



Heads Corner Summer 2011

I am delighted to publish this, my 21st edition of Head's Corner, having been Headteacher here for seven years. Harrow Way Community School is a great place to work and I take enormous pride in the successes of our school throughout the community and particularly of our students and all that they 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 Thursday 25th August and we look forward to seeing our Year 11 leavers on that day as they anxiously open their results envelopes. Results will be distributed between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm. We hope to be publishing some excellent results for Harrow Way students on the day.

It is only as we approach the end of the school year and look back on the previous 12 months that one realises just how much goes on in a busy and successful community school. Early in the school year, and following on from our successful Ofsted Inspection we welcomed Mr John Kennedy HMI, who wanted to learn more about our "outstanding" safeguarding procedures. Subsequently, the school's work in this area has been published as part of a national good practice guide for schools. Other events during the school year include numerous daytime and evening events such as "collapsed timetable days" for students to pursue the many commitments that we make which support the formal curriculum and their wider education.

The major curriculum development this year has been our preparation for the introduction of our 3 year KS4 curriculum which begins for all of our Year 9 students in September. Through our robust advice and guidance system, as well as our traditionally available subjects, these students now have access to courses that were previously only available to them at Year 10 and beyond. Examples of these include GCSE Health & Social Care and Law. In addition, subjects brand new to the school are being introduced in September, including GCSE Latin.

As the school and its community grows and develops we will be welcoming another full Year 7 cohort of 180 students in September and we look forward to working with them and their families for the next five years.

Student News

We recently appointed Matthew Pugh and Ella Howells to the positions of Head Boy and Head Girl for the next 12 months. Their respective Deputies are Hallam Doney and Lydia Moulding. These students did exceptionally well to secure these positions within a very high quality field.

In addition to these appointments, I would also like to congratulate our entire team of Prefects and Senior

Prefects, our Peer Mentors, our Unicef Peer Educators and also students taking Leadership roles within our huge number of sporting and competition engagements under the direction of our School Sport Co-ordinator, Miss Rhonda Sturges. They have already made a huge impact and have given up their time freely, not just in relation to their responsibilities in school, but in a number of other high profile events and activities.

On Monday this week we held our Key Stage 3 presentation evening, celebrating the achievements of very many students in Years 7, 8 and 9. Of course, this is the last event quite like this because, as indicated above, from September students will be beginning their KS4 studies in Year 9.

Other events held during these final days of term have included the BTEC Music Summer Concert, the BTEC Drama and Dance Evening and Sports Day. As I write this article I am looking forward to attending Portway Junior School's

Summer Tea Party later this week. This is 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 am pleased to have been invited by Mr Tim Deery, Headteacher at Portway Junior School, to join them for this event.

Gifted and Talented Students

Our Gifted and Talented Students Programme has continued to develop during the year. The member of 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. In addition to our provision for Harrow Way students, we organise a number of events during the year for Gifted & Talented students who attend one of our cluster of primary schools. For example, this year we have welcomed pupils from Portway, Knights Enham, Kimpton and Appleshaw schools in order to participate in a wide range of subject based enrichment activities designed to challenge them and promote their learning. We have significant and increasing numbers of more able students at Harrow Way, particularly as the school has grown so rapidly, and we place great importance on the challenge and motivation we are able to provide for them.

Staff

As is usual for the end of a term and academic year, we will be saying goodbye to a number of colleagues either through retirement or because they have secured positions elsewhere. In addition, we will be welcoming new staff in September and indeed some

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existing staff will be returning in new roles. Before providing details of all these changes, I would like to congratulate Karen Winnett, Head of PE, and her husband Andrew on the birth of their daughter Eloise.

Firstly, readers should be aware that I have been asked by the Local Authority to become the temporary Acting Headteacher at Brighton Hill Community College in Basingstoke for two terms from September. In terms of day-to-day Headship, I will therefore be spending most, but by no means all, of my working time in Basingstoke and returning to Harrow Way regularly during this period and fully on the first day of the Summer Term, 2012. As this is a temporary arrangement I wish to emphasise to parents and other members of the Harrow Way community that I will be coming into Harrow Way at various times during the working week and that I will still be presiding over significant events in the Harrow Way calendar. I am gratified that the huge and sustained improvements that we have been able to make at Harrow Way mean that the Local Authority and Senior Leaders and Governors in our school community are confident that the school will continue to thrive in my absence. We have extremely effective teaching and support staff at all levels in our school and I know that they will continue to serve the school community very well.

I am delighted that the Acting Headteacher at Harrow Way during my absence will be Mr Mark Warren, who is of course currently Deputy Head. Mr Warren has the full and loyal support of staff and Governors and I know that he will make an outstanding contribution as the leader of our school community for the next two terms.

As a result of these changes, a number of colleagues have taken on promoted and covering posts for these two terms in order to maintain and develop the school's current teaching and leadership commitments. In addition to Mr Warren, colleagues assuming these temporary roles are as follows: Graeme Fluellen and Caroline Lowing, Acting Assistant Headteachers; Jay Mann, Acting Head of English; Kerry Tenny, Acting Head of Year 11; Margaret Veale Temporary Teacher of English; Vicky Bentley, Temporary Teacher of History and Reme Holdway-Lopez, Temporary Teacher of Spanish. Additionally, Rob Hudson and Elaine Escritt are sharing the Temporary Head of PE Role during Karen Winnett's maternity absence.

The following colleagues will also be returning in September in new (permanent) roles: Tony Parsons and Peggy Belsey as Deputy Headteachers; Kiril Kambarev, Head of Mathematics and Richard Peters, Teacher of PE and Vocational Education.

Colleagues leaving us this term include the following: Claire Dudman, Teacher of Maths, who has secured a position of Teacher of PE elsewhere; Hannah McLaughlin and Michael Dean, Cover Supervisors, both of whom are leaving to train as teachers; Chris Dale, Teacher of Maths, who has gained a position as a History Teacher in the south of the county; Cathy Loveridge and Anne Woods, 1:1 Literacy/Numeracy Tutors; Robert Benham, Head of Maths, who is retiring after 17 years at Harrow Way; Richard Donovan, Teacher of Humanities, retiring after 21 years at Harrow

Way; Mike Loveridge, Science Teacher (previously Head of Science) who is retiring after a magnificent 32 years of service to the Harrow Way School community. We wish all of these colleagues all the very best as they leave us.

We look forward to welcoming new colleagues from September as follows: Emma Brown, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo); Mike Thain, Assistant Head of Maths; Kerry Holton, Teacher of PE (Maternity Cover); Matthew Smyth and Nicholas Reed, Teachers of Maths; James Clarke, Teacher of ICT; Mark Phillips, Teacher of Vocational Education; Claire Clackson and Nicola Deverill, Cover Supervisors and Steve Taylor, Site Assistant (in fact Steve joined us during this term).

Governors

This year we are sorry to be saying goodbye to Sandy Craig, who has provided many years of outstanding service to the school both in a professional and governance capacity. We wish Sandy and her partner George every success for the future.

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.

Sports Partnerships

Following changes in government legislation in relation to the national school sport partnership network, we have undertaken a significant amount of re-organisation in this area to continue to secure and even build upon our important work in this area. The whole area of partnership through sport is particularly important to our values at Harrow Way because, not only does such a partnership afford access to sport and competitions, it also enhances the vital work we accomplish in relation to transition and student leadership qualities and opportunities. We have recently reaffirmed our commitment to our family of primary schools in a whole series of sporting links and opportunities which will be taking place throughout the next academic year and beyond.

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 7th September at 8.45 am.



Headteacher - July 2011

Harrow Way Community School

incorporating Harrow Way Pre-School
and Andover Adult and Family Learning



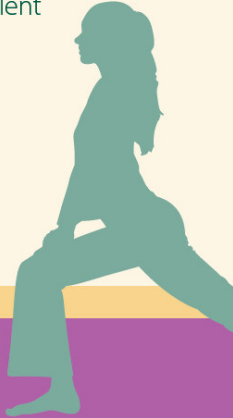
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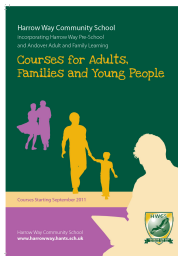
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Harrow Way Community Education Open Evening

Wednesday 14 September
between 6.00 - 8.00pm

You are warmly invited to visit the school to meet key members of staff, who will be available for you to talk to and answer questions on the courses and workshops offered through Harrow Way Community Education and Andover and Family Learning.

There are many courses available for Adults, Families and Young People. To view the current brochure please visit www.harrowway.hants.sch.uk and click on the Community Education category.



Bike Safety Check Event at Harrow Way

Tuesday 27th September between 3.00 - 5.00pm.

Harrow Way will be running this event to enable Year 7s and cyclists from other years, to have their bikes checked for safety and to issue permits. Members of the local Safer Neighbourhood Team will also be on site to code bikes.

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.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of coats, jackets and other items of lost property held by Mrs Preece in student reception.
If your child is missing an item of clothing it may be there!
Please ask your child to have a look.

Beginning of the Autumn Term 2011

The first day back for all students is
Wednesday 7th 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
Thursday 25th 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 5th September

between 9.00am and 7.30pm
and

Tuesday 6th September

between 9.00am and 3.45pm

On Monday 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.

KIDS SHOES WITHOUT QUEUES!

Did you know that you can now make appointments to have shoes fitted?

Booking a fitting appointment couldn't be simpler.

There are 3 ways to arrange your time slot:

- Telephone your local store, Andover on 0844 499 1845
- Call into your local store
- Call the fitting Appointment Hotline on 0844 248 8408

Opening times for the store are:

Monday to Friday 9.30am > 5.30pm

Saturday 9.00am > 5.30pm

Sunday 11.00am > 4.00pm

You can also order online the styles and sizes you'd like to try, so they're available in-store when you visit; delivery to store is up to 5 days.

To view the entire range visit
www.clarks.co.uk/kids/school

www.harrowway.hants.sch.uk

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

September 2011 to July 2012

Thurs 25 Aug	GCSE Exam Results available between 10am > 12pm	Weds 8 Feb	Yr3/4 Cluster Indoor Athletics 1.30>4.00pm
Mon 5 Sept	INSET DAY 1 - Uniform Sales 9am > 7.30pm	Thurs 9 Feb	Citizenship Day
Tues 6 Sept	INSET DAY 2 - Uniform Sales 9am > 3.45pm	Thurs 9 Feb	Year 7 Progress Reviews home
Weds 7 Sept	Start of the term for all	Fri 10 Feb	INSET DAY 4
Tues 13 Sept	Yr11 GCSE Art Trip - London	HALF TERM MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2012 inclusive	
Weds 14 Sept	Community Education Open Evening - 6.00pm>8.00pm	Thurs 23 Feb	Yr7/8 Rugby 7s 1.15>4.30pm
Mon 19 Sept	HPV talk to Yr8 Girls am	Fri 16 Mar	Yr9 Reports home with Curriculum Booklets
Mon 19 Sept	Students finish school at 1.30pm	Tues 20 Mar	Year 9 Curriculum Evening
Mon 19 Sept	Open Evening - 6.30>9.00pm	Weds 21 Mar	Yr5/6 Rural Football Tournament 2.00>5.00pm
Tues 20 Sept	Open Morning 9.15>10.30 am	Thurs 22 Mar	Yr5/6 Town Football Tournament 1.00>5.00pm
Weds 21 Sept	Open Morning 9.15>10.30 am	22 & 23 Mar	Year 9/Parents Curriculum meetings with Senior Staff
Weds 21 Sept	Author visit - Cliff McNish - Yr8 al day	23, 24, 25 Mar	Titanic show set up
Thurs 22 Sept	Open Morning 9.15>10.30 am	26 > 30 Mar	Titanic show
Thurs 22 Sept	Yr10 GCSE Art Trip - Kew Gardens	Fri 30 Mar	Yr8 Reports home with Curriculum Booklets
Fri 23 Sept	School photographer - Years 7 & 10 only	EASTER HOLIDAY MONDAY 02 APRIL - FRIDAY 13 APRIL 2012 inclusive	
Tues 27 Sept	Bike Safety Check event at Harrow Way - 3.00>5.00pm	Mon 16 Apr	First day of Summer Term
Weds 28 Sept	Yr8 Girls HPV (vaccine 1)	Wed 18 Apr	OLYMPICS - 100 days to go
Weds 28 Sept	ASDAN Parents' Info Evening Yr9/10/11 6.00>9.00pm	Thurs 19 Apr	Yr8 Girls HPV (vaccine 3)
Thurs 29 Sept	Yr9 GCSE RE Trip	Mon 23 April	Year 8 Curriculum Evening
Fri 30 Sept	Yr9 GCSE Art Trip - Hilliers	Mon 23 Apr	Year 10 Exams begin, finishing Fri 4 May
Fri 30 Sept	Yr5 Bronze Sports Ambassador training pm	26 & 27 Mar	Year 8/Parents Curriculum meetings with Senior Staff
Sat 1 Oct	OLYMPICS - 300 days to go	MON 7 MAY - MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY	
Weds 5 Oct	Careers Fair (am only) Yr11	Wed 9 May	Year 9 Geography New Forest trip
Thurs 6 Oct	National Poetry Day	Mon 14 May	GCSEs begin (last exam 28th June)
Thurs 6 Oct	Ski Trip Parents' Info Evening 7.00pm	Tues 15 May	District Swimming Gala pm
Fri 7 Oct	Yr10 group - World Skills (Mitutoyo)	Thurs 17 May	Year 5 Gifted & Talented - PE pm
Mon 10 Oct	Year 7 Settling-in meeting	Fri 18 May	OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY starts tour of the UK
Thurs 13 Oct	Yr3/4 Cluster Football Festival 12.30>2.55pm	Mon 21 May	PARALYMPICS 100 days to go
Mon 17 Oct	Yr11 Mock Exams begin finishing Fri 4th Nov	HALF TERM MONDAY 04 JUNE - FRIDAY 08 JUNE 2012 inclusive	
Tues 18 Oct	Yr9/10 Rugby 7s 1.15>4.30pm	Thurs 7 Jun	OLYMPICS 50 days to go
HALF TERM MONDAY 24 OCTOBER - FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER 2011 inclusive		11 or 12 Jun	Aegon Tennis trip
24 > 28 Oct	Shakespeare Link - week 1	Thurs 14 Jun	London Taste Festival - GCSE Catering trip
31 Oct > 4 Nov	Shakespeare Link - week 2	Thurs 21 Jun	London 2012 Festival opens
31 Oct > 4 Nov	Yr11 Mock Exams continue	Fri 22 Jun	Opening Ceremony at Knights Enham Infants re. Big Week pm
Thurs 3 Nov	PARALYMPICS 300 days to go	25 > 29 Jun	OLYMPICS Big London 2012 week Cluster (events at different schools all week)
Fri 4 Nov	Shakespeare Link show	Weds 27 Jun	Yr2/3 Skills4Life at Harrow Way pm
Tues 8 Nov	Yr 5/6 Town Basketball 3.30>5.30pm	Thurs 28 June	GCSEs finish
Weds 9 Nov	Yr8 Girls HPV (vaccine 2)	Fri 29 Jun	Year 7 Reports home
Thurs 17 Nov	KS4 Presentation Evening 7.30pm	Fri 29 Jun	Year 11 Leavers' Buffet/Dance/Prom
Fri 25 Nov	INSET DAY 3	2 > 6 July	Yr7 Charlton Lakes field trip one day this week
Fri 2 Dec	Taste of Christmas GCSE Catering Trip	Mon 2 July	OLYMPICS 25 days to go
5 > 9 Dec	Christmas Carol - Andover Community Theatre	Tues 3 July	INDUCTION DAY - Parent Consultation Day Year 7 only
Fri 9 Dec	Year 11 Reports home	Wed 4 July	Music Show
Fri 9 Dec	Senior Prefects Ice Skating trip	Fri 6 July	Year 10 Reports home
Mon 12 Dec	Year 11 Parents' Evening	Mon 9 July	Yr 10 Subject Focus evening
Tues 13 Dec	Yr10 BTEC Drama/Dance Show	Tues 10 July	PARALYMPICS 50 days to go
Wed 14 Dec	Music Show	Tues 10 July	Yr5 Activity Day 1 / GCSE Geography Swanage trip
Thurs 15 Dec	Yr7/8/9 Pantomime trip	Wed 11 July	Yr5 Activity Day 2 / Yr 10 Enterprise Day 1
Fri 16 Dec	Last day of Autumn Term	Fri 13 July	Yr 10 Enterprise Day 2 Yr1 Skills4Life Festival 1.15>2.50pm
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 19 DEC - MONDAY 02 JANUARY 2012 inclusive		Mon 16 July	Yr 9 Enterprise Day 1 / Key Stage 3 Presentation Evening
Tues 3 Jan	First day of Spring Term	Mon 16 July	Year 8 Key Stage 3 Reports home
Mon 9 Jan	OLYMPICS - 200 days to go	Tues 17 July	Yr10 BTEC Drama/Dance Showcase
Wed 11 Jan	14/19 Consortium Yr9 Parents' Evening - The Lights	Wed 18 July	Yr 9 Enterprise Day 2
Wed 11 Jan	Town Rock-it-ball Festival 3..45>5.30pm	Mon 23 July	INSET DAY 5 - Last day of term
Fri 13 Jan	Yr8/10 Progress Reviews home	SUMMER HOLIDAY Tuesday 24 July - Friday 31 August 2012 inclusive (provisional)	
Weds 25 Jan	ASDAN Parent Clinic Yr9/10/11 6.00>9.00pm		
Sat 28 Jan	Ski Trip Departs (returning Sat 4 Feb)		