

THE Harrow Way Eagle

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Learning for life, success for all

Head's Corner

Welcome to our end of term newsletter. I hope that the achievements and activities enjoyed by our fantastic students throughout this term will fill you with as much joy and pride as they do me.

Christmas

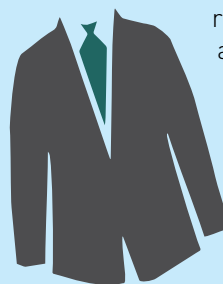
Christmas is a time to reflect and look back at the year that has passed. Our Year 7 students in particular have impressed, settling very quickly into life at Harrow Way and I know from the conversations I have had with them, that they are excited about their futures with us. For all students, this term really is the "engine room" of the school year, particularly for students in Year 11. At Christmas they will have completed 15 school weeks, and have just 15 more before they are sitting their first GCSE exams in the Sports Hall.



Uniform

I continue to receive many favourable comments about the smart appearance of our students throughout the school. It might be worth reminding readers, particularly at this time of year when students need to wear additional clothing that they are not allowed to wear hoodies or hoodie type garments.

We of course have a school jumper – this can be ordered on-line via the School Cash Office or at Stitch a Logo. For information, the full school uniform list is available on our website as well as on relevant school literature. Please remember that students are required to wear full school uniform on the way to and from school as well as throughout the day.



Staffing

In January we will be welcoming David Woodward to the English Department and Teresa Burton-Pye and Tracy Meechan to our team of Teaching Assistants.

By the end of term we will have said goodbye to the following members of staff and wish them well in their new appointments: David Moore and Ellie Hayward (TAs), Nadine Bolt (English) and Lizzie Humphrey (History).

50th Anniversary

We've had a busy year celebrating our 50th anniversary, creating many memories for future generations to look back on and reference to. For the first time ever we commissioned a whole school photograph featuring our entire school community of 1040 students, teachers and support staff. I know many of you have already bought copies of the print and for those of you who haven't yet these can still be purchased from Tempest Photography on 01735 751555 quoting reference HA2125.



As we enter the New Year, the future Harrow Way is looking extremely positive

In our common pursuit for excellence for all, we believe that everyone in our community must be involved in our strategic forward planning.

From robust and honest self-evaluation of where we are at the end of the 2016/17 academic year, we have devised a number of key priorities below. These will govern our short and medium term planning and will underpin our three year strategic planning through to 2020, ensuring we are a high performing, inclusive and oversubscribed school of choice for the local community.

We are oversubscribed again!

Early indications are that we will be significantly oversubscribed again next September and I would like to acknowledge the trust that the families of Andover are placing in us.

As usual, the outstanding transition programme along with our close partnerships with families has enabled them to settle in to our routines without difficulty.

Looking ahead to 2018

We are looking forward to next year with lots more exciting opportunities and successes for our students and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

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It now remains for me to wish you all a very restful Christmas break and peaceful New Year
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Mr Serridge, Headteacher



If you haven't yet had a chance to see the 50th anniversary video – you're in for a treat. John Baxter, who many of you will know and remember as a key member of staff at Harrow Way for 40 years, produced the video, supported by his fine cast of students from all year groups, but particularly featuring Years 7 and 8. You can enjoy this light hearted celebration of five decades of school life by pasting this link into your browser <https://vimeo.com/242203592>.



Harrow Way – the international school of language



With Modern Foreign Languages one of our school's strengths we jumped at the chance to celebrate the 6000+ tongues spoken around the world as part of the European Day of

Languages. You may have even seen the multi-lingual video featuring Headteacher Mr Serridge and a number of teachers speaking French, German and Bulgarian!

Across the entire curriculum, from Maths to Food Technology, students and staff embraced a number of new languages. During the day the mother tongue was put on the back burner and vocab from

countries such as Poland, Germany, Hungary and Greece was used throughout the lessons.

Commenting on the success of the day Mrs Phillips, Acting Curriculum



Leader of Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) said: "Our core foreign subjects here are Spanish and French but we also wanted to introduce everyone to the rich variety of languages spoken every day throughout the world. It was a fun and creative way to introduce another layer of learning into the classrooms".

Year 8 show their competitive spirit

We've had a great start to the year and I'm delighted to report that Year 8 are all very committed and working hard in lessons.

The atmosphere in tutor has been exceptional and there is a real buzz around Inter-House competitions with the year group showing their competitive nature! In the first half of the term 8CAB won the Big Quiz with an impressive 28 points. There was an outstanding turn out for the Inter-Tutor Darts competition with 63% of the year group all vying to hit the jackpot. We saw some impressive skills with 8ALD taking top honours having worked their way around the board to 15 - officially securing the competition record.

We're going to round the term off battling our scientific wits in the 'Body Bits' competition. I'm looking forward to discovering who the biology whizzes are in Year 8!

Mr Carter, Head of Year 8

Only school in Hampshire to win top Geography award

Our geographical credentials have been recognised on a national platform as the **only school in Hampshire and one of only seven schools nationally** awarded the much coveted Geographical Association Centre of Excellence status. And in recognition of excellence in teaching and learning in Geography we've also once again been awarded the Secondary Geographical Quality Mark (SGQM).



Headteacher Mr Serridge said: "We strive for the very highest standards in teaching and learning across the entire curriculum here at Harrow Way.

“It is therefore incredibly rewarding to see these standards recognised by leading industry organisations such as the Geographical Association.”





Annual Barcelona Football Tour brings home some Spanish magic

Barcelona, home to one of the world's greatest football clubs provided the perfect backdrop for our recent football tour. Two teams of 28 players travelled to the exciting cosmopolitan city for the school's annual Barcelona Football Tour to experience a new footballing culture, play against teams where the technical ability and style is very different and to visit a beautiful seaside city, famous for its architecture and culture.

Mr Carter, who led the trip said: "This was an invaluable experience for all the boys involved who have demonstrated a real commitment to

school football. Just being in Barcelona is exciting in itself but as keen footballers, there can be no better city for a tour! Competing against teams who play with a very different style was challenging for the boys but as demonstrated week in and out on the pitches back at home, the boys dug deep and won two of their games and drew the other two. We were very proud of their effort and sportsmanship."

When not training or playing matches the boys enjoyed Barcelona's famous sights including the impressive Nou Camp, home of FC Barcelona where they saw Messi's boots and the



Champions League trophies. And it wasn't just about football as the squad spent time exploring Barcelona's famous Cathedral, La Sagrada Familia, the Olympic Stadium and the Montjuic Castle.

Year 10 are up and running

Year 10 are up and running in the final countdown to GCSEs. Big congratulations to Daisy Pidgely, Jack Borg-Neal, Indy Jones and Ness Rockey for making the most progress in the year group and look out for many successes to be celebrated in our end of year assembly.

We've had some great trips this term - I really enjoyed taking part in the History trip to London and I know that the Year 10s who came along

enjoyed it too. Some from the year group went to Barcelona bringing back some great memories (and photos) and there is still much more to look forward to including Geography field trips, multiple Blood Brothers trips and the History trip to Belgium.

This year, as well as exam preparation, Year 10 students have the opportunity to do work experience in a business of their choice. If anyone was unable to

attend the information evening on Monday 4 December, please get in touch with Mr Peebles, Ms Gregson or me for details.

I hope every Year 10 has a lovely holiday and look forward to hearing all about it in the New Year.

Mr Reed, Head of Year 10

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Professional Shakespeare acting classes

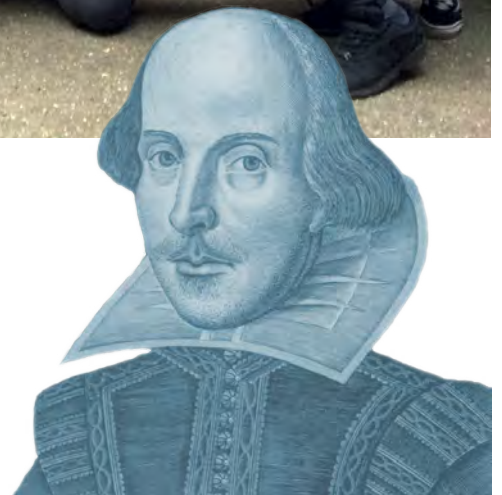
Professional acting lessons during a trip to the internationally renowned Globe Theatre gave Drama students a fresh perspective on performing Shakespeare. During the invaluable workshop the students learned different approaches to acting a scene from one of Shakespeare's best known plays, **Macbeth**, often referred to as 'the Scottish play' as it's considered unlucky to speak its name out loud!

Mr Manson, Curriculum Leader for Performing Arts said: "Every actor dreams of performing at the Globe – it is the home of Shakespeare who is considered the greatest writer of all time. So there were high expectations for our students who, I am pleased to say, did not disappoint. They demonstrated excellent levels of commitment and bravery, impressing the professional with their interpretation and performance of a complex piece".



Since returning from the trip rehearsals for the production of **Shakespeare's Women** have been given a Globe-like sparkle.

The play will take place on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 January 2018, 7 - 8pm. Mark the date in your diary – tickets available on the door at £2.00.



Excellent start for Year 7

What a great start to life here at Harrow Way! The Year 7s have had an incredibly busy term and I'm delighted that the year group have truly embraced both the step-up to secondary school learning and the many opportunities on offer outside of the classroom.

The students have participated in a whole range of activities from the settling in evening, tree planting to taking part in the many house competitions. We've had the winter showcase which was a huge success and I must applaud and say thank you to the Year 7s who volunteered for the Open Evenings. I was very impressed to see how well they represented Harrow Way, all clearly proud to be showing their school to prospective students.

We've successfully launched our innovative Harrow Way Guarantee and the first Icknield visits have gone very well. We've also had the MFL bake-off which was an interesting combination of new languages and inspired bakes! And if all that hasn't kept Year 7 busy enough they've also found time to throw themselves into the numerous clubs on offer (netball, climbing club, football club, rugby club, library club, science club to name but a few).

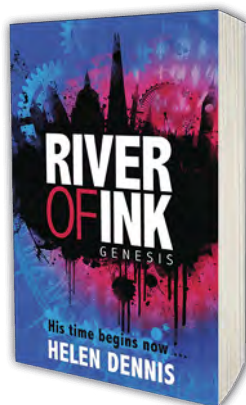
I am very proud to have such motivated and determined individuals in our year group and I'm looking forward to the New Year and all the adventures that it will bring.

Miss Beynon-Thomas, Head of Year 7



Hampshire Book Awards

Harrow Way's literary critics finally came fact-to-face with the winner of the 2017 Hampshire Book Awards Helen Dennis. The Year 9 students met the author of winning novel **River of Ink: Genesis** at a special ceremony held at Winchester's impressive Guildhall.



The hard work started last year for the reading enthusiasts who were tasked with completing six fiction books shortlisted by Hampshire County Council's School Library Service. Meeting each week with Ms Burningham the school's Learning Resource Centre Manager they discussed and debated the merits of each novel before joining all the other participating secondary schools in July at a county wide voting day to choose their winner.



Commenting on the value of participating in the prestigious awards, now in its 14th year, Ms Burningham said: "It's really important that children read for pleasure and as a

result of the Hampshire Book Awards our students have had the ideal opportunity to access and enjoy six great novels. **Reading is well proven for improving literacy and accessing the curriculum** but discussing and critiquing the books was also hugely beneficial in developing important social communication skills in these students".

A chocolate lesson in chocolate heaven

A trip to Cadbury World might be described as the sweetest treat but it was a savoury affair as Year 8 Food Technology students were given a unique insight into the nation's favourite chocolate brand. Here they learned all about the origins of cocoa beans, the chocolate production process and Cadbury's history of pioneering advertising.

Ms Law, Design Technology Teacher explains the value and purpose of the visit: "It's very easy, when you see products neatly displayed in shops to be ignorant to their provenance. As Food Technology students it is important to understand the origins of food, its journey and the process it goes through from farming through to being beautifully packaged, lined up on a shelf".

For those who have not been, Cadbury World is a self-guided exhibition taking visitors through a variety of zones which showcase the 170 year history of the company and chocolate making.

No trip to Cadbury World would be complete without sampling a bar or two and the students were each given four complimentary bars. And if that wasn't enough chocolate for one day, a trip to the 'World's Biggest Cadbury Shop' sweetly concluded proceedings.



YEAR 9 STEP IT UP

Year 9 has made an excellent start to the year, settling in very quickly with their GCSE choices.

As well as stepping up with their learning the year group also continue to lead the way in representing Harrow Way in school fixtures delivering some great results.

The inter-house competitions are also bringing out Year 9s competitive spirit! 9DJM proudly took title honours in the dodgeball

tournament and it's all still to play for in the football league.

The Year 9 School Council continue to play an important role in our school community and the team have been very busy this term working on a number of fantastic collaborative projects with Year 7. Look out next term for the 'dare not to swear' campaign; environmental issues campaign; safety and a kindness week of activities.

All that leaves me to do is wish Year 9 a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing what 2018 holds for us.

Mr Cade, Head of Year 9



Celebrating our 50th year group

The class of 2017



One of the highlights in the school calendar is the annual Key Stage 4 Presentation Evening. The event was particularly special this year as the class of 2017 is the school's 50th year group. After a year of marking the occasion there can be no better conclusion to our 50th anniversary than celebrating the success and achievements of students.

On the evening a very proud Mr Serridge praised the class of 2017 for their wonderful GCSE performance which he described as another set of outstanding results for the school. Commenting on the government changes to GCSE grading, which didn't hold the 2017 cohort back, he applauded the students for the impressive 81% who achieved the new style grade 9 to 4 (equivalent to the current A* to C) in English, 71% in Maths and 66% in both English (Language or Literature) and Maths.

Commenting on the 50th anniversary he said: "In 1967 we opened our shiny new doors for the very first time, welcoming just 140 students. Over the last 50 years thousands of students have walked through those doors.

You were the 50th year group through, initially as 11 year olds of varying confidence and abilities but all leaving as self-assured 16 year olds, bearing the hallmarks of a Harrow Way education - confident,

independent and well prepared for a successful future.

Mr Serridge went on to introduce Shonagh Mason, a former Harrow Way student, now Assistant Director, Culture and Creative Industries, working for the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan.

Before presenting the GCSE certificates and Subject Awards Shonagh gave a very positive speech telling the students: "Follow your passion and don't be afraid to try anything and everything on the way. I worked from being a barmaid to an administrator at a pharmaceutical company then a Director for the Jerwood Charitable Foundation before landing my dream job, only 12 weeks ago as Assistant Director Culture and Creative Industries working for the Mayor of London".

A very special part of the evening is the trophy presentation, the winners of which are always a closely guarded secret and only revealed on the night.



The Rotary Prize presented to Jack Tugwell and Lauren Williams



The Darling Cup presented to Bailey Saunders



The Office Depot Shield presented to Katie Scratchley



The Hudson Cup presented to Louisa Jones



The 'Le Creuset' Cup presented to Adam Hampton



The Alice Razza Award presented to Alice Razza



The Chris Overton Shield presented to Ella Tanner



The Chris Overton Cup
presented to Georgina Butler
and Tommy Willard



The Mark Warren Shield
presented to Noah Lynam



The Partner West Africa Award
presented to Tayla Dawe



The Anne King Shield
presented to Noah Lynam



The Harrow Way Trophy
presented to Mia Larkin

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The Will Dyke Cup
presented to Tia Fisher



The Harrow Way Cup
presented to Ethan Hawes



The Harrow Way Shield
presented to Grace Witcher

Presentations to Head Boy
and Head Girl
Matthew Cooper and Tia Fisher



The Veale/Scicluna Shield presented to
Millie Fulford and Lucy Ward



The Harrow Way WOW Award
presented to Millie Fulford



The Burbidge Shield
presented to Emma Hunter



50th anniversary to be marked with Sir Harold Hillier Gardens inspired sculpture

The world famous Sir Harold Hillier Gardens provided the beautiful backdrop for two Art projects this term. Taking inspiration from both the gardens and the school's 50th anniversary, Year 10 Art students visited Hilliers to research ideas for a sculptural piece which will be displayed in the school grounds as part of the year-long 50th celebrations.

Curriculum Leader for Art Ms Collins explains further: "Collectively the Year 10s chose 'growth' as their theme as they felt Harrow Way provides a safe place for students to learn and grow in stature, academic and social skills. They commented that students arrive as young Year 7s and leave as fully rounded young adults".

Once again Year 8 has played its part in the UK's largest sculpture exhibition, **Art in the Garden**. The Art students created 50 beautiful plaster cast butterflies to decorate a tree and compliment the sculptural artwork showcased by professional artists exhibiting there.



Exam prep starts early for Year 11s

It's the final year for our Year 11s and they all showed their maturity and dedication by settling quickly into the rhythm of the autumn term. This being the key year we are already into exam preparation with extra revision classes, coursework sessions and mock exams.

Students also have their eye on the future looking ahead to life after Harrow Way. The year group have begun the process of visiting, applying and interviewing for the courses they would like to study at college.

It's not ALL study, study, study! As a reward for their hard work we've had a couple of trips with the Year 11s given the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament, or if a prefect, the chance to go to Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park for some festive treats.

It will be full steam ahead once the students return from their Christmas break, plunged straight back into exam preparation ready for their GCSEs in the summer.

Miss Walker, Head of Year 11



Harrow Way's royal courtiers

Year 8 students stepped into the Tudor shoes of royal courtiers during a trip to Hampton Court, the famous Tudor palace. As members of the Elizabethan Council they were tasked with debating the very important royal matter of who should succeed Elizabeth I to the throne should she succumb to small pox and die without naming her heir.

Having examined the evidence in Henry VIII's will our young historians concluded that it was in fact Mary Queen of Scots who had the most legitimate claim to the throne. However as we know fate intervened, Elizabeth regained consciousness and Mary was eventually tried for treason.

Commenting on the value of experiencing Tudor life Miss Brown, Curriculum Leader History said: "Wherever possible we will always try to put lessons into context giving students first-hand experience of the subject matter. Having walked the corridors and explored the building our students can now visualise life in a Tudor Palace. No matter how many times we may read it in the classroom – nothing cements learning as effectively as personal experience".

Sports Round up



Girls' District champions

Congratulations to our KS4 girls' football team who are riding high following good wins against Test Valley, 4-1 and Wellington Academy, 3-0. Following a nail biting 2-1 final against John Hanson the team is officially the best in the District taking the championship title for a consecutive year.



Not to be outdone the Year 7 and 8 girls' team also took the District championship title having beaten John Hanson B 2-0 and Testbourne A 1-0 in the group stages. Some great goals against John Hanson A kept the team ahead in the final and strong goalkeeping prevented any clear chances for the opposition.

Boys Football

In the District League this season our Year 7 players have settled in well and already recorded wins over Winton and Test Valley.

The Year 8s have made a real improvement on last year's results with two wins, one draw and two losses so far and the Year 9s continue to play superbly this term. Despite scoring 26 goals, winning three out of four games the boys went out of the Hampshire Cup having narrowly lost to Wavell. However there's all still to play for in the League Championship with a 100% record the title is still very much in their sights.



Rugby

The rugby teams have all been training hard this term in preparation for the rugby season with the Year 7s progressing very quickly and gelling together well. The Year 7 and Year 9 teams have up-coming friendlies against John Hanson and Wellington Academy with their District leagues starting in February.

Badminton

The KS3 and KS4 boys and girls teams played extremely well in the District tournaments this term to place second overall. Jacob Simmons was the key player winning all of his matches and well done to all who represented Harrow Way.



Cross Country

With a large and strong team of 30 Year 7 and 8 runners for the Cross Country District competition we were very hopeful that a number would finish in the top 8 and progress to the county round.

The students did not disappoint with Year 7's Taylor Carnegie and Eva Graham qualifying and Year 8's Bertie Jones and Hannah Salter qualifying for the second year running, joined by Charlie Holloway and Amelia Owen.



Girls' 5-a-side Football

The girls' football teams have had an excellent few weeks, competing in the 5 a-side indoor football tournaments. The Year 7 and 8 team performed brilliantly in the 6-team tournament, winning their group to play John Hanson A in the final. A 2-0 victory with goals from Sky and Faith crowned them champions.

The Year 9 team also had a successful tournament. The girls played the other four teams once, remaining unbeaten throughout with two wins and two draws and finishing a superb runners-up.

Calendar 2017-2018

w/c 18/12/17	Maths assessments this week
19/12/17	Years 10 & 11 visit to the Houses of Parliament
21/12/17	End of term – school finishes 12.45
Christmas holiday Friday 22 December 2017 – Wednesday 3 January 2018 inclusive	
04/01/18	Spring term begins
08/01/18	Year 11 Parents' Evening
w/c 08/01/18	CiDA DA201 test window until 12/1/18 (18 x Year 11 students)
w/c 08/01/18	Year 11 Science Mock Exams
17/01/18	Shakespeare Public Show - 7pm - 8pm
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22/01/18	Year 9 Parents' Evening
23/01/18	Dance Show technical rehearsal
24/01/18	Year 10 National Museum of Computing trip
24/01/18	Dance Show 4pm - 5pm
25-26/01/18	Year 10 Geography visit to Southampton
25-26/01/18	Dance Show 7pm - 8pm
29/01 -09/02/18	Year 11 Mock Exams fortnight
02/02/18	NSPCC Number Day whole school non-school uniform day
Spring Half Term – Monday 12 – Friday 19 February 2018	
w/c 19/02/18	Year 11 Catering practicals this week
22/02/18	Year 7 Warwick Castle trip
28/02/18	Year 8 trip to Westminster Abbey/Regents Park Mosque
8-9/03/18	Year 11 Peter Symmonds interviews
10-11/03/18	10am - 4pm - School Musical Technical set-up and rehearsals (weekend)
12/03/18	Spring Progress Reviews home (Years 7, 10 & 11) Year 9 Reports home
12/03/18	6pm - 9.30pm School Musical Dress Rehearsal
13-16/03/18	School Musical Show all week
14/03/18	INSET Day 3
16 & 19/03/18	GCSE Art Exam (Year 11) - 2 days
19/03/18	Year 8 Reports home Year 9 Curriculum Evening
21-22/03/18	Year 9 SLT/Parent appointments re. curriculum choices
26/03/18	Year 8 Parents' Evening
w/c 26/03/18	Maths assessments this week
28-29/03/18	Year 9 Drama Showcase 6pm-8pm
29/03/18	Last day of the spring term
Easter holiday Friday 30 March 2018 – Friday 13 April 2018 inclusive	
16/04/18	Summer term begins
w/c 16/04/18	Year 10 English exams this week

27/04/18	Year 9 Marwell Trip
30/04/18	Year 8 Curriculum Evening
2&3/05/18	Year 8 SLT/Parent appointments re. curriculum choices
07/05/18	May Day Bank Holiday
09/05/18	Year 10 & 11, Blood Brothers, Southampton
14/05/18	GCSEs begin - ending 22/06/18
14/05/18	Plas Pencelli trip departs - Year 7 returning 18/05/18
15/05/18	Year 10 Catering trip to Food Festival
w/c 21/05/18	Maths assessments this week
23/05/18	Year 9 D&T trip to Thorpe Park
Summer Half Term – Monday 28 May 2018 – Friday 1 June 2018	
07/06/18	H Factor competition 7pm - 9pm
11/06/18	Year 8 Calshot trip departs returning 15/06/18
w/c 18/06/18	End of year exams - Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 - week 1
21-23/06/18	Year 9 & 10 trip to Berlin
22/06/18	Year 11 Leavers' Buffet/Dance/Prom
w/c 25/06/18	End of year exams - Years 7,8,9 & 10 - week 2
25/06/18	Year 7 & 10 Reports home Year 8 & 9 - Progress Reviews home
25/06/18	Year 7 Parents' Evening
26-27/06/18	Year 10 Showcase 7pm - 9pm
28/06/18	INSET Day 4
29/06/18	Year 8 Lulworth Cove Geography visit
03/07/18	Induction Day and Evening
04/07/18	Year 10 College Day
05/07/18	Year 10 Careers Day
06/07/18	Sports Day - whole school
w/c 09/07/18	Year 10 Work Experience this week
09/07/18	Year 8 HWCS Guarantee Graduation Ceremony (6.30pm - 8.00pm)
10-11/07/18	Year 5 Taster Days
11-12/07/18	Open Mornings Year 4 & 5 9.30am - 10.15am
16/07/18	Reserve Sports Day
16/07/18	Year 7, 9 & 10 Presentation Evening (6.30pm - 9pm)
17/07/18	Year 7 visit to New Forest (Geography) Year 8 Maths Magician
18/07/18	Year 7 visit to New Forest (Geography) Years 9 & 10 Summer Showcase 6pm - 8pm
20/07/18	Last day of term for students - 12.45 pm finish
23/07/18	INSET Day 5 - no school for students
Summer holiday Tuesday 24 July 2018 – Friday 31 August 2018 inclusive	



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