

Harrow Way Newsletter

Community School

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Heads Corner Summer 2010

I am delighted to publish this, my eighteenth edition of Head's Corner, having been Headteacher here for six years. Harrow Way Community School is an extremely rewarding place in which to work and I am delighted at the successes and the progress we have been able to achieve. This year's examination season is now behind us and we await the publication of our GCSE and other Key Stage 4 exam results at the end of August. Results day is **Tuesday 24th August** and I look forward to seeing our Year 11 leavers on that day as they anxiously open their results envelopes. Results will be distributed from 10.00 am. We hope to be publishing some excellent results for Harrow Way students on the day.

This has been another incredibly busy year with several landmark successes, chief amongst which was our Ofsted Report published in the Autumn Term, as the school and its community grows and develops; we will be welcoming another full Year 7 cohort of 180 students in September and I look forward to working with them and their families for the next five years.

RRSA

We were delighted recently to receive our Rights Respecting School Award as enshrined within the UNICEF Charter on the Rights of the Child. This is about looking closely at the issues around human rights and also the importance of the responsibilities that go with them.

Artsmark Gold

We received the news earlier in the Spring that we have achieved re-designation as an Artsmark Gold school, which is testament to the outstanding work of colleagues and students in this area. Particular thanks go to Mr John Baxter, Head of Performing Arts for steering us through the re-designation process.

SSAT Awards

As you may have seen on the front page of the Andover Advertiser recently, we have received a number of Awards from the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust, to which we are affiliated as result of our status as a Maths and Computing Specialist School. We received two main awards, firstly for being the school with the most improved GCSE results in the Southern Region, and secondly for being the Maths & Computing Specialist School with the most improved GCSE results in the country.

Student News

We recently appointed Daniel Falcone and Lynsey Grover to the positions of Head Boy and Head Girl for the next 12 months. Their respective Deputies are Jonathan Ollerhead and Sophie Roberts.

In addition to these appointments, I would also like to congratulate our entire team of Prefects and Senior Prefects. They have already made a huge impact and have given up their time freely, not just in relation to their responsibilities regarding break and lunchtime duties, but in a number of other high profile events and activities. These have included supporting staff and primary school pupils in our recent Year 5 Activities Days, lending valuable support in our Year 6 Induction Day and Evening and helping out in several evening activities.

Our Sports Partnership work continues to expand and under the direction of Rhonda Sturges, Assistant Partnership Development Manager, our Partnership activities have a huge impact on our students and on our family of primary schools. The impact is not just through sporting achievement and participation, but also can be seen in the Leadership Programmes to which we subscribe. These are genuine transferable skills that Harrow Way students are acquiring which will enable them to function increasingly effectively as they move through their senior years here at Harrow Way and into further and higher education and, of course, employment.

On Monday this week we held our annual Key Stage 3 presentation evening, celebrating the achievements of very many students in Years 7, 8 and 9. Other events held during the final days of term include the BTEC Music Summer Concert and the annual Stars in Their Eyes Competition.

Also on Wednesday I attended, at the invitation of Mr Tim Deery, Headteacher, Portway Junior School's Summer Tea Party. This was an opportunity for members and friends of The Portway Junior School community to celebrate the very many successes of the school and to say goodbye for the summer break, and I was delighted to be able to take part in this event.

Gifted and Talented Students

Our Gifted and Talented Students Programme has continued to grow during the year. The member of

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staff with responsibility for the development of this important area, Mr Essop, has, along with assistance from various colleagues, organised a number of very successful events for these able students. We have significant and increasing numbers of more able students at Harrow Way, particularly as the school grows so rapidly, and we place great importance on the challenge and motivation we are able to provide for them. On the final Monday of term a group of Gifted and Talented students were invited to make a presentation on the Futuretown project to local Councillors and planners.

Staff

This term we welcomed back to Harrow Way Ms Januk and Mr Wade following long absences.

At the end of this term we will be losing the following colleagues who have either secured positions elsewhere or who are taking retirement. After over 21 years Margaret Hitchings, Education Welfare Assistant, will be leaving us to take retirement; Andrew Mountain, Head of Mathematics has secured a post as Assistant Headteacher at a Hampshire secondary school; Dan Gardner, Teacher of ICT, will also be joining a Hampshire secondary school on a promoted post; Lesley Townley, Assistant Head of English, will be leaving us after two years employment at Harrow Way; Ben Turner, Cover Supervisor, will be taking up a teacher training opportunity from September 2010; Ryan Bowles, teacher of History, is relocating to Canada; Mr Peter Coates will also be leaving us after a period of supply teaching. We wish all of these colleagues all the very best for the future.

There are many changes to the staffing profile here at Harrow Way from September, partly as a result of colleagues moving on but also because of a recruitment drive in response to our growing student role. We look forward to welcoming new colleagues and working with existing colleagues in new capacities from September as follows: Austin Anderson, currently employed on a fixed term basis, has secured a position with us as full-time Teacher of Mathematics. Rachel Atherton, who has recently completed a Postgraduate training placement with us, will be returning as a newly-qualified Teacher of Science. Jan Cunningham current Assistant Head of Science will be returning in September on a part-time basis. Richard Donovan will be relinquishing his full-time post as Humanities Teacher at the end of the academic year and will be returning on a part-time basis for at least a further year. Dean Hill, Acting Head of Science has been appointed to this post on a permanent basis. Mike Loveridge, Teacher of Science will be returning in September on a part-time basis. Euan Manson, temporary teacher of Drama will be joining us on the Graduate Teacher

Programme. Karen Pittman, will be returning as a qualified teacher within the English Department. Sonja Tkach, currently employed on a fixed term basis, has secured a position with us as full-time Teacher of Science on a fully-qualified basis.

The following staff will be returning to promoted posts in September: Ian Ashbolt, Flexible Learning Centre Manager; Robert Benham, Acting Head of Mathematics; Janice Buckley, Family and Partnership Manager; Kiril Kambarev, Acting Assistant Head of Mathematics; Carolyn Lovett, Assistant Head of Science and Manager of our Assessment for Learning programme; Jay Mann, Assistant Head of English and Temporary Head of Year 10. Julia Tidmarsh, Assistant Special Needs Co-ordinator.

Since the previous Heads Corner publication we have appointed Mrs Sharon Moger to the post of Science Technician and in addition to Sharon and all of the above, we will be welcoming a number of new teaching and support staff to Harrow Way in September as follows: Caroline Andrews, teacher of History; Hazel Barnfather, teacher of Drama; Vicky Bentley, teacher of 1:1 tuition; Chris Dale, teacher of History (maternity cover); Michael Dean, Cover Supervisor; Shelley Frape, teacher of Mathematics; Heather Gedney, teacher of English; Victoria Herbert, teacher of English; Gary Holman, teacher of Humanities; Cathy Loveridge, teacher of 1:1 tuition; Rachel Roberts, Cover Supervisor; Kerry Tenny, teacher of ICT; and David Twigg, teacher of English.

Governors

This year we have said goodbye to Paul Taylor, Alan Murray and Sheila Read from our Governing Body. We have an excellent Governing Body under our Chair, Becky Burbidge, and I would like to thank these Governors for their huge contribution. The following governors have either joined us since the last Head's Corner or will be joining us in the new academic year:

Heather Bourner, Tanya Hampton, Sarah Belcher (Parent Governors), Cllr Jan Lovell, Mike Pennicott (Community Governors) and Stuart Barlow (LA Governor).

Premises

As usual, the majority of any maintenance and refurbishment work on our school premises takes place during the summer holiday. The programme of work for the six week break has to be organised to tight deadlines for contractors in order for the school to be cleaned thoroughly after any building work and prepared for the start of year in September. Work will include the following projects: major plumbing work in both the Main and English blocks. The Learning Support Department will be relocating to the current Community Centre,

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in order to allow for increased capacity requirements in English. Also, the large number of staffing changes means that many office spaces will be reconfigured or relocated.

In addition to these major works the remaining premises programme includes general decorating, and the supply of new furniture.

Partnerships

I normally take some time at this point to talk about the work of the large number of partnerships to which we belong. This partnership work is continuing to develop and is having a huge positive impact on our work, but on this occasion I am going to devote this section to our new arrangements in relation to Learning Support.

From September we will be introducing our new Flexible Learning Centre. Based within the Community Centre, the FLC will cater for a wide range of students and families as we continue to embrace the notion of "The outward-looking school". This underlines our acknowledged responsibility in continuing to have a wide and significant impact on the wider outcomes of students and their families. That is to say, good schools are increasingly seen as being at the centre of the communities they serve, having a positive effect, not just on examination results, but also on other social issues. All our existing Learning Support provision will continue, including our work supporting and challenging Gifted & Talented students. The FLC will provide a much broader range of services, however, looking at counselling services for individuals and groups, including families, parenting support and, importantly, working much more closely in partnership with the Andover and Adult Family Learning organisation. Existing services provided within the Community Education Centre including the very successful Harrow Way Pre-School Group will continue. Our aim is to ensure that over the coming months members of the school community will see an increasingly unified provision, providing service and support for all members of our school community with excellent value for money.

As always, I would like to encourage readers to log onto our website for up-to-date news of school related events and activities at www.harrowway.hants.sch.uk.

It now just remains for me to wish all members of our school community a restful and refreshing summer break. We are already looking forward to continuing our developments and improvements throughout the next academic year and beyond.

Please note the school year begins for all students on Wednesday 8th September at 8.45 am.



Headteacher - July 2010

Beginning of the Autumn Term 2010

*The first day back for all students is
Wednesday 8th September.*

*All students must be in school ready for
Registration at 8.45 a.m.*

GCSE RESULTS

GCSE results will be available from the school on **Tuesday 24th 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.

UNIFORM SALES

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

Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th September
between 9.00am and 7.30pm.

We will be located in the Library where all stock will be on display so that you can try before you buy.

If you would like to see a list of the items available and their prices, please visit the school website: www.harrowway.hants.sch.uk and click on the Uniform category to download a price list.

We regret the late availability of uniform this year, but it is unfortunately due to an unforeseen delivery problem with our uniform supplier.

Students Signing-out for Appointments

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:

1. Write a note in your child's diary giving collection time and reason for going out of school.

Students please:

1. Show your diary or appointment card to your teacher
2. Sign out at Student Reception and come through to Main Reception where you will meet your parent.

It is not the responsibility of the Receptionist to locate the child in the School.

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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.

CALENDAR DATES

July '10 to July '11

Fri 23 July	Last day of term - close at 1.30pm
Mon 6 Sept	INSET DAY 1 - Uniform Sales 9.00am - 7.30pm
Tues 7 Sept	INSET DAY 2 - Uniform Sales 9.00am - 7.30pm
Wed 8 Sept	First day for all students - Registration 8.45 am
Tues 14 Sept	Year 8 Girls: HPV vaccine 1
Wed 15 Sept	Yr11 Diploma event: Light Tree switch on
Fri 17 Sept	Year 11 art students - Drawing Day (London)
Mon 20 Sept	Year 7 reading tests + new students
Wed 22 Sept	Year 7y Midyis tests (pd 3/4) IT rooms
Thurs 23 Sept	Year 7x Midyis tests (pd 1/2) IT rooms
Fri 24 Sept	School photographer Years 7 & 10 only
Mon 27 Sept	Open Evening for Prospective Students 6.30>9.00pm
Tues 28 Sept	Open Morning 09.15>10.30
Weds 29 Sept	Open Morning 09.15>10.30
Thurs 30 Sept	Open Morning 09.15>10.30
Thurs 30 Sept	Ski Trip Parents Information Evening - 1900
Fri 1 Oct	Ambassador Conference (PE)
Wed 6 Oct	Year 11 Careers Fair - a.m. only
Thurs 7 Oct	Yrs 3&4 AFC Football Festival 12.30 - 2.55pm
Wed 13 Oct	13 x Art students - Roche Court
Mon 18 Oct	Year 11 mock exams/controlled assessment for 2 weeks
Thurs 21 Oct	Rugby 7s (Yrs 9+10) Periods 5&6
Fri 22 Oct	INSET DAY 3 - Consortium
Half term - Monday 25 - Friday 29 October 2010 inc. [Shakespeare Link]	
Mon 1 Nov	Shakespeare Link - 2nd week
Thurs 4 Nov	Cross Country y7/8 at Charlton (2pm)
Fri 5 Nov	Year 11 mock exams finish
Fri 5 Nov	Shakespeare Link Show
Wed 10 Nov	HPV 2 vaccine - Year 8
Thurs 11 Nov	Rugby 7s (Yrs 7/8) Periods 10.00-3.00pm
Mon 15 Nov	14-16 Information Evening - The Lights 6.30-8.30pm
Thurs 18 Nov	Key Stage 4 Presentation Evening - 7.30pm
Fri 26 Nov	INSET DAY 4
Wed 1 Dec	All Year 9 - Myths & Misconceptions - The Lights
Tues 7 Dec	Yr11 Diploma Theatre trip
Fri 10 Dec	Yr11 Reports home
Fri 10 Dec	Senior Prefects Ice Skating Trip
Mon 13 Dec	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tues 14 Dec	Years 7, 8 & 9 Pantomime trip p.m.
Wed 15 Dec	Music Show
Wed 16 Dec	Drama Show
Christmas Holiday Mon 20 December - Mon 03 January inc.	
Wed 5 Jan	Yr9 Information & Guidance DVD + Careers Booklet
Thurs 6 Jan	Progress Reviews home - Yrs 7,8,9,10
Wed 12 Jan	Parent Consultations Day - 1 & Yr 11 Study Skills
Thurs 27 Jan	Ski Trip Final Parents' Evening - 7.00pm
Fri 4 Feb	Year 9 Reports home with Curriculum Booklet
Sun 6 Feb	Ski Trip departs returning 13 Feb
Wed 9 Feb	INSET DAY 5
Wed 9 Feb	County Badminton Finals

Mon 14 Feb	Ex-student Pantomime all week
Tues 15 Feb	Key Stage 4 Year 9 Curriculum Evening
Tues 15 Feb	Yr7/8 Girls Tag Rugby Competition
Half term - Monday 21 - Fri 25 February inc.	
Thurs 10 Mar	Rural Schools Football - Yrs 5/6 1.00>4.00pm
Thurs 17 Mar	Town Schools Football - Yrs 5/6 1.00>4.30pm Sparsholt
Fri 18 Mar	Top Link 1 (Year 9)
Wed 23 Mar	Study Skills with LC
Wed 30 Mar	After school: Town Basketball Yrs 5/6
Thurs 31 Mar	Yr 8 Girls: HPV vaccine 3
Fri 1 Apr	Set up for School Show
Mon 4 April	School Show this week
Fri 8 April	Top Link 2 (Year 9)
Fri 8 April	Yr 8 Reports home
Easter Holiday Mon 11 April - Monday 25 April inc.	
Thurs 28 April	Progress Reviews home - Yrs 7,10,11
Thurs 28 April	Year 10 Exams + controlled assessment until 6th May
Mon 2 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Wed 11 May	ADSSA Athletics - Yrs9/10/11
Mon 16 May	GCSEs begin
Thu 19 May	KS3 Superstars all day
Mon 23 May	Yrs 7,8,9 tests until 10th June
w/c 23 May	Yr9 New Forest trip this week
25/26 May	Secondary Mountbatten Dance Festival
Fri 27 May	Yr 7 Reports home
Half term - Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June 2011 inc.	
6 or 7 June	Aegon Tennis
w/c 13 June	Calshot residential trip (Year 8)
Wed 15 June	Yrs 7/8 ADSSA Athletics
Fri 24 June	Year 10 reports home
w/c 27 June	National School Sports Week
Tues 28 June	GCSEs end
Fri 1 July	Superstars final
Fri 1 July	Leavers' Dinner/Dance
Mon 4 July	Yr 7 Charlton Lakes this week
Tues 5 July	Induction Day/Evening - Parent Consultation Day 2
7/8 July	Yr 10 BTEC Residential Drama trip to Wales
Tues 12 July	Swanage and Lulworth trip Yr 10
12/13 July	Year 5 Activity Days
13/15 July	Year 10 Enterprise Days
19/20 July	Yr10 BTEC Drama/Music/Dance showcase
20/22 July	Year 9 Enterprise Days
Thu 21 July	Stars in your Eyes
Sat 23 July	Dark Side of the Moon show
Mon 25 July	Sports Day - Key Stage 3 Presentation Eve
Tues 26 July	Sports Day (Reserve day)
Wed 27 July	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY Thursday 28 July - Friday 02 September inclusive (Published on HCC website July 2010)	