dance
Thu 27 Nov	Primary Dance Showcase	Tue 30 Jun	Induction Day and Induction Evening
Fri 28 Nov	INSET DAY 3	Wed 1 Jul	Performing Arts Festival 7 pm
Fri 28 Nov	Dry Ski Slope for Beginners - Bournemouth all day (Ski Trip 2015)	2-5 Jul	Yr 10 trip to Krakow
w/c 8 Dec	Year 9 Exams Week and Maths Assessment Week (all years)	Fri 3 Jul	Sports Day (Reserve date 17 July)
w/c 8 Dec	Year 11 iGCSE English Speaking exams (2) this week - No Year 11s to be out of school	Mon 6 Jul	Years 7 & 8 Presentation Evening
Tue 9 Dec	Year 10 GCSE Geography /Bay of Naples trip, returning 13 Dec	w/c 6 Jul	Maths Assessment Week
Fri 12 Dec	Christmas Fair	Tue 7 Jul	Year 5 Activity Day (1)
Mon 15 Dec	Media Quiz	Tue 7 Jul	Year 9 Drama and Dance Show
16 & 17 Dec	Performing Arts Showcase 7 pm	Wed 8 Jul	Year 5 Activity Day (2)
Thu 8 Jan	Year 7 Maths Day (Happy Puzzle Company)	Thu 9 Jul	Year 10 Drama and Dance Showcase
w/c 12 Jan	Year 11 GCSE Catering Practicals this week	Mon 13 Jul	Years 9 and 10 Presentation Evening
Mon 12 Jan	Year 11 Parents' Evening	Wed 15 Jul	Music - Summer Concert
Thu 22 Jan	Final Ski Trip Parents' Evening 7.00 pm	Tue 21 Jul	Year 8 Maths Day (Magic Show)
Mon 26 Jan	Year 9 Parents' Evening	Wed 22 Jul	Last Day of Summer Term - School closes at 1.30 pm
27,28,29,30 Jan	BTEC Dance Rehearsals and Shows (7-8 pm)	SUMMER HOLIDAY 24 July - 1 September 2015 inclusive	
Sat 31 Jan	Ski Trip Departs returning Sat 7 Feb		
w/c 9 Feb	Maths Assessment Week - all years		
Tue 10 Feb	INSET DAY 4		
HALF TERM MONDAY 16 FEB - FRIDAY 20 FEB 2015 inclusive			