

THE Harrow Way Eagle



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HEAD'S CORNER

We have come to the end of a long term and the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest. The prospect of Christmas cheers us and lifts our spirits away from the cold, dark and depressing weather of the season.

Yet again, the term has ended with a series of positive events celebrating the outstanding work and achievements of our students across the school. These are reflected in this newsletter and our

Weekly eNews, website and Twitter feed. As we approach the end of the autumn term I would like to thank you for all your support. This term is always a busy one, where teachers lay down expectations, get to know new classes and lay the foundations for the rest of the year.

Our Year 7 students in particular have impressed in the way that they have quickly settled 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 and this is particularly the case 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.

PROGRESS 8

The national performance tables were published at the end of October. We are again delighted to be ranked so highly in the county with our positive Progress 8 score. This was the highest Progress 8 score in the local area, putting us in the top 25% of secondary schools in Hampshire.

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Clearly, none of this is achieved without the hard work of our students and the dedicated staff team that we have here at Harrow Way. We know too that parents play a pivotal part in encouraging and supporting such achievement.

As a school, whilst we are, of course, delighted by these strong indications of the impact of our work, we are nonetheless committed to further improvement, as we would never wish to stand still.

WHAT IS PROGRESS 8?

Progress 8 measures a student's progress between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 across eight key subjects. It shows whether students have performed to expectation, based on a value-added measure using Key Stage 2 English and Maths as a baseline. This new measure is designed to encourage schools to offer a broad, well-balanced curriculum.

A GOODBYE FROM MRS PEARCE

I have been at Harrow Way for almost five years now, but will be leaving at Christmas to take up a Headship in Basingstoke. I wanted to share with the community how honoured and privileged I have been to work with such fantastic students who are caring, dedicated and good fun. It has been so enriching to work with the very experienced and professional staff who really do go above and beyond to help every child reach their potential. Harrow Way is a very special school and I will miss it very much.

“Wishing Harrow Way the very best for the future” Mrs Pearce.

NEW PARENT PROGRESS VIEW



We have been very pleased with the take-up for the new Parent Progress View. Reports and attendance/conduct details are very easy to view on any device and password resetting is automated. Students are now also able to sign in to view their reports using their school network accounts. If you haven't yet requested an account, please do take the opportunity to sign up via the website. We would welcome any feedback from parents using the system.

STAFFING

By the end of term we will have said goodbye to Deputy Headteacher Mrs Pearce who has been appointed Headteacher of The Vyne School in Basingstoke. Mrs Pearce will start her new role in January. Over the last five years her undoubted commitment and expertise has been a significant factor in Harrow Way's success and I could not ask for a more dedicated and committed Deputy Headteacher and colleague.

I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best in her new role. We will continue to work closely together now as Headteacher colleagues.

We have also said goodbye this term to Stuart Pollard, Teacher of Music, Nicola Parsons, Science Technician and Aleister Martin, Site Assistant.

This term we have welcomed Racheal Branston-Jones, Assistant Year Leader and Sam Marie, Science Technician. In January we will be welcoming Gary Sloan in the role of Site Assistant.

YEAR 7 THROW THEMSELVES INTO LIFE AT HARROW WAY

I would say, "Welcome to Harrow Way, Year 7!" except, can anyone remember a time when they weren't here? Such a busy term with Year 7 students going to Harmony Woods, visiting Icknield School, joining the Student Council and campaigning for better recycling, creating soldiers for the 215 project and attending Settling-In meetings with their tutor. Everyone went to the Club Fayre and signed up to (at least) one club.

The year group are really embracing the House system with tutor groups currently busy getting their stalls ready for the Christmas Fayre. Everyone is working hard supporting their House by taking part in House Basketball, the Bake Off, designing Unicef posters and digital Christmas cards, or just by being great at stamp collecting.

Our attendance has been better than any other year group in a while: we are here and winning house points!

I have been so proud to see the tutor groups bond into big family units and a special mention goes out to 7HMH, 7EJN and the Student Council for delivering amazing student assemblies. Overall, what we've realised is that we have a great bunch of young people who are going to make us very proud to work with them!

Mrs Ford, Head of Year 7

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 our new intake to settle in to our routines without difficulty.

“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. It now remains for me to wish you all a very restful Christmas break and peaceful New Year.”

Mr Serridge, Headteacher



THE GREAT HARROW WAY BAKE OFF



We held the first round of the Great Harrow Way Bake Off this term with an amazing 36 entries across the three Houses. The competition has cemented itself as a firm favourite of all the House competitions and needless to say everyone was more than happy to help judge!

There are a wealth of talented bakers and budding Mary Berry's here at Harrow Way – each year we are amazed by the standard of the cakes produced in both taste and appearance.

We saw cakes for remembrance, pineapples, snow rabbits, chocolate covered, sweet filled, ginger and orange flavoured plus a cake to celebrate World Moon Day.

Prizes were awarded for both taste and appearance, but you are going to have to wait to hear the results. All will be revealed in the House assemblies in the New Year.



IMPRESSIVE START FROM YEAR 9

Year 9 have got off to a flying start! On my learning walks students are focused and on task which is really important as they start their GCSE option subjects and also to help them achieve their full potential.

I have been particularly impressed with this year's Student Council who have joined forces with Year 7 and are coming up with lots of ideas for the future. They have decided to keep the theme of

'recycling' and 'improving the school environment' and are looking to introduce Eco monitors to each tutor group. This person will be in charge of ensuring the recycling bins are emptied regularly and they hope to organise a special recycling launch day closer to Easter. Each Eco monitor will receive a badge for their work.

During November we held 'The Power of Language day'. For the

whole morning Year 9 attended seminars in the auditorium which included topics from 'when it may be appropriate to swear' to 'racist and sexist language'. I was extremely pleased with their maturity and how they approached the day and had lots of positive feedback from other members of staff about how impressive they were.

Mr Carter, Head of Year 9

HARROW WAY LAY CAREER FOUNDATIONS

As we continue to push careers to the top of the agenda, a recent trip to Foreman Homes and VIVID gave Year 10 students an insight into the construction industry. Students were given behind the scenes access to the construction site in Charlton where the region's largest private home builder and Hampshire's largest provider of affordable homes are building the Peake Meadow development.

The trip was led by Year 10 Progress Leader Mr Cade who said: "Without the opportunity to explore in-depth the career potential of an industry it is very easy to miss the possibilities. Yet, as our students discovered, the career opportunities in the building sector go way beyond the professional construction trades. With the construction industry currently experiencing a boom there is huge potential for students to experience a rewarding and fulfilling career."



During their day on site students were taken through the entire build process from the initial foundations through to the stylish show homes.

POWER OF LANGUAGE DAY

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In November we dedicated a day to exploring the power of language as we discussed the use of swearing, sexist and racist language. The Year 9 and 10 students all showed fantastic maturity and went away with a clear understanding of our position regarding this type of language.

Following a number of brilliant workshops students now understand how dangerous and destructive words can be. To give context to the origins of certain words Mr Fluellen explained to the students where swearing comes from and why it is not acceptable in a professional environment. Mrs Pearce and Ms Smith's workshop looked at sexist language, exploring stereotypes around gender and challenging the students to think twice before using 'throw away' phrases such

as "Don't get your knickers in a twist" or "Man up". And Ms Lowing and Mr Massiah shared some of their own personal experiences as they explained the emotional damage racist language can inflict. Exploring the history around the most offensive words, students now understand that using those words means so much more than they might have previously.

Moving forward it's all about students taking the time to consider their choice of words carefully.

YEAR 10 OFF TO A FLYING START

The Year 10s have definitely arrived to impress! We've seen an excellent performance from all with students embracing option changes and the demands each subject has placed upon them.

We've had some great sporting achievements too. The football team made an impressive start to the 2018/19 District League campaign beating Wellington 6-1. James Pay delivered his quickest cross-country time for the first race of the season, running 4.17km in an incredible 15.11 minutes. Libby West has put Harrow Way on the national sporting map having finished 7th place in the British Tumbling Championships.

Students have been busy with a full calendar of various trips and visits including Hillier Gardens, The Lights Andover, Longleat, Vivid, Salisbury Hall and Lloyds Charlton Place.

The Student Council have been raring to go this year with a focus on supporting the local community which included a visit to Andover Hospice to spend a few hours with care patients. They've plans for lots of exciting activities and various fund-raising events.

Thank you to everyone who attended the work experience launch and for the fantastic turnout for the parents' evening, it was great to catch up with you.

Well done Year 10 for an outstanding performance this term.

Mr Cade, Head of Year 10

CONGRATULATIONS TO *The Class of 2018*

Annual Presentation Evening gets some Hollywood sparkle



Our annual Presentation Evening is always a very special occasion. It is hugely rewarding for all the teachers and support staff here at Harrow Way to welcome back former Year 11 students and celebrate their successes and achievement while also recognising their hard work and commitment.

Commenting on the evening a very proud Mr Serridge said "There can be no better showcase to illustrate what Harrow Way stands for. The Class of 2018 epitomises our reputation for community spirit, strong academic results and progression which leads to top universities and ultimately successful careers. This is a wonderful opportunity to get together with our cohort of summer leavers and say a huge 'well done' and for us to recognise a wide range of students for their remarkable achievements in both their GCSEs and throughout their time at school. Success comes in all shapes and sizes and this is an opportunity for us to applaud both

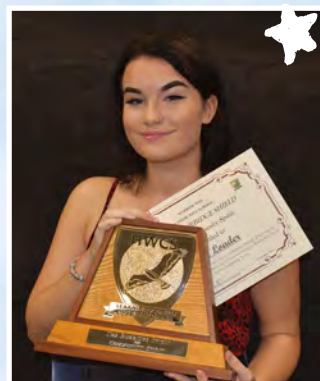
academic success and those who have made an invaluable contribution to the wonderful community here at Harrow Way."

Former student and special guest Sophie Roberts returned to her old school to impart some words of wisdom and advice before presenting the GCSE certificates and Subject Awards. Recognising that life doesn't always go to Plan A, Sophie said: "I had to give up university the first time around due to personal issues, following which I got a job in marketing. After a year I bit the bullet and decided to go to back to university, this time achieving a first class honours degree in Film Production. I now

do what I love working in the film industry and have worked on some major feature films including Star Wars Solo, Christopher Robin, the live action Aladdin remake and Justice League. Just so you know, the Hollywood influence is closer than you think. Hampshire in fact!"

Our thanks to Sophie whose ambition is to work her way up in the film industry, to one day be the producer of major feature films.

A very special part of the evening is the trophy presentation, the winners of which are always a closely guarded secret. Take a look at our gallery of pictures to see the names revealed on the night.



YEAR 8 MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY

No longer the youngest in the school, Year 8 are living up to their new-found responsibility. Academically students are thriving with an excellent set of progress reports and I am delighted with the brilliant effort and attitude displayed in lessons. But as we know, school is more than just lessons and subjects and Year 8 have grasped every opportunity given to them, from planting trees with our primary pupils to going on educational English and Geography trips.

Our Student Council have decided to embed acts of kindness into our daily life and have a number of exciting opportunities planned. They have developed a kindness room for students to attend at break time; positive post-it activity for tutor time; delivering Christmas cards for members of our wider community as well as collecting donations for our local food bank.

Our students each made a poppy, as a part of the WW1 100 Year Remembrance, remembering the 215 from Andover who lost their lives. This drive for kindness has made me proud to be their year leader. We have even adopted a Pigmy Hippo called Wendy from Marwell Zoo!

I wish all of my Year 8 students and parents a lovely Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Miss Beynon-Thomas,
Head of Year 8



HARROW WAY STUDENTS COMMITTED TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

Students Nicola Marshall and Megan Nikolic found themselves centre stage at the National Tree Conference in Frome. The sell-out event focusing on how to preserve the environment, showcased effective strategies for citizen-led forestation and for halting deforestation worldwide.

Nicola and Megan were invited to take part in a talk delivered by Mary Reynolds-Thompson, an award-winning writer, facilitator of poetry therapy, and a pioneer in the

emerging field of spiritual ecology. Along with two other students from Rookwood School, the girls represented Plant for the Planet, exploring on stage what the needs are for teenagers looking to connect to the natural world within the confines of the extreme school and social pressures they are under.

"Listen to us, we have lots to say, stop talking, start planting!" urged Megan. Sound advice.

YEAR 11 GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

The whole pastoral team have been amazed at the maturity and commitment shown by everyone in Year 11. From the beginning of the term it has been obvious that this group of young people have the bit firmly between their teeth and, supported by their dedicated teachers, are making the most of every opportunity in front of them. From after school revision sessions, 1-to-1 revision and progress groups in tutor times to taking advantage of careers lessons and their new Study Skills lessons, they go from strength to strength.

We've recently completed mock exams in English, Maths and

Science and the school's senior and middle leaders commented repeatedly on how well the whole process went and particularly how impressed they were with the students' performance.

Mrs Pearce, who has had responsibility for the Year 11s for a number of years, observed that they had been the best year group she'd seen sit this process of mock papers. We will all sorely miss Mrs Pearce when she leaves after Christmas but I know that Year 11 will continue in a way that will make her, and the rest of the Year 11 team, very proud.

Mr Reed, Head of Year 11

IBM DIAMOND JUBILEE HACKERS



In honour of IBM's Diamond Jubilee the computer giant organised a brilliant day for Year 8 and 9 students where they were tasked with catching the 'IBM hacker' at the company's impressive Hursley site, home to their biggest UK based software lab.

Hosted by an IBM mentor the students were quickly put to task to solve clues and eliminate the suspects from a range of 60 IBM staff members. Mrs Robertson, Curriculum Leader of IT, Computing and Business Studies explains: "It was a really impressive and thrilling day. An escape room theme with loose bottom food tins, ultraviolet light clues, algebra and computer hacking, required lots of investigation and communication skills. We had a quiz in IBM's computer museum and got to see a 3D model of R2D2."

The day was great for team building, getting the students to use their English, maths, computing and investigative techniques while also thinking outside of the box in order to solve the mystery of the IBM hacker – which, we're pleased to report, they did!



NATIONAL TREE PLANTING WEEK

The environment is top of the list here at Harrow Way with students from Year 7 to 9 taking part in National Tree Planting Week with Andover Trees United.

The students, all previously trained as UN Plant for the Planet Ambassadors, spent a rather wet and windy morning at Harmony Woods helping students from

Anton Primary School to plant over forty trees. There's a huge sense of pride for students knowing they are helping develop a resource for the whole community.

During National Tree Week we also planted a tree of our own. We now have a beautiful Wild Cherry at the front of the school to celebrate Harrow Way's 50th Anniversary.



HARROW WAY'S NEW CAREERS PROGRAMME

This term we successfully launched a new careers programme for students from Year 7 through to Year 11. This will give all students access to high-quality careers advice and information and provide everyone with opportunities for work experience and tailored support.

With the government announcing in 2017 a careers strategy for schools and colleges, robust careers guidance in schools is paramount with our new careers lead Mr Peebles saying:

“Our aim is to ensure we give students the best training and careers advice and experiences throughout their time here at Harrow Way which will help them make informed decisions about their future education and career choices.”

Throughout the autumn term the careers team at Harrow Way has been busy delivering a full schedule of activity involving all the local colleges, the Southern Universities Network and a number of employers.

WHEN HARROW WAY GREEN MET STANNAH GREY

Stannah hosted their own 'Green meets Grey' STEM day recently and our Year 10 students were at the centre of the action!

The 'Apprentice style' day was designed to encourage future STEM (Science, Technology Engineering and Maths) careers and an opportunity to put the arts and creativity back into design. Working in mixed teams, overseen by a Stannah employee and mentor, the brief was to design a stair lift for a person with a specific disability.

Stannah's 'empathy suite' gave students an insight into some of the physical challenges their designs would have to overcome. Indeed they delivered some very interesting, modern, technical solutions to these issues which



the students presented at the end to the judging panel.

Congratulations to Suranne Bridge, Alicia Lund and Libby West who were all part of the winning team designing a stairlift for a blind person.

'Green meet Grey' certainly made our students think about both the design process and the business of design.

HARROW WAY ALUMNI INSPIRE YEAR 11

As our Year 11s face their biggest school challenge to date, they were treated to some motivating words of wisdom from former students now successfully in the world of work, at college or off to university.

Commenting on the day which is part of our new ambitious careers programme, Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Pearce said: "It was a very special occasion and very rewarding to see the huge sense of pride our former students had to be back sharing their experiences with the current Year 11. And because they have literally stood in the same shoes, their powerful messages were

really well received.

Former student Mark Todd described his journey from Harrow Way to reaching the University of Oxford where he is now reading Physics. Mark was joined by Josh Ingram who spoke passionately about how hard work, effort and commitment got him accepted into medical school.

With apprenticeships an increasingly popular choice Connor Harvey explained how he had to apply himself to get an apprenticeship with Mercedes Benz. And local gym owner Andre Divrno discussed with the students how effort and dedication helped him grow a successful business.





HOUSE SPORTS

We had some new competitions starting this year, with more coming up soon. The House Year 7 and 8 five-a-side football had some very close matches with Hawk coming out top overall for Year 7 and Buzzards for Year 8. Over on the basketball court Year 7 Hawks took title honours.

ANDOVER ATHLETICS AWARDS

Congratulations to James Pay and his Andover Athletics cross country team who were awarded a shield, Beth Mathews and Adam Robinson who were both awarded plates for breaking club records in Hammer, Long Jump and High Jump. Beth also received the 'Controlled Techniques' Cup, and Adam received the shield for Athlete of the Year.



FOOTBALL

The Year 10/11 Boys' District side have impressed in the new season, scoring goals for fun on the road to Christmas. An impressive mentality and atmosphere has been generated by the predominantly student run side with co-Captains James Potter and Elliot Smith organising the boys and managing the mixture of year groups well. Individual mentions should be awarded to Smith, Dylan Willard's mercurial volley which is a contender for goal of the season and Aston Mussell's superb performances in midfield.

The girls are also performing well with the U16 team securing an excellent 4-0 victory against The Romsey School in the first round of the County Cup. The Year 7s are growing in confidence with every match including a County Cup game, a match against St Edmunds in Salisbury and a District Tournament.

NETBALL

It's been a busy time on the court for Year 9 and 10 with both working hard and securing a number of



victories. Year 9 won 19-7 against Test Valley, 12-6 against Rookwood and a very close 12-11 defeat to John Hanson. Year 10 also beat Test Valley at 9-5 but were less lucky against John Hanson and Rookwood.

RUGBY

Such commitment from Year 7 and 8 turning up in all weathers to train! Year 8 played well in a local tournament with a good win over Winton and the Year 7s have a number of practice games coming up which will stand them in good stead for the District League, starting after Christmas.

Year 10s have been training very hard with Charles Gray from the Rugby Club and their efforts are paying off as they've been promoted to play in the Hampshire League. The boys showed their metal during a recent fixture against Mountbatten. Notable plaudits to Billy Morledge, Jake Sandford and Thomas Brewer.

CALENDAR 2019

7/1/19	Spring term begins Year 11 Drama and Dance External Unit Week 1
10/1/19	Year 11 Art Study - Gallery Visit
11/1/19	Year 10 Aspire University Project Day, Winchester University
w/c 14/1/19	Year 11 Drama and Dance External Unit Week 2 Year 11 Catering practicals all week
17/1/19	Year 11 Parents' Evening
w/c 21/1/19	Year 11 Drama and Dance External Unit Week 3
24/1/19	Year 11 Motor Vehicle students' exam 9.30am at Andover College
28/1/19	Year 11 Drama and Dance External Unit Week 4 Year 11 Mock MFL Speaking Tests this week Year 11 Lloyds Bank Practice College Interviews one day this week
31/1/19	Year 9 Parents' Evening
1/2/19	Year 11 Health and Social Care Exam
w/c 4/2/19	Year 11 Mocks (Options) Year 11 Drama and Dance External Unit Show
7/2/19	NSPCC Number Day - Non-Uniform
7&8/2/19	Year 9 Immunisations
w/c 11/2/19	Years 7-10 Maths Assessments this week Year 11 Mocks (Maths/English/Science)
Spring Half Term – Monday 18 to Friday 22 February 2019	
w/c 25/2/19	Year 11 Andover College Interviews
w/c 4/3/19	National Careers Week
4/3/19	Year 10 Careers Assembly - Peter Symonds, 8.45am Year 11 Peter Symonds College Interviews Day 1
5/3/19	Year 11 Peter Symonds College Interviews Day 2
7/3/19	World Book Day - Whole School Year 10 BCot - Careers Assembly, 8.45-9.05am
7&8/3/19	Key Stage 4 (Years 9/10/11) Dance Show Performance, 6.00-7.00pm
11/3/19	All Years Progress Reviews published this week
13/3/19	Year 10 Health and Fitness Exam, AM.
14/3/19	INSET 4 - School closed to students
15/3/19	Year 11 Art Exam Day 1
18/3/19	Year 11 Art Exam Day 2 Year 9 Curriculum Evening
19/3/19	House Quiz, Auditorium, 3.00-4.00 pm
20&21/3/19	Year 9/parent appointments for curriculum option choices
28/3/19	Year 8 Parents' Evening, 12.45-6.00pm
30&31/3/19	School Musical Get In weekend
1/4/19	All Years Maths Assessments this week Year 11 MFL Speaking Exams this week Year 10 English/Science Exams this week School Musical Dress Rehearsal, 6.00-9.00pm

2/4/19	School Musical Gateway Club Preview Show, 7.00-9.00pm
4&5/4/19	School Musical Public Show, 7.00-9.00pm
Easter Holiday - Monday 8 April 2019 to Monday 22 April 2019 inclusive	
14/4/19	Ski Trip Departs returning 21 April 2019
29/4/19	Year 8 Curriculum Evening
30/4 & 1&2/5/19	Year 8/parent appointments for curriculum option choices
3/5/19	Non-Uniform Day - Amazing Alice
13/5/19	GCSEs begin until 26 June 2019
w/c 13/5/19	Year 7 Plas Pencelli Residential visit departs returning 16 May 2019
w/c 20/5/19	Years 7-10 Maths Assessment this week
Summer Half Term – Monday 27 to Friday 31 May 2019	
w/c 10/6/19	Year 8 Calshot residential visit departs returning 14 June 19
11&12/6/19	Year 10 Showcase 6.00-8.00pm
w/c 17/6/19	Years 7-10 Progress Reviews published this week Years 7-10 End of Year exams (week 1)
19-22/6/19	Years 9/10 visit to Berlin
20/6/19	H-Factor House Competition, 6.00-8.00 pm
w/c 24/6/19	Years 7-10 End of Year exams (week 2)
25/6/19	INSET 5 - School closed to students
26/6/19	GCSEs end
27/6/19	Year 7 Parents' Evening
28/6/19	Year 11 Leavers' Buffet/Dance – Holiday Inn, Winchester
2/7/19	Induction Day and Evening
3&4/7/19	Year 10 Geography/Swanage visit x 60 each day
w/c 8/7/19	Enrichment Week Year 10 Work Experience Week
8/7/19	Year 7 HW Guarantee Presentation Evening
9/7/19	Year 8 HW Guarantee Presentation Evening
9&10/7/19	Year 5 Taster Days
10&11/7/19	Year 4/5 Open Mornings
12/7/19	Lulworth Cove Geography visit 50 x Year 8 Harry Potter Day
15/7/19	Years 9 & 10 Presentation Evening
19/7/19	Sports Day
23/7/19	Last day of the summer term - school finishes at 12.45pm



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