



## Heads Corner Summer 2012

I am delighted to publish my third and final Head's Corner as my term of Acting Headteacher draws to a close. I am very proud and humbled to have been asked to fulfil this role and I would like to start by thanking the staff, students, governors and parents for all their support throughout the year.

This year's long examination season is finally over and we await the publication of our Key Stage 4 results on Thursday 23rd August. I am sure that the hard work of our students will pay off and we hope to publish an excellent set of results on that day. I am also proud that all our Year 11 leavers have either a college place or employment with training to go to.

This last half-term has been a particularly busy, but successful one. We recently learnt that we have been re-designated as an Investors in People organisation, following a two-day assessment visit. This was shortly followed by a rigorous assessment visit by UNICEF who decided that we met the criteria to be recommended for the UNICEF Level 2 Rights Respecting School Award. All our visitors were very impressed with the warm, friendly and supportive ethos that pervades everything we do at Harrow Way.

Evaluation of our pilot three-year Key Stage 4 has been very positive and we have decided to continue with this structure. Our targeted, individual, guidance interviews should ensure that all our students have an appropriate personalised curriculum for them.

I am delighted to report that once again we will be welcoming a full cohort of 180 students in September and we look forward to working with them and their families over the next five years. In addition, we will also be at our maximum capacity in Years 8 and 9.

### Student News

We recently appointed Anthony Wharton and Abby Wheeler to the positions of Head Boy and Head Girl for the next 12 months. Their respective deputies are Jake Williams and Amy Roberts. These students did exceptionally well to be appointed after a very rigorous application process. We also have a very strong team of Senior Prefects and Prefects to lead our student body, and our peer mentors, UNICEF peer educators, librarians, digital leaders and members of our leadership academy who all make an extremely positive contribution to school life and are always willing to give up their time to support the school in a whole variety of events.

On Monday of this week we held our KS3 Presentation Evening, celebrating the achievements of many students in Years 7 and 8. Year 9 awards were made in a special assembly. Other events held towards the end

of this term include the BTEC Music Concert, the BTEC Drama and Dance showcase and Sports Day. The BTEC Drama and Dance event was a particularly emotional one as it was the final show directed by John Baxter, who is retiring from full-time teaching after 38 years at Harrow Way. John has made an outstanding contribution to Performing Arts throughout his time here and perhaps the best testament to the quality of his work is the high number of students who have gone on to study Drama or Dance at Further and Higher Education level.

### Holidays during term-time

I would like to re-iterate that it is school policy not to authorise any holiday absence during term time for students in Years 10 or 11 because there are Controlled Assessments taking place throughout the two years, which count towards the final examination grade.

### 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. Could I ask you to ensure that if girls choose to wear skirts, they are of an appropriate length, ie on or just above the knee, and are made of a material that does not 'ride up'. Trousers should not be leggings, denim or made of stretchy material. 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?

### Staff

The following staff have either left or will be leaving this term: John Baxter (Head of Performing Arts), Jan Cunningham (Science) and Elizabeth Coin (Head of MFL) will be retiring from full-time teaching but returning part-time, and Lyn Castell (Head of Geography) will be retiring. I would like to thank all these long-serving staff for their outstanding contribution to various facets of school life, not only in the classroom but beyond. The following staff are moving on to pastures new, and I wish them well in their new ventures: Zayne Essop (Head of Y9), Mike Thain (2nd i/c Maths), Heather Gedney (English), Katy Bosworth (History), Alain Ndabala (ICT), Nicola Deverill (Cover Supervisor), Gill Coe (LSA) and Reme Holdway Lopez (Spanish).

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We welcome the following staff from September: Mike Serridge (Headteacher), Francesca Porter (Maths), Phil Cuthbertson (Science), Kelly Campbell (Geography), James Clarke (ICT), Vicky Thompson (English), Jane Tunney (Cover Supervisor) and Adele Ward (LSA). In addition Shelley Frappe has been promoted to 2nd i/c Maths and Kerry Tenny to Head of Year 10. Jay Mann has been appointed to the post of Gifted & Talented Co-ordinator and Alison Harris has been appointed as Cover Manager. Graeme White joined the school as a caretaker in April along with Chris Ely to the post of D&T technician. Kerry Holton is covering Tina O'Neill's Maternity leave in PSHE and Callie Andrews (History) is returning from Maternity leave.

Caroline Lowing and Graeme Fluellen will be continuing in their role as Acting Assistant Headteachers next year. In addition to a whole school responsibility the former will be Head of History, Geography and MFL and the latter Head of English, Media and Performing Arts. Rachel Atherton will be Acting Head of Year 8. The following will also be continuing in their Acting roles: Fay Fisher (Head of Design and Technology) and Karen Winnett (Head of PE). New Acting roles to cover Emma

Brown's (SENCO) maternity leave from October are Katy Woods (SENCO) and Gary Holman (Head of PSHE/Health & Social Care).

### Governors

This year we are saying farewell to Heather Bourner and to John Baxter who have provided many years of excellent service to the Governing Body. We have welcomed Jo Ray and Dave Willis to the Governing Body this term. We do currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor, if you are interested in joining our Governing Body, please see the information box in this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to wish all members of our school community a restful summer break.

Please note that the school year begins for all students on **Tuesday 4th September at 8.45 am.**



Acting Headteacher - July 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, 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 TO:**

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

## Winchester Science Festival



The Winchester Discovery Centre is hosting the first ever 'Winchester Science Festival' this July (20th, 21st & 22nd), with many guest speakers giving talks and presentations on a wide range of topics.

This should be an amazing opportunity for students and their families to meet well-known scientists and hear first-hand how they work and perhaps inspire a few young minds!

There are too many events to list, so visit the Festival's website: <http://winchesterscifest.org/> for the event timetable, and the Discovery Centre's website: [www.hants.gov.uk/wdc](http://www.hants.gov.uk/wdc) which contains further details and booking information.

### Raising Awareness of the Rainforest

Having watched an upsetting video on the topic of deforestation, some Year 8 students decided that they would like to raise awareness of the plight of the rainforest. Worryingly, a football pitch-sized area of the rainforest is destroyed every second! The group felt so strongly about the animals that were becoming extinct (100 every day!) that they have set up an action group called 'Forest Wings'. The group's slogan is "lifting the forest out of the flames". They have also created their own logo and blog site. Each member has chosen their own nickname. Please show support for the group by visiting [www.forest-wings.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.forest-wings.blogspot.co.uk)



The Year 8 enthusiasts are - Liana Boulton (Munki), Caitlin Loveys (Hippie), Alice Bathie (Cacao), Leilou O'Hagan (Gold), Phoebe Edwards (Teak) and Lauren Cox (Mango) and they are asking for your support.

Forest Wings are planning sponsored walks, a Forest Wings' garden and teachers have even suggested that they ask about organising a fundraising day next year. But for the moment their main concern is to educate and raise awareness about the deforestation issue. So far they have 22 followers and have had over 700 visitors.

## Harrow Way Community Education Open Evening

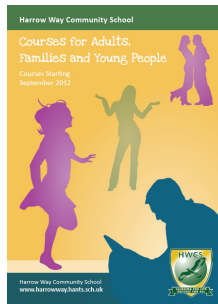
**Monday 10th September between 6.00 - 8.00pm**

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.

There are many courses available for Adults, Families and Young People. To view the current brochure please visit :

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

and click on the Community Education category.



### 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.

## Beginning of the Autumn Term 2012

*The first day back for all students is  
Tuesday 4th 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 23rd 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 day on:

**Monday 3rd September**  
between 9.00am and 3.10pm

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](http://www.harrowway.hants.sch.uk) and click on the Uniform category to download a price list.

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

### 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 4 ways to arrange your time slot:

- Available from July 2012, visit the Clarks website to make your own appointment - [www.clarks.co.uk/fitting](http://www.clarks.co.uk/fitting)
- 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](http://www.clarks.co.uk/kids/school)

**[www.harrowway.hants.sch.uk](http://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 2012 to July 2013

<b>Fri 20 July</b>	Last day of Summer Term - 1.30 finish	<b>Fri 15 Feb</b>	Year 7 Progress Reviews home
<b>Thurs 23 Aug</b>	GCSE Exam Results available between 10am > 12pm	<b>HALF TERM MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2013 inclusive</b>	
<b>Mon 3 Sept</b>	<b>INSET DAY 1</b> - Uniform Sales 9am > 3.10pm	<b>Wed 6 Mar</b>	Dance Show dress rehearsal
<b>Tues 4 Sept</b>	Start of the term for all - 8.45am	<b>7/8 Mar</b>	Dance Show
<b>Mon 10 Sept</b>	Community Education Open Evening - 6.00pm>8.00pm	<b>w/c 11 Mar</b>	ICT IBM Blue Fusion TBC
<b>Thurs 13 Sept</b>	HPV talk to Year8 Girls am	<b>Fri 15 Mar</b>	Year11 Diploma Show set-up
<b>Thurs 13 Sept</b>	Year 10 Art BTEC Drawing Day	<b>Mon 18 Mar</b>	Year11 Diploma Show dress rehearsal
<b>w/c 17 Sept</b>	Year 7 CAT tests	<b>Tues 19 Mar</b>	Year11 Diploma Show - Primary Schools am - Mencap pm
<b>Thurs 20 Sept</b>	Year 11 Blood Brothers Trip	<b>Wed 20 Mar</b>	Year11 Diploma Show - 2nd Primary plus Evening Performance
<b>Fri 21 Sept</b>	School photographer - Years 7 & 10 only	<b>21/22 Mar</b>	Year11 Diploma Evening Shows
<b>Tues 25 Sept</b>	Year 10 G&T trip RE and Science 'Big Questions' University of Reading	<b>Fri 22 Mar</b>	Year9 Reports home with Curriculum Booklets
<b>Thurs 27 Sept</b>	Year8 Girls HPV (vaccine 1) Students finish school at 1.30pm Open Evening 6.30-9.00pm	<b>Tues 26 Mar</b>	Year 9 Curriculum Evening
<b>Fri 28 Sept</b>	Open Morning 9.15>10.30 am	<b>Fri 29 Mar</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
<b>Mon 01 Oct</b>	Open Morning 9.15>10.30 am	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY FRIDAY 29 MARCH - FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2013 inclusive</b>	
<b>Tues 02 Oct</b>	All BTEC drama students - Salisbury	<b>Mon 15 Apr</b>	First day of Summer Term
<b>Thurs 04 Oct</b>	Ski Trip Parents' Info Evening 7.00pm	<b>Fri 19 Apr</b>	Year8 Reports home with Curriculum Booklets
<b>Fri 05 Oct</b>	<b>INSET DAY 2</b>	<b>Mon 22 April</b>	Year 8 Curriculum Evening
<b>Mon 08 Oct</b>	Year 7 Settling-in Parents' Evening	<b>w/c 22 Apr</b>	Year 10 Exams until Friday 3 May
<b>Wed 10 Oct</b>	Year 11 Careers Fair	<b>Wed 24 Apr</b>	Year8 Science Trip - Hawk Conservancy
<b>Thurs 11 Oct</b>	Year 8 Harry Potter Trip	<b>25 &amp; 26 Mar</b>	Year 8/Parents Curriculum meetings with Senior Staff
<b>Fri 12 Oct</b>	Guest Performer Year 9 (English) pds 5&6	<b>Thurs 02 May</b>	Year8 Girls HPV (vaccine 3)
<b>15&gt;26 Oct</b>	Year 11 Mock Exams	<b>Thurs 02 May</b>	BTEC Year 10 Show
<b>HALF TERM MONDAY 29 OCTOBER - FRIDAY 02 NOVEMBER 2012 inc.</b>		<b>MON 6 MAY - MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>29 Oct &gt; 02 Nov</b>	Shakespeare Link - week 1	<b>Tues 07 May</b>	<b>INSET DAY 5</b>
<b>05 Nov &gt; 09 Nov</b>	Shakespeare Link - week 2	<b>Wed 8 May</b>	Year 9 Geography New Forest trip ?
<b>Wed 07 Nov</b>	Year8 Girls HPV (vaccine 2)	<b>Mon 13 May</b>	GCSEs begin (last exam 26th June)
<b>Fri 09 Nov</b>	After-school ski fit begins	<b>HALF TERM MONDAY 27 MAY - FRIDAY 31 MAY 2013 inclusive</b>	
<b>Fri 09 Nov</b>	Shakespeare Link show	<b>All June</b>	Year 10 Geography students controlled assessments during Geog lessons
<b>Tues 13 Nov</b>	Shakespeare Primary Show	<b>Tues 11 Jun</b>	Aegon Tennis trip
<b>Mon 19 Nov</b>	KS4 Presentation Evening 7.30pm	<b>17&gt;21 June</b>	Year 8 Calshot trip
<b>Wed 28 Nov</b>	<b>INSET DAY 3</b>	<b>Weds 26 June</b>	GCSEs finish
<b>Fri 30 Nov</b>	DT Trip Years 7&8 Gadget Show	<b>Fri 28 Jun</b>	Year 7 Reports home
<b>Fri 07 Dec</b>	Christmas Fair	<b>Fri 28 Jun</b>	Year 11 Leavers' Buffet/Dance/Prom
<b>13&gt;16 Dec</b>	Trip to Rome	<b>1 &gt; 5 July</b>	Year7 Charlton Lakes field trip one day this week
<b>Fri 14 Dec</b>	Year 11 Reports home	<b>Tues 2 July</b>	INDUCTION DAY - Parent Consultation Day Year 7 only
<b>Mon 17 Dec</b>	Year 11 Parents' Evening	<b>Wed 3 July</b>	Sports Day
<b>Tues 18 Dec</b>	Year 7,8,9 Panto Trip - Aladdin - Winchester	<b>Fri 5 July</b>	Year 10 Reports home
<b>Wed 19 Dec</b>	BTEC Music Show	<b>Mon 8 July</b>	Sports Day (reserve)
<b>Thurs 20 Dec</b>	Year10 BTEC Drama/Dance Show	<b>Mon 8 July</b>	Year 10 Subject Focus evening
<b>Fri 21 Dec</b>	Year10 BTEC Drama/Dance Show to Years 7&8 am	<b>Tues 9 July</b>	Year5 Activity Day 1 / GCSE Geography Swanage trip
<b>Fri 21 Dec</b>	Last day of Autumn Term	<b>Wed 10 July</b>	Year5 Activity Day 2 / Year 10 Enterprise Day 1
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 24 DEC - FRIDAY 04 JANUARY 2013 inclusive</b>		<b>Fri 12 July</b>	Year 10 Enterprise Day 2
<b>Mon 07 Jan</b>	First day of Spring Term	<b>Mon 15 July</b>	Key Stage 3 Presentation Evening
<b>w/c 7 Jan</b>	Year 11 3wks Geog Controlled Assessments begin	<b>Tues 16 July</b>	Year9 Progress Reviews home
<b>Fri 18 Jan</b>	Year8/10 Progress Reviews home	<b>Wed 17 July</b>	Year 9 Enterprise Day 1
<b>Thurs 24 Jan</b>	Ski Trip final parents' evening 7.00pm	<b>Thurs 18 July</b>	Science G & T Maxwell Trip
<b>Thurs 31 Jan</b>	<b>INSET DAY 4</b>	<b>Thurs 18 July</b>	Year 10 BTEC Showcase
<b>Sat 02 Feb</b>	Ski Trip Departs (returning Sat 09 Feb)	<b>Fri 19 July</b>	Year 9 Enterprise Day 2
<b>11/12 Feb</b>	Year11 BTEC Cert Show	<b>Tues 23 July</b>	Last day of term
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY</b> Wednesday 24 July - Friday 30 August 2013 inclusive			