



THE Harrow Way Eagle

Christmas 2019



Creative Arts thriving at Harrow Way

The recent Key Stage 4 dance production, which was sold out over three nights, cemented Harrow Way's renowned reputation for the Creative and Performing Arts.

A stunning performance, featuring nearly 90 students, all showcasing a number of dance genres.



Eco Club lead drive to protect environment

The Harrow Way Eco Club continues to keep the environment at the top of the agenda. Test Valley Borough Council has recently donated the Club a crisp packet recycling bin, the proceeds from which will be donated to charity.

Harrow Way's Mrs Frape redesigns the protractor

Our very own Mrs Frape has given the protractor a design overhaul to help combat confusion in the classroom. Stationary giant Helix, who has not changed the design for over 100 years, was so impressed it's partnered up with Mrs Frape and has launched her new design for distribution throughout the UK and overseas.

Head's Corner

Yet again, the term has ended with a series of positive events celebrating the outstanding work and achievements of students across our school.

These are reflected in this newsletter, our website and twitter feed. I have been wholeheartedly impressed by what has been happening in school and indeed, outside of school this term. 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 set expectations, get to know new classes and lay the foundations for the rest of the year.

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've 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 16 more before they are sitting their first GCSE exams in the Sports Hall.



This year we were very privileged to be selected to share our success in the 2019 issue of the Parliamentary Review. It was also an honour to attend the gala evening, meeting headteachers from like-minded schools and other leading lights in the education sector. This demonstrates that we are on the right journey and myself and the team at Harrow Way will continue with our relentless pursuit in achieving the highest standards in teaching and learning to drive up student outcomes.

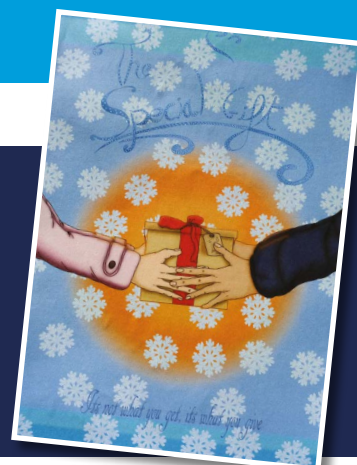


The 2019 Parliamentary Review is sent to every secondary school in the UK and alongside the forewords and best practice articles it also includes a review from renowned journalist and broadcaster Andrew Neil. With such noteworthy contributions, the publication has become one of the UK's most essential reads for business people and politicians alike.

You can read the full article by copying the following link into your browser
 www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/organisations/harrow-way-community-school

Christmas Book Cover Competition

Well done to Year 9 student Caitlin Coombs who came runner up in the World Book Day Christmas Cover Competition 2019. Caitlin's award-winning book cover and synopsis for *It's not what you get, it's what you give* referenced homelessness at Christmas and she now intends to write a story based on this theme.



Staffing

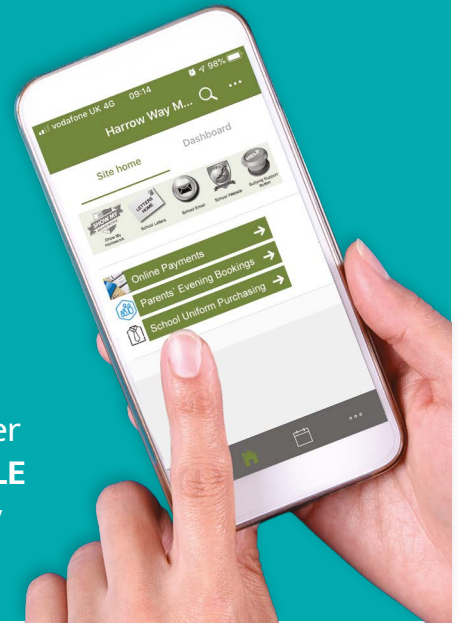
At the end of this term we will have said goodbye to Karen McCullough, Year Leader Assistant, Elaine Blaikley, Teaching Assistant, Josh Douch, IT Technician and Kelly Jones, Food Technician.

This term we have welcomed Laura Meek, Year Leader Assistant and Jessica Cox, Teaching Assistant. In January we will also be welcoming Marie Dyer, FT Food Technician, Lea Sutton, Teaching Assistant and Liz Manning, Careers Advisor.

Katie Shaw will be taking maternity leave in January, her tutor group, 8KJS will be shared by Emily Alm and Julia Hill. Her teaching commitments will be taken by Richard Appleton.

New App for Parents

We have just launched a new Parent VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) App, where you can keep up to date with all school communications at the touch of a button. Search either the **App Store Harrow Way VLE** or the **Play Store Harrow Way Community School VLE**.



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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.

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



Exploring life on the historic high seas

Year 7 students were transported back to the 18th century during a recent trip to Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard. The visit gave students an insight into the harsh reality of life on the high seas as they explored HMS Victory, famous for its role as Lord Nelson's flagship at the Battle of Trafalgar.

While down in Portsmouth students also visited Action Stations for some high-tech, military simulator activities and timed climbing challenges for a realistic sense of climbing up and down sail rigging every day.



Year 8 hit the ground running!

Firstly a big welcome to the new Year 8s who joined us this year – great to see you all settled in so well.

The new Student Council members have been elected, have met for the first time and proposed ideas for this year's project. We had an amazing assembly from 8SHS on Black History Month and the House competitions have begun in earnest – the competition is really on!

Year 8 has had some great opportunities to enjoy, from the Harry Potter trip which was, typically, magical, to the Show Choir performing in the Andover Variety Show. They were phenomenal and I was so proud to see the CarFest performers showing their support, waving their phone lights in the air! Students have also been busy, getting creative with the Ash Tree art project and festive at the Christmas Fair. We are excited by the upcoming Cyber Ambassadors' and All Stars' BBC Young Reporter projects.

The uniform is impeccable and I am so proud that they look as smart as they are. We have also had the best attendance most of the term; come on Year 8 – let's get back in the lead again!

Mrs Ford, Head of Year 8

HARROW WAY 'GREEN' MEETS STANNAH 'GREY'

Harrow Way students (the green!) mentored by Stannah engineers (the grey!) pitched their design wits against teams from local schools in the annual 'Green Meets Grey Day'.

In a bid to design the next generation of stairlift, students were challenged to empathise with the film star Michael J Fox. Brainstorming a range of ideas their strongest was selected for the next stage of the competition – the Stannah Dragons' Den. Here they

pitched their stairlift design to the panel which included Mr Stannah himself and five other key company managers.

Alongside putting their creative design skills to the test the day was also a great opportunity for students to see STEM careers in action and get an insight into the role of manufacturers, designers and engineers.

Getting ready for the Design Ventura challenge



A trip to the Design Museum has given Design and Technology students a head start in the annual Design Ventura competition. Working with industry experts the Year 9s explored a number of ideas during a workshop aimed at developing their creative thinking and problem solving skills. The sessions act as a pre-competition platform, intended to help inform and inspire students

before they formally submit their product designs later in the year, with the winner going on to be manufactured and sold in the Design Museum shop.

The Harrow Way team are now busy working up their ideas before a school judging panel selects the strongest design for their submission to the competition.



Impressive start from Year 10

Year 10 continue to impress, working extremely hard this half term. Parents' Evening at the beginning of December was a chance to celebrate student success while keeping a firm eye on the future by learning what improvements need to be made moving forward.

It was also great to see so many parents attend the Work Experience information evening. This is a tremendous opportunity for students to step into the world of work and to either rule out, or firmly rule in potential careers for the future. Next year's work experience week will be held 6-10 July 2020.

Hard work and achievement were recognised and celebrated with the ice skating reward trip for all students who achieved 250 stamps or more. It was a lovely evening and hopefully a big incentive to encourage students to keep up the good work next term! Happy Christmas.

Mr Carter, Head of Year 10

Academic endeavour and success, hard work, commitment and personal achievement all took centre stage recently at our annual Presentation Evening. The class of 2019 were back in force to collect their hard earned GCSE certificates and to see who had won the much-coveted curriculum and trophy awards.

"Our annual Presentation Evening is always a special occasion and a wonderful opportunity for us to recognise a wide range of students for their remarkable achievements both in their GCSEs and throughout their time at Harrow Way. For the students here

tonight, none of this would have been possible without the support of your families and your teachers and your own incredible hard work, resilience and determination. **We are extremely proud of you.**

"I know I speak for many staff when I say that we have fond memories of the class of 2019. For five years the year group led the way in so many things. Throughout it all the students were hard working, determined and increasingly committed to their studies, which has been reflected in some fantastic results" said a very proud Mr Serridge.

Win at Army Challenge Day

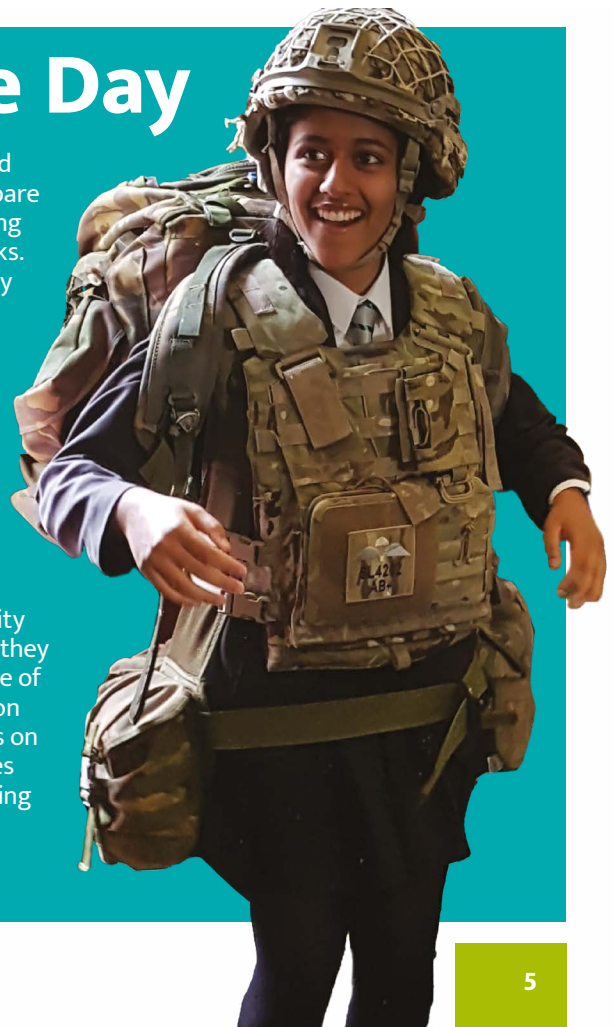
A Cyber Challenge Day at the British Army's Blandford camp gave Year 10 students an insight into the role STEM plays in defence. Competing against a number of other schools, the team of eight won the challenge to solve numerous tasks in a fully immersive, AI (artificial intelligence) powered, multi-player online security training and assessment platform.

The cybersecurity training platform used for the challenge mirrors actual networks and uses real-time threat



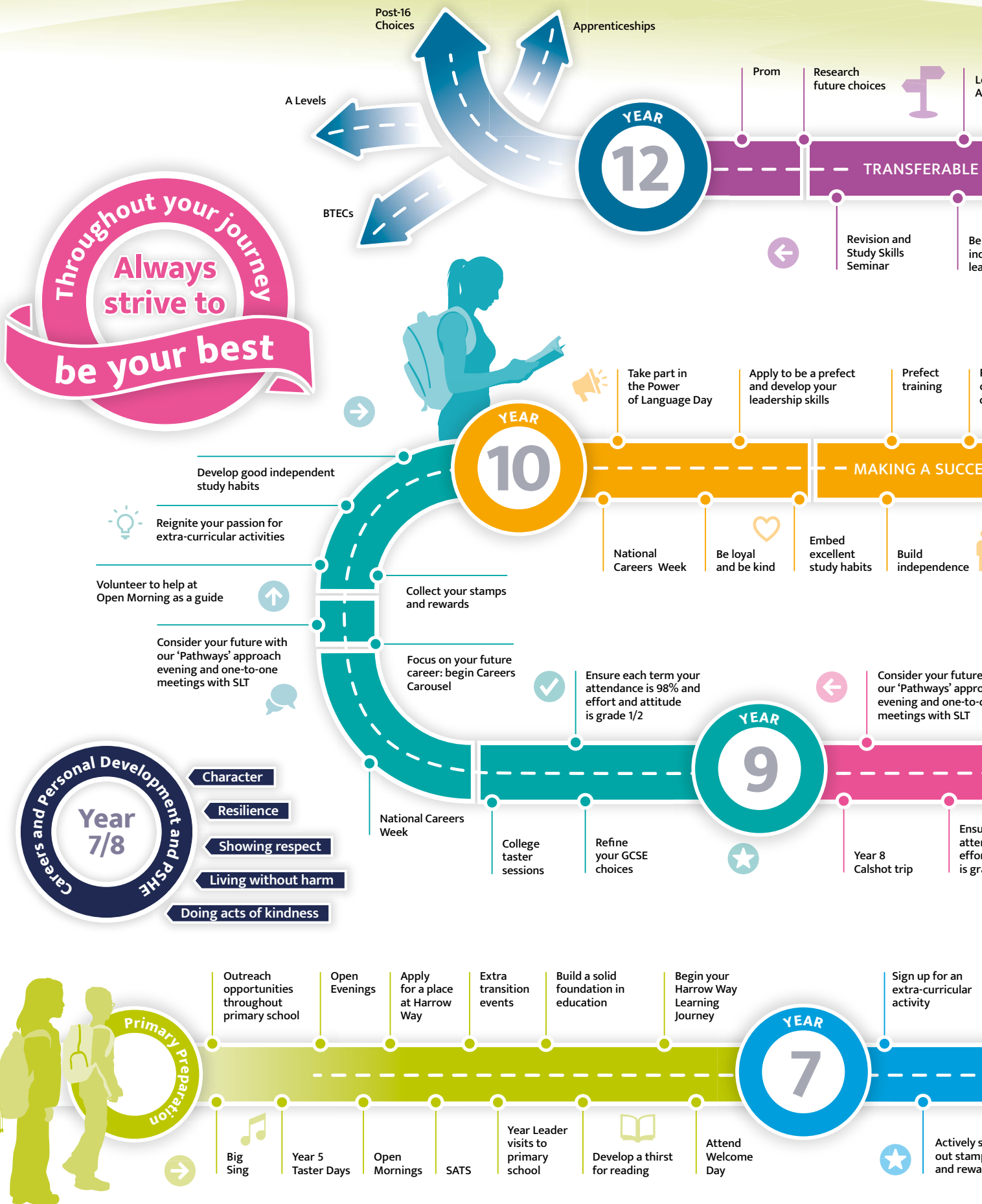
intelligence, machine learning and gamification to educate and prepare cybersecurity teams for protecting against ever-evolving cyberattacks. Each team was hosted by an Army mentor as they worked their way through a number of interactive experiences which brought STEM to life while also demonstrating its importance across a breadth of roles within defence and in the Army.

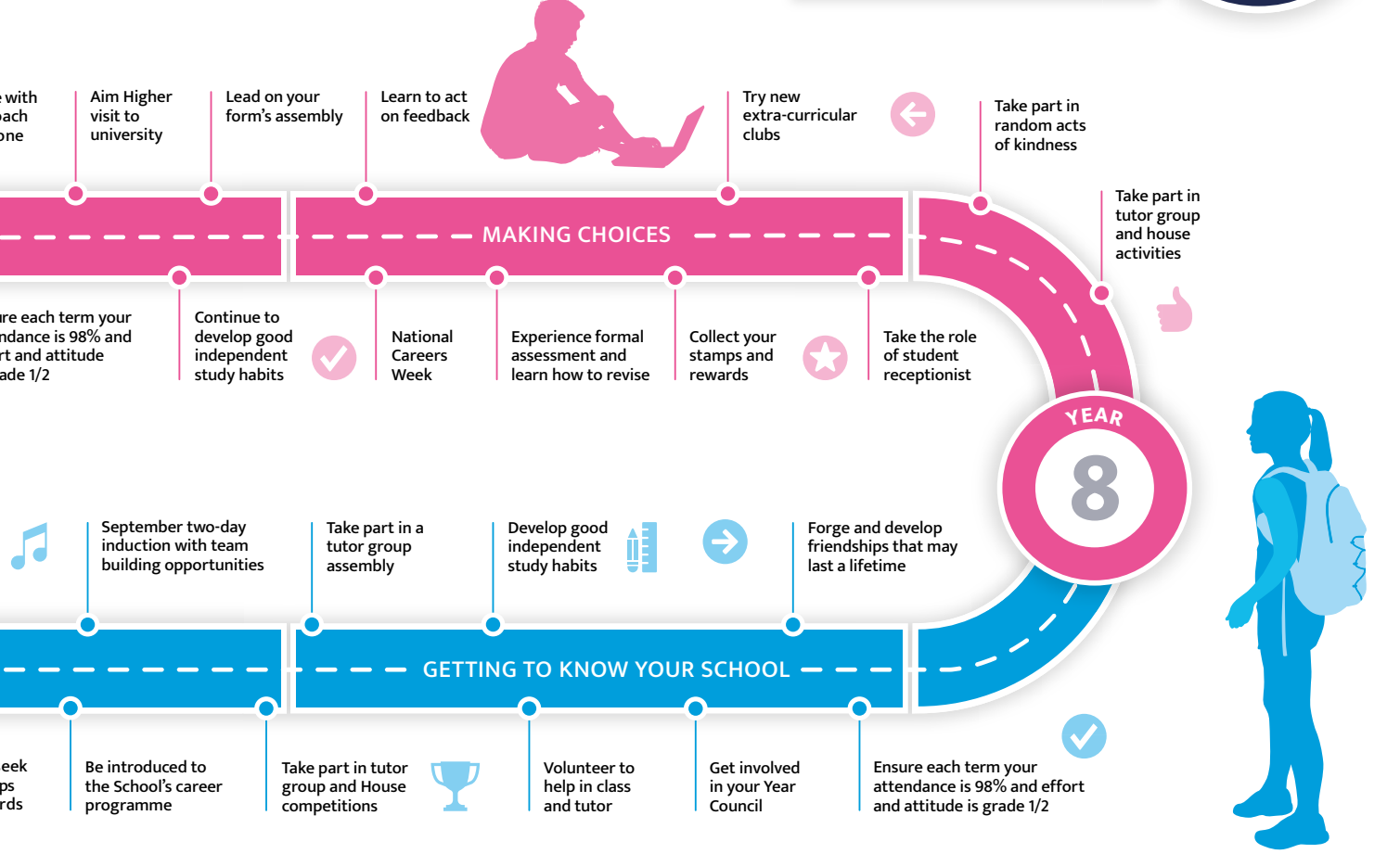
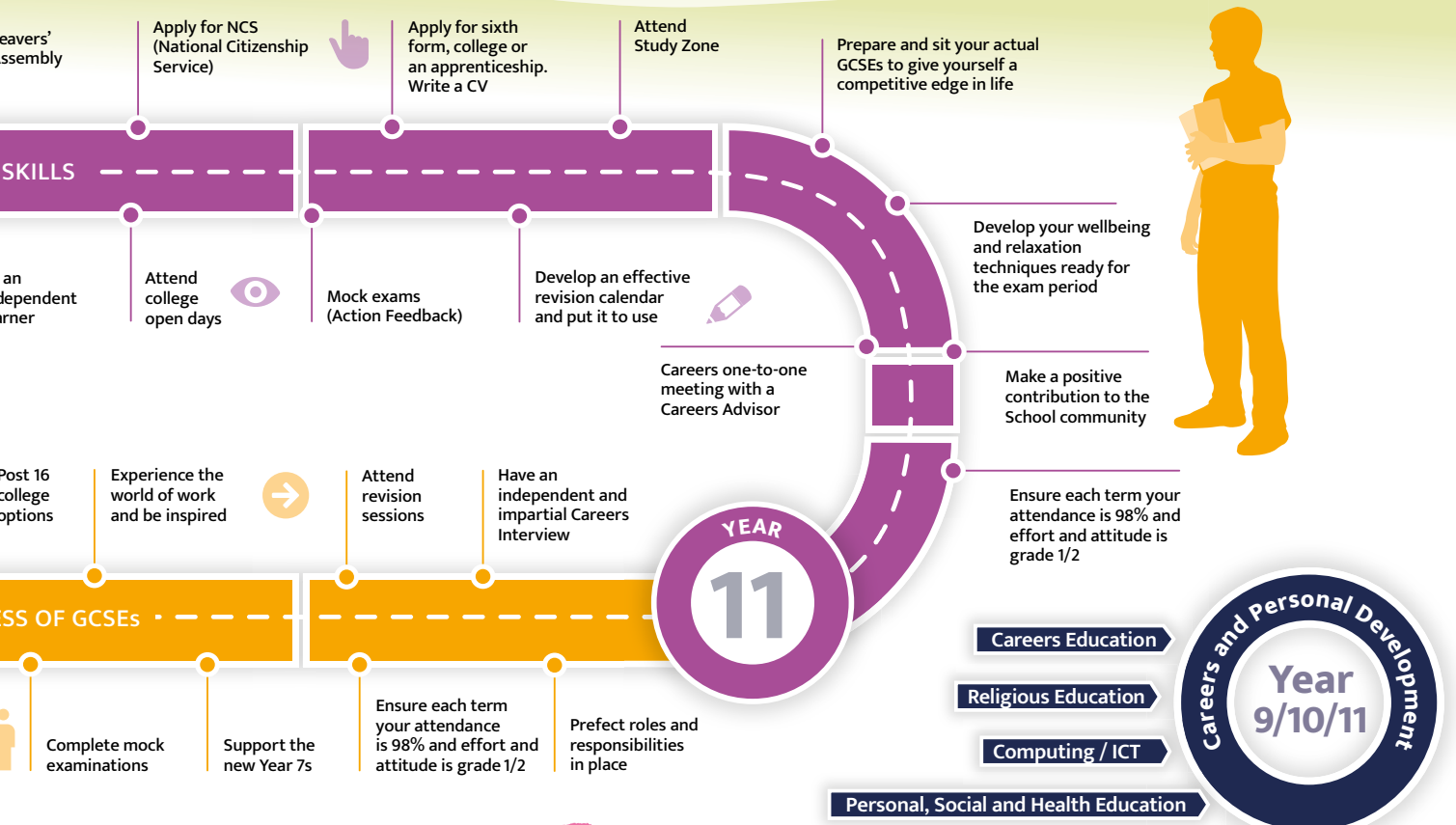
Commenting on the experience Mrs Robertson said: "It is important for students to appreciate the scale of opportunity there is available to them should they choose to consider a career in one of the STEM industries. This hands-on experience has opened their eyes on a number of levels - opportunities within the Army, within engineering and within cybersecurity."



The Harrow Way Learning Journey

Welcome to the Harrow Way Learning Journey. This graphical illustration is a roadmap to the student experience as they transition from Year 6 and progress through the years here at Harrow Way.





House Happenings

With House points now given more weight, motivation to participate is higher than ever before. And what a term it's been with students raising an incredible amount of points for their House. Students have worked together as well as showcased their individual talents in the many competitions on offer from the creative to the sporting, baking to putting on the Christmas Fair. Clearly it's all to play for. Let's see what the spring term brings for the birds!

Buzzards 66,580 points Boss Buzzards' Bulletin

"Buzzards have flown off to a fantastic start and continue to fly high at the top of the leader board! Well done Luke Taylor, awarded Buzzard of the Moment for entering every House competition and being one of the top stamp earners in Year 7 and to tutor groups 10CAB and 8TMF for winning this term. Keep it up Buzzards and the House cup is sure to be ours!"

Miss Fowler

Hawks 49,330 points Head Hawks' Headlines

"Hawks have had great success this term. We've overtaken Kestrels – a victory to be celebrated for sure! Sam Carter starred as our Hawk of the Moment for his participation in after school clubs as well as gaining every

possible stamp in lessons and 11NBA took the title of Tutor Group Stamp Champs. Slow and steady wins the race – Buzzards we're coming to get you."

Mrs Hamilton

Kestrels 44,030 points King Kestrels' Kolumn

"It's been a tough term in the Kestrel kump with Buzzards roaring into the lead and Hawks gradually overhauling us to move into second place. Things looked bleak, or should that be 'beak'? Fortunately, some great performances in recent competitions have seen us climbing the table as the term draws to an end. This term's Kestrel of the Moment, Maisy Ruddick, not only produced a delicious, show stopping cake but is also among the top stamp earners in the School. Keep going Kestrels – Ka K'ah!"

Mr Manson

Year 11 rise to the challenge

All students have a time in Year 10 where they get told "**in a year, it will be you**". Rarely does it work for teachers to motivate students in the present with something that long term – but it should work now!

Year 11 has arrived and the students have been hit full in the face by the task. Extra sessions, revision, assessments and the looming vision of life after Harrow Way are all now very real. In response, it has been great to witness the students manage revision and the general ethos in lessons has shown a real maturity and focus. This was all headlined with the recent mock exams and they will all be aware that the preparation doesn't stop.

With that said, enjoy a proper rest and don't revise that hard but remember, after Christmas, **it will still be you**.

Mr Cole, Head of Year 11

The Great Harrow Way Bake off



Show Stopping Appearance

- 1st Place – Sarah Morris (Buzzards)
- 2nd Place – Katie Morgan (Buzzards)
- 3rd Place – Charlotte Newport (Kestrels)



Terrific Taste

- 1st Place – Maisy Ruddick (Kestrels)
- 2nd Place – Archie Broome (Kestrels)
- 3rd Place – Matilda Summerfield (Hawks)



Best Baker

Freya Willman (Buzzards)

Christmas Card Competition 2019

Both the number and the quality of entries this year was really impressive. It was so hard to judge that Mr Serridge and the Governors were called in to make the final decision!

Congratulations to our winner Cerys Maloney (Buzzards), whose card design graces the cover of this edition of The Eagle. Joint second place goes to Jez Rolf and Kenzie Taylor (Kestrels), pictured below, closely followed by Suranne Bridge (Kestrels) in third place.



Year 7 jump into school life

Year 7 has started their time at secondary school brilliantly. It seems as though only moments ago that they were staring nervously around the Auditorium and now they are active members of the School. Following their personalised two day induction, they've jumped straight into school life. They have been excellent at singing in assemblies and have had the highest participation in many House competitions including the Harrow Way Bake Off, House Basketball and the Day of the Dead amongst others. We also have worked really hard to have the highest attendance in the School which we hope will continue.

Well done to Year 7 for their huge contribution to the Christmas Fair and to tutor group 7MEH for our first tutor group assembly which tackled the important topic of Black History Month very well. I was also impressed by students attending the visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard who conducted themselves perfectly and were shining examples of Harrow Way students.

I am looking forward to the Plas Pancelli trip in the spring and an outstanding 2020. Thank you for your continued awesomeness.

Mr Reed, Head of Year 7

Inspired by the 'Pearl of Dorset'



Situated in the heart of the world famous Jurassic Coast, Lyme Regis, the seaside town, with its beautiful sweeping beach, picture postcard harbour and long promenade was sketched and photographed as Year 10 students captured references of the water, skies, buildings and boats.

Commenting on the value of the trip Mrs Collins said: "Our Art students are currently working on a project entitled 'Coast' so naturally we needed to take them somewhere with a great sea view! I'm excited to see how the references collected will translate into final outcomes, which for the artists will be mixed media landscapes and the photographers will be working on a number of mini projects."



Hampshire Book Awards

Year 8 students have once again played their part in deciding who should take title honours at the annual Hampshire Book Awards. Between March and June this year the students read six shortlisted books and met weekly with English teacher Miss Clarkson and Library Resource Manager Mrs Burningham.

There were six books in the shortlist, covering a number of genres including historical (Suffragette movement), sci-fi, thriller, dystopian and adventure. In June over 400 students from schools across Hampshire met at several venues to debate the shortlist and in October our Year 8s attended the award ceremony to crown Paula Rawsthorne, author of *Shell*, the winner.



Circles and rings

Year 9 Art students looking for inspiration for their 'Circles and Rings' project were given a creative treat with a visit to Southampton City Art Gallery. With renowned artist Yinka Shonibare curating the Criminal Ornamentation exhibition, students were guided by gallery staff as they explored the works of a number of celebrated artists.



Mrs Collins, Curriculum Leader for Art and Photography elaborates:

“ Inspiration can come from many different sources and this trip to the gallery demonstrated to our students how other artists can take a theme and translate this creatively into a piece of art. ”



Military chefs cook up a naval storm

Royal Navy chefs put military cooking centre stage during a recent trip to work with Hospitality and Catering students. The three chefs from the Navy Careers team spent the day inspiring students with various culinary demonstrations while giving an insight into life on the high seas as a Navy chef.



Commenting on the naval visit, Design Technology Teacher Mrs Law said:

“These were highly qualified chefs who demonstrated to the students that if you're passionate about creating high quality food and considering a military career – you can in fact do both in the Navy.

“Students were also fascinated to hear the stories of what life and a career in the Navy is like, from the salary that can be earned, the training involved, sporting opportunities and of course, the many countries visited.”

Another excellent start for Year 9

Year 9 has relished the challenge of starting on their pathway to GCSE success. The step up in level of difficulty found in GCSE courses is not an easy feat but our Year 9s are showing resilience and a determination to succeed. This term I have been in the lucky position to have observed every Year 9 student in their lessons and I am very proud of the work ethic displayed.

As well as teaching, our tutors have commented on how much they enjoyed meeting you all during the meet-the-tutor evening and are already looking forward to next year's evening.

In addition to academic lessons, there are a whole range of opportunities for students which range from sporting clubs to visits and I am always impressed with the number of Year 9s who take part. We've had great success at the local badminton competition and enjoyed visits to the Design Museum and Good Food Show.

I look forward to another productive term and hope you all enjoy a relaxing holiday season.

Miss Beynon-Thomas,
Head of Year 9

Sports Round-up



Girls win Key Stage 3 District Badminton tournament



Congratulations to our Key Stage 3 girls badminton team who took title honours at the District Badminton tournament held this term.

Teams were entered for both the Key Stage 3 and 4 tournaments and everyone did themselves and the School proud with some exciting games in what is always a very tough competition.

As champs of the District, the Key Stage 3 team will now go on to play Romsey School in the next round.

Girls' Football

The Year 7 and 8 girls' football team has played in two tournaments this term. The first, an outdoor 7 a-side competition, saw our mixed team of girls play exceptionally well in the Year 8 age group, coming away with a very respectable two wins and a draw.

For the second tournament of the term, the Year 7s headed indoors where they narrowly missed out on a place in the final. Bagging third place (out of seven teams overall) in the play offs against Rookwood, the team are already looking forward to more fixtures in the spring term.



Want to give the Sports Academy a go?

Come along for Wednesday enrichment session.

Sports Leadership Academy

We run a thriving Sports Leadership Academy here at Harrow Way which offers students many opportunities to grow in self-confidence, hone their organisational and communication skills and most importantly of all, have fun in a sporting environment.

The Year 7s have settled in well to the Academy and have already been involved with the Year 5 and 6 indoor athletics event for our cluster of

primary schools. Here they supported our Year 9 and 10 Sports Leaders who ran the event with great efficiency.

We also recently hosted the annual basketball event for the town's primary schools. Once again our Sports Leaders performed faultlessly and are looking forward to hosting Indoor Curling for our cluster primary schools and the annual Skills for Life KS1 competition next term.



2020 Calendar

Christmas Holiday – Monday 23 December 2019 to Friday 3 January 2020 inclusive

6/1/20	Spring term begins Year 11 Performing Arts study day Year 11 Art and Photography exam papers issued
10/1/20	Year 10 D&T visit to BCOT
w/c 13/1/20	Year 11 Catering practicals all week
13/1/20	6.00–7.00pm National Citizen Service parent briefing, Auditorium
16/1/20	3.30–7.00pm Year 11 Parents' Evening
w/c 20/1/20	Year 11 Catering practicals all week
24/1/20	Year 7 History visit to Warwick Castle
30/1/20	3.30–7.00pm Year 9 Parents' Evening
31/1/20	Andover College applications deadline
7/2/20	Years 9/10 Oxford Science Live Event
w/c 10/2/20	Years 7–10 Maths assessments this week Week 1 Year 11 PPEs (pre-public examinations)
14/2/20	Year 10 History visit to Whitechapel

Spring Half Term – Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2020

24/2/20	Week 2 Year 11 PPEs (pre-public examinations)
25–27/2/20	Year 11 Andover College interviews
26–29/2/20	Year 9 residential visit to Paris
w/c 2/3/20	National Careers Week
2/3/20	Year 11 Peter Symonds College interviews – Day 1 6.00pm Year 11 Performing Arts Exam Performance
3/3/20	6.00pm Year 11 Performing Arts Exam Performance Year 8 Cadbury's World
4/3/20	Mixed years D&T event, Crosfield Hall, Romsey
5/3/20	6.00–6.30pm Years 8/9 More Able Parent Information Evening Year 11 History revision session World Book Day – whole school 8.45–9.05am Year 10 BCOT – Careers Assembly
6/3/20	Year 11 Peter Symonds College interviews – Day 2
9/3/20	All Years Progress Reviews published this week
10/3/20	INSET 4 – School closed to students
12/3/20	6.30pm –8.00pm Year 9 Curriculum Evening
13/3/20	Y11 Art and Photography Terminal Exam – Day 1
16/3/20	Y11 Art and Photography Terminal Exam – Day 2
16–18/3/20	Year 9/parent appointments for curriculum option choices (3 days)
26/3/20	3.30–7.00pm Year 8 Parents' Evening
28 & 29/3/20	School Musical Get In weekend

30/3/20	All Years Maths assessments this week 5.00–9.00pm School Musical Dress Rehearsal
31/3/20	6.00–9.00pm School Musical Gateway Club Preview Performance
2 & 3/4/20	6.00–9.00pm School Musical Public Performance

Easter Holiday – Monday 6 April 2020 to Friday 17 April 2020 inclusive

20/4/20	Summer term begins
20–24/4/20	Year 7 Plas Pencelli residential visit
23/4/20	6.30–8.00pm Year 8 Curriculum Evening
28 & 29/4/20	Year 8/parent appointments for curriculum option choices
8/5/20	Bank Holiday
11/5/20	GCSEs begin until 24 June 2020
w/c 18/5/20	Years 7–10 Maths assessment this week

Summer Half Term – Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2020

8–12/6/20	Year 8 Calshot residential visit
w/c 15/6/20	Years 7–10 Progress Reviews published this week Years 7–10 End of Year exams (week 1)
15/6/20	5.00–7.00pm Year 10 Showcase Dress Rehearsal
16/6/20	3.30pm Year 10 Showcase Staff Performance 6.00pm Year 10 Showcase Public Performance
22/6/20	Years 7–10 End of Year exams (week 2)
23 & 24/6/20	Year 10 Geography visit to Swanage
24/6/20	GCSEs end
25/6/20	3.30–7.00pm Year 7 Parents' Evening
26/6/20	Year 11 Leavers' Buffet/Dance
29/6/20	INSET 5 – School closed to students
w/c 30/6/20	Year 9 English speaking assessments this week
30/6/20	Induction Day and Evening
2/7/20	6.00pm PE Presentation Evening
w/c 6/7/20	Enrichment Week Year 10 Work Experience Week
7/7/20	Year 8 Geography visit to Lulworth Cove
8 & 9/7/20	Year 5 Taster Days
9 & 10/7/20	9.15–10.30am Year 4/5 Open Mornings
9/7/20	Years 7 and 8 Presentation Evening
10/7/20	Year 7 Harry Potter Day
13 & 14/7/20	Year 7 Geography visit to The New Forest
16/7/20	Years 9 and 10 Presentation Evening
17/7/20	Sports Day
22/7/20	Last day of summer term – school finishes at 12.45pm



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