



## Heads Corner – Easter 2010

As I write my seventeenth edition of Head's Corner on a cold and wet day, one would never know that we are four days into British Summer Time! A lot has happened in school and within the community since the terrible conditions in early January which necessitated the closure of the school for a number of days. The closure of the school under emergency circumstances, in this case bad weather, is a difficult and carefully balanced decision which I take in consultation with the Chair of Governors. Amongst other things I have to take into account the availability of local transport services as well as the safety conditions on and around the school site. In any event, those days are hopefully behind us, at least for another 12 months, and we turn our attention now to the present and the future.

This is of course the time of year when our Year 11 students are preparing in earnest for their GCSE and other KS4 examinations. On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to wish our Year 11 students, who will be revising and preparing during the Easter holidays and beyond, all the very best for their forthcoming examinations. GCSE and other results will be published to students on Tuesday 24th August 2010. Please see the back page of this newsletter for further details. At this point I would like to remind parents of the availability of "SAM Learning", an interactive learning tool which is accessible to all students and is designed ultimately to enhance their performance in examinations.

## School Population

I was very pleased to learn recently that we will be welcoming another full year group in our Year 7 intake for September 2010. In fact, we are now oversubscribed in this year group and this is the first time that this has happened for very many years. I am delighted that Harrow Way is increasingly the first choice for families in our area. We are fully committed to a cycle of continuous improvement in order to make the Harrow Way School Community increasingly effective and efficient and we are looking forward to working closely with our new students and families from next September. From next year,

therefore, the whole school will be virtually full and this means that we are increasingly able to exploit the economies of scale that this provides in order to offer outstanding curriculum and wider opportunities to all our students.

## Artsmark Gold

It was wonderful news for us last term when Ofsted reported that we are "a good school with many outstanding features". We are also proud holders of the prestigious Artsmark Gold Award which is granted for a period of three years. We have recently gone through the application process seeking redesignation with the Arts Council and are awaiting their decision imminently.

## Staff

This term we have said goodbye to two colleagues, Miss Vicky Thompson and Mr Martin Cunningham. Miss Thompson joined us over two years ago as a Teacher of English and will be taking up a post in Basingstoke to further her experience. Mr Cunningham has been employed as a Science Technician again for over two years and will be leaving us to enjoy retirement. We wish both Miss Thompson and Mr Cunningham all the very best for the future.

As the school continues to expand we are of course appointing significantly more staff than we are losing, and we have been very busy this term and expect to be so next term, appointing new teaching and support staff for September. Full details of those staff joining us in September will be provided in the Summer edition of Head's Corner. In the meantime, I am delighted to announce that we have appointed three new colleagues who will be joining us after Easter. These are: Miss Sarah Hutchins to the post of Extended Services Co-ordinator to replace Kim Francis who left us last term; following the departure of Kelly Mead from the post of Receptionist we have appointed both Mrs Tracey Freemantle and Mrs Nicola Farrelly. We look forward to welcoming our new colleagues very shortly.

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## Premises

We continue to maintain and make improvements to the school site both internally and externally. We will be busy during the coming months installing new lockers for our additional students, as well as creating additional classroom and office spaces around the building.

## Community

We fully embrace the notion of “the outward looking school” and are always looking for ways in which we can work closely with and in support of our local community. I am particularly proud of the many partnerships we enjoy with other organisations and also of course of the superb work of Andover Adult and Family Learning, a hugely important group that makes a great contribution to our families in Andover. One of the ways in which Harrow Way extends its reach into the community is through our work in the Expressive and Performing Arts (hence our Artsmark Gold Award) and we were all bowled over recently by the school’s production of ‘Dracula Spectacula’. This was a typically ambitious show not just in terms of the performance itself, which was fantastic, but also owing to the highly complex technical demands of the production. Mr John Baxter, Head of Performing Arts and the show’s Director, first produced Dracula Spectacula in 1983 and it was great to see that some of the students taking part are children of the original cast members, some of whom also came to see the show!

Another important part of the community work of the school is the contribution made by the Harrow Way Community School Association (HWCSA). HWCSA organises and runs many events on behalf of the school in order to raise money and to support the school community.

One of the outstanding qualities of our school community is the way in which our students join together in their support for others less fortunate than ourselves both here and across the world. Examples of their community spirit, expressed through the work of our active and committed

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Don't forget to visit the website for all the performing arts news, sports and trip reports, recent events, letters home, exam information and much more. If you can't find what you're looking for, please do not hesitate to contact the school, who will put you in touch with someone who can help provide the relevant information.

Student Council has been the raising of £917.13 for Children in Need in the recent appeal. In addition following the tragic earthquake disaster in January our students have raised a magnificent £722 in support of the Haiti Appeal. Members of the school community were also involved recently in the Sports Relief weekend, organising events and taking part in fund-raising activities.

## School Uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform and continue to receive many favourable comments about the smart appearance of our students. In order to match the reasonable requirements of the school with the stringent demands placed upon all of us in these difficult economic times, we are seeking to find suppliers of uniform and other school related clothing at as high a quality and as affordable as possible. We are looking now at our sports and outdoor clothing options and during the summer term will be consulting with students and parents on a number of options in time for next winter.

## And finally...

Could I please draw readers' attention to a separate letter I am sending to all parents at the end of this term dealing with a number of school matters. This letter can also be viewed on line on our school website.

[www.harrowway.hants.sch.uk](http://www.harrowway.hants.sch.uk)

I would like to wish all readers a happy and peaceful Easter break. School begins again at 8.45 am on Monday 19th April 2010.



Headteacher - April 2010

### **UNIFORM SALES (including to new intake)**

School jackets, ties, PE shirts & shorts, scarves and cooking aprons can be purchased from the school between 9.00am and 3.45pm term time only. Please pick up an order form from the office or visit the website/Uniform to download a copy.

#### **New Intake Uniform Shop**

**Tuesday 29th June '10 (Induction/PC Day):**

we will be open between 9am–5.45pm, and 6.45–7.30pm

**Wednesday 30th June '10:**

we will be open 9am–7.30pm

*The above sales events will take place in the library.*

The correct school uniform should be worn at all times, including on the way to and from school.

# CALENDAR DATES

## APRIL to SEPTEMBER '10

<b>Wed 31 March</b>	Dance Competition 3.30 pm
<b>Thu 1 April</b>	Year 8 reports home
<b>Thu 1 April</b>	Year 9 Top Link Conference
<b>Thu 1 April</b>	End of Term 3.10 pm
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY FRIDAY 02 APRIL - FRIDAY 16 APRIL 2010 inclusive</b>	
<b>Mon 19 April</b>	Summer term begins
<b>19/22 April</b>	10.00am Health & Fitness taster Yr 10 Girls PE
<b>Mon 19 April</b>	Pd 1 & 2 Year 10 French exam
<b>Wed 21 April</b>	Progress Reviews home Yrs 7, 10 & 11
<b>Mon 26 April</b>	Year 10 exams begin - see timetable on p4
<b>Tues 27 April</b>	Festival 2010 Mi Tunes (Yr10 Creative Arts and Media)
<b>Wed 28 April</b>	Mountbatten SSP Dance festival at the Lights
<b>Fri 30 April</b>	Maths Gifted & Talented - Salisbury Cathedral (35 x Yr 7)
<b>Mon 3 May</b>	<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Thu 6 May</b>	Blood Brothers, Phoenix Theatre (23 x Yr 10) (50 x Yr11)
<b>Wed 12 May</b>	Some Yr 9/10/11 Athletics, Charlton
<b>Fri 14 May</b>	Year 10 Art exam all day
<b>Mon 17 May</b>	Yr 9 New Forest trip
<b>Fri 28 May</b>	Yr 7 reports home
<b>HALF TERM MONDAY 31 MAY - FRIDAY 04 JUNE inclusive</b>	
<b>31/05 &gt; 11/06</b>	Yr 10 Creative Arts & Media Diploma Work Experience
<b>Fri 11 June</b>	Blood Brothers, The Lights Yr 10
<b>14 &gt; 18 June</b>	Calshot
<b>Mon 14 June</b>	Yrs 7/8 Athletics, Charlton
<b>Tue 15 June</b>	Hampshire Book Award vote at HWCS

<b>17/18 June</b>	Yr 9 Leadership Camp/Parallel Games
<b>Mon 21 June</b>	Hampshire Book Award final vote
<b>w/c 21 June</b>	Yr 7 Charlton Lakes this week
<b>21, 22, 23 June</b>	Ballroom Dancing fro Yr 11 (1.30-3.10 and 3.15 - 5.00)
<b>Thu 24 June</b>	Ballroom Dancing for Yr 11 & teachers (3.30 - 5.00)
<b>Fri 25 June</b>	Year 11 Leavers' Dinner/Dance
<b>Fri 25 June</b>	Yrs 8, 9 Progress Reviews & Yr 10 reports home
<b>Mon 28 June</b>	INSET DAY 5
<b>Tue 29 June</b>	Induction Day & Evening and PC Day 2
<b>Tue 29 June</b>	Uniform Sales in Library all day until 7.30pm
<b>Wed 30 June</b>	Uniform Sales in Library all day until 7.30pm
<b>Wed 30 June</b>	Enterprise Day (1) Yr 10
<b>Wed 30 June</b>	Yr 8 2012 Leadership Camp (6xYr8)
<b>Thu 1 July</b>	Yr 10 Swanage trip
<b>Fri 2 July</b>	Enterprise Day (2) Yr 10
<b>6/7 July</b>	Yr 5 Activity Days
<b>8/9 July</b>	Yr 9 Enterprise Days
<b>Mon 12 July</b>	An Evening of 1 Act Plays Yr10 BTEC Drama
<b>13/14 July</b>	The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe
<b>Thu 15 July</b>	Music Summer Concert
<b>Mon 19 July</b>	Key Stage 3 Presentation Evening
<b>Fri 23 July</b>	Sports Day
<b>Fri 23 July</b>	Yrs 8/9 Progress Reviews home
<b>Fri 23 July</b>	Last Day of term
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 26 JULY - FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2010 inclusive</b>	

### Harrow Way Community School Association (HWCSA)

Please consider becoming a member of the Harrow Way Community School Association. The HWCSA is open to all parents, staff and friends of the school, whose main purpose is to engage the whole community in the life of the school in order to promote learning and social experience.

The HWCSA not only exists as a fund-raising body but also serves the school community in a number of ways, for example, helping out with school activities and working with the Student Council. It arranges several events throughout the year, including the very popular Christmas Fair, the Summer Fete, Family Fun Quiz Nights, Bingo Evenings and much more.

**If you are interested in supporting this friendly and proactive association, please contact Mrs Belsey, Assistant Headteacher, via the school's Reception on 01264 364533.**

### INDUCTION DAY and PARENT CONSULTATION DAY

You are reminded that on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June the school will be holding Induction Day for our new students starting in September, and Parent Consultations for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10.

### PLANNED ABSENCE - HOLIDAY FORMS

If you are aware that your child will be absent from school e.g. a holiday or operation, we will need to be notified of this. **Holiday forms can be obtained from Student Reception.**

Parents are not entitled to take their children away on holiday during term time. If a child is away for holiday reasons in term time, up to 10 days in an academic year may be authorised at the discretion of the school providing suitable reasons are given and a 'Permission for Holiday' form is completed before the absence period. With students of compulsory school age all applications will be carefully considered on their merits given the importance of continuity of learning.



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## YEARS 10 & 11 GCSE TIMETABLES

All Year 10 & 11 students have received a final personalised copy of their GCSE timetable. If you require any further information about your forthcoming GCSE exam dates, please see Mr Parsons or Mrs Cook.

**A copy of the main timetable can be viewed on the school's website (Examinations) and the VLE.**  
Course Categories/Examinations/Examination Timetables/GCSE Timetable - Summer 2010.

## GCSE RESULTS

GCSE results will be available from the school on

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010 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.***

### Year 10 Examination Timetable - April 2010

Date	Period 1 9.05-9.55	Period 2 9.55-10.45		Period 3 11.05-11.55	Period 4 11.55-12.45		Period 5 13.30-14.20	Period 6 14.20-15.10
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> April	French (19) Invigilation: EC Auditorium	French (19) Invigilation: EC Auditorium						
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Geography (44) Invigilation: LC Sports Hall (GM cover 7yGe3)	Geography (44) Invigilation: LC Sports Hall (GM cover 7xGe3)	B	English 1 (169) Invigilation: JRM,KP,KK,IC Sports Hall	English 1 (169) Invigilation: GF,LT,RB,AM Sports Hall	L	Maths 1 (169) Invigilation: RH,BM,KW,HD Sports Hall	Maths 1 (169) Invigilation: TP,DG,AWW,KLW Sports Hall
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> April (Year 10 College Day)	Health & Social Care (12) Invigilation: KW Auditorium	Health & Social Care (12) Invigilation: KW Auditorium	R			U	Law (23) Invigilation: LT Auditorium	Law (23) Invigilation: LT Auditorium
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Maths 2 (169) Invigilation: KK,IC,AM,VT Sports Hall	Maths 2 (169) Invigilation: EJS,KP,RB,GF Sports Hall	E			N	Media Studies & Film Studies (68) Invigilation: GF Auditorium	Media Studies & Film Studies (68) Invigilation: GF/TP Auditorium
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> April			A			C	English 2 (169) Invigilation: TO,HD,EE,RH Sports Hall	English 2 (169) Invigilation: TP,DG,AWW,KLW Sports Hall
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> April			K	History (70) Invigilation: CL,RYB Auditorium	History (70) Invigilation: CL,RYB Auditorium	H		
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Art (50) Invigilation: SRH, CC, JG (3 x Art rooms)	Art (50) Invigilation: SRH, CC, JG (3 x Art rooms)		Art (50) Invigilation: SRH, CC, JG (3 x Art rooms)	Art (50) Invigilation: SRH, CC, JG (3 x Art rooms)		Art (50) Invigilation: SRH, CC, JG (3 x Art rooms)	Art (50) Invigilation: SRH, CC, JG (3 x Art rooms)

End times must be strictly adhered to, to minimise disruption to the following exam and to the teaching timetable.  
Any exam paper set should include only that part of the syllabus which has already been covered.

### 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.

### STUDENT APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

If a student has an appointment during school hours, he/she must have a note in the student diary or an appointment card.  
**Parents - Please ensure that an entry is made on the appropriate date, giving the time and reason for appointment and a parent/carer's signature. Thank you.**