

Harrow Way Newsletter

Community School

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Heads Corner Spring 2012

Welcome to my second edition of Head's Corner in my capacity as Acting Headteacher. As you are by now aware, Charlie Currie has been appointed as the permanent Headteacher of Brighton Hill Community College in Basingstoke with effect from 1st April 2012. As a result, the Governors have asked me to continue in my Acting capacity for the rest of this academic year.

I would like to pay a personal tribute to the outstanding leadership Mr Currie has provided at Harrow Way over the past seven years. He has shown us all what is possible for our students to achieve with high expectations, and the rigorous enforcement of school policies, whilst still maintaining our unique ethos. He will be sorely missed by all the staff and students at Harrow Way and we wish him well in his new venture.

Our Year 11 students have been working extremely hard in preparation for their forthcoming examinations, and the Easter holiday is time for them to put the finishing touches to their revision programmes as we enter the final run-in to the examinations, which begin in earnest on 14th May. GCSE and other results will be published to students on Thursday 23rd August (please see the back page of this newsletter for further details). On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish our year 11 students all the very best.

Once again, this has been a busy term with numerous curriculum-related trips in which our students have participated. In addition, we have had our first Dance show for many a year - 'The Firebird' – which was an outstanding success. We also heard a very moving account of his personal experience of the Holocaust by Walter Kammerling, one of the few remaining survivors. On the sports field we have enjoyed success as the year 7 rugby team became District Champions.

As I write this column we are busy preparing for our year 9 Curriculum Evening and subsequent individual pathway interviews with senior staff. Early indications are that the three-year Key Stage 4 has been very successful, and students

have responded very positively to the demands of Key Stage 4 work and assessment. We shall be repeating the process shortly after Easter for our current Year 8 students.

School Population

I was very pleased to learn recently that we will be welcoming another full year group into Year 7 for September 2012. It is, in fact, likely that we will be oversubscribed in this year and so will once again be virtually full, with just under 900 students. I am very pleased that Harrow Way continues to be the first choice for the majority of families in our area. We are constantly seeking to improve our school further, and have recently received a very positive report from the Local Authority about our work. We continue to strive, in particular, to improve our Key Stage 4 outcomes and attendance, the latter of which is now above the national average. I would like to thank parents for their support in achieving this figure. We have an unrivalled student support package and I am grateful for the commitment of staff to the provision of extra revision sessions and guides, enabling our students to have the best possible chance of success.

Staff

In addition to Mr Currie, we will also say goodbye to Mr Phil Ray, Head of Design and Technology, who is retiring to Cornwall after 10 years of excellent service to the school. Other colleagues departing are Mr Alf Barber (D&T Technician) who is retiring, Miss Sarah Hutchins (Extended Services Co-ordinator) whose fixed-term post is at an end, and Mr Steve Taylor (Caretaker). Miss Callie Andrews has commenced her maternity leave, and we are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Karen Winnett, part-time, to the PE Department following the birth of Eloise. We have appointed Miss Kerry Holton to the other permanent PE part-time post.

Premises

During the second half of this term we have had 'rabbit fencing' installed around the entire perimeter of the field. So far, this has been successful in preventing these animals from digging dangerous holes in our sports pitches.

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School 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 we approach the warmer weather in the summer term, could I ask you to ensure that girls' skirts are of an appropriate length, ie on or just above the knee, and are made of a material that does not 'ride up'. In addition may I remind you that it is quite clear in our rules that only one small stud may be worn in each ear. It is not appropriate for other facial piercing such as flesh tubes or plugs, nose studs, eyebrow piercings or tongue piercings to be worn in school. May I respectfully request that students consider having these piercings only after they have left school in order to avoid an unwanted distraction to their learning?

Holidays during term-time

Although each individual case will be considered on its merits, it is almost certain that I shall not authorise any holidays during school terms for students in Year 10 and 11. It is important to understand that students in Year 10 take real GCSE examinations in English Literature and Science during this year and it is vital that their learning is not interrupted by any avoidable absence.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful and peaceful Easter break. School begins again at 8.45 am on Monday 16th April.



Acting Headteacher - March 2012

WANTED – PARENT GOVERNOR

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. This is an exciting opportunity to make a real contribution to our very successful and rapidly growing school community.

We are seeking someone who fits the following description:

- Currently has a child or children in our School.
- Has an open and enquiring mind.
- Shows a willingness to listen and make informed judgements.
- Is able to work well with others.
- Is interested in education generally and our School in particular.
- Has a desire to play a part in improving our School.
- Is willing to give about 10 - 20 hours per term to attend meetings and training (both usually in the evenings).

If you match the above description, you could be the very person to become a Parent Governor. Everyone has something to offer and we want people from as many backgrounds and interests as possible.

REWARD

In return we can offer:

- An insight into the wider perspective of the School through long-term planning.
- A chance to develop skills in strategic management.
- The opportunity to work with the team of Governors and staff in improving our School.
- Training to develop an understanding of specific school management issues.

- The support and assistance of local and county staff.
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our School.
- The pleasure of seeing children learning.

The governing body of our School is responsible for:

- Ensuring that students receive high quality education and that the conduct of the School reflects this aim.
- Working with the Headteacher on the strategic planning and management of the School.
- Considering and agreeing the aims and policies of the School.
- Discussing and approving the targets for improvement.
- Appointing the staff.
- Setting and monitoring the budget.
- Monitoring the performance of the School.
- Reporting to the Parents and Community on how we have accomplished our tasks.

IF YOU WISH TO PUT YOURSELF FORWARD, PLEASE SEND YOUR NOMINATION IN WRITING BY MONDAY, 30th APRIL 2012 TO:

**MISS JULIA FITZPATRICK,
CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS,
C/O HARROW WAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
(or email:
julia.fitzpatrick@harrowway.hants.sch.uk)**

Thank you

**N.B* If there is more than one application, we will be required to hold an election, in which case you will be sent a voting paper to your home address.*

CALENDAR DATES

APRIL to SEPTEMBER '12

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| 26 > 30 Mar | Titanic show |
| Fri 30 Mar | UKMT Maths Challenge |
| Fri 30 Mar | School closes for students at 1.30pm |
| Fri 30 Mar | Yr8 Reports home with Curriculum Booklets |
| EASTER HOLIDAY MONDAY 02 APRIL - FRIDAY 13 APRIL 2012 inclusive 2nd - 5th April - Barcelona Trip | |
| Mon 16 Apr | First day of Summer Term |
| Tues 17 Apr | Year 11 Revision Session periods 5&6 |
| Tues 17 Apr | ASDAN Clinic (Yrs 9/10/11 Parents) |
| Wed 18 Apr | OLYMPICS - 100 days to go |
| Wed 18 Apr | 100 days challenge Yr7s Pd 3/4 - y half Pd5/6 - x half |
| Wed 18 Apr | Theatre visit, The Lights (Yr10 Drama students, EM) |
| 18, 19, 20 Apr | Headteacher Interviews |
| Thurs 19 Apr | Yr8 Girls HPV (vaccine 3) |
| Mon 23 Apr | Year 8 Curriculum Evening |
| Mon 23 Apr | Year 10 Exams begin, finishing Fri 4 May |
| Wed 25 Apr | Evening, Blood Brothers Performance, London (Yr10/11) |
| 26 & 27 Apr | Year 8/Parents Curriculum meetings with Senior Staff |
| 4-6 May | Rugby Tour, Derbyshire |
| MON 7 MAY - MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY | |
| Wed 9 May | Year 9 Geography New Forest trip |
| Thurs 10 May | Sonia Leong, Manga Author/Artist visit |
| Fri 11 May | Yr5 Tri-Golf 1.15>2.55pm |
| Mon 14 May | GCSEs begin (last exam 28th June) |
| Tues 15 May | District Swimming Gala pm |
| Thurs 17 May | Year 5 Gifted & Talented - PE pm |
| Fri 18 May | OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY starts tour of the UK |
| Mon 21 May | PARALYMPICS 100 days to go |
| 21 & 24 May | All day - Andover Trees Project - Mosaic artist with Yr8 |
| HALF TERM MONDAY 04 JUNE - FRIDAY 08 JUNE 2012 inclusive | |
| Thurs 7 Jun | OLYMPICS 50 days to go |
| Tues 12 Jun | Aegon Tennis trip |
| Tues 12 Jun | Portway Yr 5 Clay project begins |
| Tues 12 Jun | Gifted & Talented KS3 ICT Day |

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| Wed 13 Jun | Yr 7/8 District Athletics |
| Fri 15 Jun | Yr 5/6 Kwik Cricket |
| 18>22 Jun | Yr 8 Calshot |
| Tues 19 Jun | Gifted & Talented Primary School ICT Day |
| Thurs 21 Jun | London 2012 Festival opens |
| Fri 22 Jun | London Taste Festival - GCSE Catering trip |
| Fri 22 Jun | Opening Ceremony at Knights Enham Infants re. Big Week pm |
| 25-28 Jun | Ballroom Dancing - Yr11 students 1.30-5.00pm |
| 25 > 29 Jun | OLYMPICS Big London 2012 week Cluster (events at different schools all week) |
| Thurs 28 Jun | Yr2/3 Skills4Life at Harrow Way pm |
| Thurs 28 Jun | GCSEs finish |
| Fri 29 Jun | Year 7 Reports home |
| Fri 29 Jun | Year 11 Leavers' Buffet/Dance/Prom |
| 2 > 6 July | Yr7 Charlton Lakes field trip one day this week |
| Mon 2 July | OLYMPICS 25 days to go |
| Tues 3 July | INDUCTION DAY - Parent Consultation Day Year 7 only |
| Wed 4 July | Music Show |
| Thurs 5 July | Author visit - Alex Scarrow - Auditorium |
| Fri 6 July | The Rotary Club 1.30-4.30 Auditorium Yr 10 Unicef Peer Educators |
| Fri 6 July | Year 10 Reports home |
| Mon 9 July | Yr 10 Subject Focus evening |
| Tues 10 July | PARALYMPICS 50 days to go |
| Tues 10 July | Yr5 Activity Day 1 / GCSE Geography Swanage trip |
| Wed 11 July | Olympic Relay through Andover |
| Thurs 12 July | Yr 10 Enterprise Day 1 / Yr5 Activity Day 2 and evening |
| Fri 13 July | Yr 10 Enterprise Day 2 Yr1 Skills4Life Festival 1.15>2.50pm |
| Mon 16 July | Yr 9 Enterprise Day 1 / Key Stage 3 Presentation Evening |
| Mon 16 July | Year 8 Key Stage 3 Reports home |
| Tues 17 July | 7x4 to Charlton Lakes - Explore Outdoor day |
| Tues 17 July | Yr10 BTEC Drama/Dance Showcase |
| Wed 18 July | Yr 9 Enterprise Day 2 |
| Mon 23 July | INSET DAY 5 - Last day of term |
| SUMMER HOLIDAY Tuesday 24 July - Friday 31 August 2012 inclusive (provisional) | |

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. All applications will be carefully considered on their merits given the importance of continuity of learning. It is almost certain that holidays during school terms for students in Year 10 and 11 will not be authorised. It is important to understand that students in Year 10 take real GCSE examinations in English Literature and Science during this year and it is vital that their learning is not interrupted by any avoidable absence.

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 3rd July 2012 (Induction/ Year 7 PC Day):
we will be open between **9am–5.45pm, and 6.45–7.30pm**

Wednesday 4th July 2012:
we will be open 9am–7.00pm

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.

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Year 10 Mock Examination Timetable & Year 11 English Lit mock - April 2012

| 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 |
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| Mon 23rd April | Year 11 Eng Lit mock 2hr 172 Sports hall | Year 11 Eng Lit mock 2hr 172 Sports hall | Year 11 Eng Lit mock 2hr 172 End by 11.20 Sports hall | 11.30- 12.30 Science core 1hr 141 Sports hall | Maths 1 1hr 45m 173 Sports hall | Maths 1 1hr 45m 173 Sports hall |
| Tues 24th April | (Year 10 College Day) | | | | Geog 1hr 45 Hall LC | Geog 1hr 45 Hall LC |
| Weds 25th April | | 9F/Dn (LV) to E1 to allow for setting up | Media/Film 1hr 30m 100 | Media/Film 1hr 30m 100 | Graphics 1hr 30m 45 | Graphics 1hr 30m 45 |
| Thurs 26th April | Junior Maths Challenge yr 7/8 120 Hall | Junior Maths Challenge yr 7/8 120 | History 1hr 80 Hall | History 1hr 80 Hall | PE 1hr 30m 50 Hall | PE 1hr 30m 50 Hall |
| Fri 27th April | Maths 2 1hr 45m 173 Sports Hall | Maths 2 1hr 45m 173 Sports Hall | | | | |
| Mon 30th April | Spanish 30 min 20 M5 | Spanish 30 min 20 M5 | | | | |
| Tues 1st May (Year 10 College Day) | French 30min 20 Hall | French 30min 20 Hall | | | Law 1hr 30m 17 Res Mat 1hr 30m 21 Catering 1hr 30m 40 Hall | Law 1hr 30m 17 Res Mat 1hr 30m 21 Catering 1hr 30m 40 Hall |
| Weds 2nd May | Eng Lit (CA) 2hr 173 Sports Hall | Eng Lit (CA) 2hr 173 Sports Hall | Eng Lit (CA) 2hr 173 Sports Hall | | Additional Science 1hr 70 Sports Hall | Additional Science 1hr 70 Sports Hall |
| Thurs 3rd May Reg. SRH>H5 CC>H1 | Art 38 E3 and E6 SRH in E3 CC in E6 | Art 38 E3 and E6 SRH in E3 CC in E6 | Art 38 E3 and E6 SRH in E3 CC in E6 | Art 38 E3 and E6 SRH in E3 CC in E6 | Art 38 E3 and E6 SRH in E3 CC in E6 | Art 38 E3 and E6 SRH in E3 CC in E6 |
| Fri 4th May | No exams | | | | | |

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 2012.

GCSE RESULTS

GCSE results will be available from the school on

Thursday 23 August 2012 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.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS – WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING THIS SUMMER?

First Partnership will be working with schools



across Hampshire to deliver the National Citizen Service (NCS) in July and August.

This Government initiative provides young people currently in Year 11 with the opportunity to take on new challenges, learn new skills, and make a difference by getting involved with their local community.

Commencing with a residential week at an outdoor activity centre, the second week of the programme is based in the local area and develops a self-designed social action project. This is followed by an additional 30 hours delivering that project within their local community

Places cost £50 per student (the value of the complete programme, including the residential is approximately £1,200.)

The NCS programme provides a fantastic opportunity to enhance a young person's CV and improve their employability profile.

If you want to find out more about NCS, email the team at First Partnership:

enquiries@firstpartnership.com

or check online:

<https://nationalcitizenservice.direct.gov.uk>