



2019 HAMPSHIRE RANKINGS

Harrow Way has been ranked the highest school in Hampshire for Performing Arts (Drama and Dance) and D&T (Catering). Out of the 69 secondary schools in the county we were ranked first for Student Progress in both these subjects, second for Business Studies and sixth for Science and Media Studies.



Joining Forces to Keep Our Young People Safe

We've joined forces with a growing number of schools and colleges to form a partnership called Hampshire Safe.

Collectively we will be working together to not only raise awareness of the impact of substance misuse but also to put measures in place to stop it from happening at our schools and colleges.

New Harrow Way Parent and Teacher Association

We've launched a new Harrow Way Parent and Teachers Association (PTA) so if you'd like to contribute to future fundraising, social and community events then please contact Tracey Roberts, the School Business Manager via the [website here](#).

Head's Corner

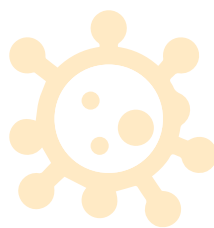
This has been uncharted territory for the school so I'd like to thank you all for your support while we dealt with the coronavirus.

As we put together this addition of the Eagle, I am unsure what developments will have taken place by the time you receive



this copy! Up until this point it has been a very busy term and I think it is important to reflect on all that has been achieved. I hope this edition of the Eagle gives us an opportunity to recognise the breadth and quality of experiences that our young people have engaged in throughout the term.

Up until recently students have roamed far and wide on educational and character forming trips. They've been to gallery visits in London, explored Warwick Castle and we've had sporting and cultural competitions such as the Year 7/8 District Cross Country, Andover Young Musician of the Year and the Rotary Photographic Competition. Our students have had opportunities in school to learn and reflect in a variety of ways; we have welcomed visiting artists, have celebrated World Book Day and held House Competitions of all kinds. Young Leaders have shown excellent leadership skills supporting Mr Haysom and primary pupils at sporting tournaments. Our sports teams have also performed well this term and attendance at after-school clubs is encouraging.



PARENT APP

Have you downloaded the new Parent VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) App yet?

This new app will keep you 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**.



BRIAN LIGHTMAN VISIT

We had a visit from Brian Lightman, an acknowledged authority on the English education systems. As an invited speaker he regularly contributes to seminars and conferences on education, leadership and governance. He has contributed to numerous publications and has frequently appeared in the media.

"My initial impression is of a school which knows itself well, is determined to improve further and is completely open to advice and suggestions from within and outside towards this aim. This is a great strength. The school has a strong ethos and knows the importance of this. Relationships between staff and students are very good and based on a high degree of mutual respect. It was a pleasure to meet two groups of students and Prefects and it is clear that student voice is genuinely embedded in the school ethos.

“During my tour of the school I saw very high standards of behaviour and students who were enthusiastically engaged in their learning in every lesson. Movement between lessons was orderly and quick allowing for maximum time for learning.” Brian Lightman

Leadership and Learning Partner Annual visit

Our LLP (Leadership and Learning Partner) visit from the Local Authority, took place on 22nd January. The purpose of the annual visit was to moderate and ratify the school's self-evaluation process. During the visit an extended discussion was held with me regarding the school's internal data and a learning walk was carried out to view the school in session. Meetings were also held with middle leaders, as well as a learning walk of Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 classes. I am very pleased to advise that the school will remain low priority for the Local Authority.

“The School leaders are savvy and know the strengths and challenges of their context. The Headteacher is an avid reader of research and has created an atmosphere where the staff are willing to continue to learn and adapt their practice.”

“The school is very adept at growing leaders internally. There is strong leadership capacity. There are robust monitoring systems in place and still lots of fresh ideas to support the continuing development of teaching and learning”. LLP

NEW INTAKE

I was very pleased to learn recently that we will be welcoming a full year group into Year 7 for September 2020.

I am delighted that Harrow Way continues to be the first choice for families in our area. This year we were asked by the Local Authority to take on an additional 15 students. We currently still have a waiting list of 40!

STAFFING

We are bucking the national trend with little movement of teaching staff here at Harrow Way. Whilst Sarah Swanton is on maternity leave, Mr Robbie Bowry will be covering her History classes.

Parent Survey 2020

Every year we undertake an evaluation of our performance, acknowledging our successes and also identifying the areas that we need to improve. Parental input is essential if the process is going to be truly meaningful and the evidence we collect helps to determine the priorities for the year ahead and longer term. After Easter we will be asking parents to complete our annual questionnaire.

As per last year the information we receive from the questionnaires will be fed back to you via the school newsletter and will be discussed at Staff Meetings and Governors' Committee Meetings to form the new three year School Improvement Plan (2020-2023).



New Student Leadership Team

After a rigorous application process, including a letter of application and an interview panel, we are pleased to announce our new Student Leadership Team for 2020/2021. You can read about our revised Prefect structure and details of the successful candidates on page 7.

Finally, I hope your child has enjoyed this term, despite its abrupt and unsettling end. We will continue to keep in contact via our usual communication channels so do please look out for emails directing you to details of how we will deliver remote learning for the remaining term of the academic year.

“I hope that, despite the difficult circumstances, you manage to enjoy a pleasant Easter break with perhaps a little sunshine!”

Mr Serridge, Headteacher

A message to students from the Year Leaders

We and the Year Leader Assistants would like to wish our students and their families all the best in these difficult times - it was such a shame that a brilliant term ended the way it did. Please remember though, that it was a great term with many achievements and successes we all can be very proud of.

School may be closed for the moment but the learning is all set to continue after the Easter break! We may not be in the same classrooms but we've got lots planned and will be on hand and contactable by email (as will your tutors) if you need any support or help with remote learning.

Please stay safe and we look forward to seeing you once school restarts.



YEAR 10 THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE

Spring term has been very positive for Year 10 with students already starting to think about their future. We kicked this off at the end of January when I took 23 high achieving, ambitious students to Andover College for a talk about 'Going to University'. This very informative and interactive talk, delivered by a representative of Oxford University, was designed to raise the aspirations of our students.

The main focus for the rest of the term has been on Head Boy/Girl, Senior Prefect and Prefect applications. Students have been working tirelessly on their letters of application, presentations and preparing themselves for interviews. The field has been outstanding and there have been some very tough decisions to make. The new appointments were all announced during a special assembly - head over to page 7 to find out more.

Mr Carter, Head of Year 10

Student success in Youth Parliament elections

A second Harrow Way student, Charley Kinghorn, has successfully been elected to represent the 22,000 young people within North West Hampshire following the recent Hampshire Youth Parliament (HYP) elections.

All secondary schools and colleges in the county took part in the January election. Over 4,739 votes were cast across all districts as 14 young candidates stood for the seven contested seats with Charley elected as the Support Member of the Youth Parliament (SMYP).

In this role Charley will work alongside the Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) to bring about local change within the community and lobby decision makers, local councillors and politicians to ensure young people are at the heart of every conversation. She now joins the current MYP, Dmitrijs Meiksans, another Harrow Way student, who has been in office for one year and will continue to serve as a MYP until February 2021.

Goodbye for now Year 11

They cancelled the exams. What does that mean? School is over. How is that a thing?

As I write, we are still taking our first tentative steps in lockdown, far from releasing the doves and feeling a little confused. Against that backdrop, amid a global crisis, it would be easy to say that your experience over the last couple of weeks is not the biggest worry right now. However, it is natural to consider our place in the world and it would be wrong if we didn't acknowledge the momentum shift in the lives of our Year 11 community, the "COVID-Kids", The Class of 2020. #Bestresultever seems redundant, what will you be remembered for now?

It is (for me) an impossible task to neatly summarise the emotion of your (presumed) last days at Harrow Way. To look forward is instinctive, as students you are conditioned to focus on the finish line, but your race has been stopped, a jarring conclusion. No other year group in living memory has had to manage that. However, we must continue to adapt, continue to find purpose and continue to seek ways of coping under strange new circumstances.

You set the standard for this. That is your legacy. Within two strange days, you demonstrated why you will be ok, why you will be remembered and why you will continue to be amazing people. Rightly there were negatives; sadness, anger, confusion, hopelessness and perhaps a sense of betrayal. But this changed. In the short time you had to come to terms with the end of school life, you changed the atmosphere from one of pessimism to one of optimism.

The tears were still there, but on that Friday afternoon, more than anything, I felt (from you) a sense of gratitude. It extended in all directions, to each other, your teachers, your past, present and future.

Under the most unfair, strange and surprising circumstances, you found a reason to be thankful and in doing so, you reminded everyone of the often overlooked positivity within our young communities. You are amazing people, and while emotions will inevitably fluctuate in the short term they will settle eventually.

This emotion is always present when Year 11 leaves, but it is usually timely. Goodbye is never easy and it is rarely made easier when it is forced upon you. But you found a way to make that easier, in kindness, in friendship and in gratitude.

**Thank you Class of 2020,
goodbye for now...**

Mr Cole, Head of Year 11



The ultimate Science lesson

Students enjoyed the ultimate science lesson from the who's who in the science world. Professor Robert Winston topped the bill at Science Live where he was joined by a number of the UK's leading experts from the fields of chemistry, physics, clinical anatomy and oceanography.

“They opened up a whole new world with their passion and love of science”

The engaging day of exciting presentations and experiments was designed to inspire students to continue studying STEM subjects post 16.

Commenting on the opportunity to hear from the incredible line-up of famous speakers, Science Teacher Mrs Burden said: “It was a privilege to hear from these household name scientists who were all carefully chosen for their ability to communicate with students in a direct and exciting way. They opened up a whole new world with their passion and love of science and thought-provoking presentations and experiments.”

Highlights of the day included Professor Robert Winston sharing his ground breaking research into improving the success rate of IVF and UCL's Professor Andrea Sella's experiment showing the amazing properties of carbon dioxide to exist as a solid, liquid and gas in a single test tube. But favourite by far was the argument that future time travel is possible if you travel close to the speed of sound in a stronger gravitational field!



HLOWAA Lifelines Challenge

A number of students successfully completed the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HLOWAA) Lifelines Challenge this term. A trip to the Air Ambulance's base at Thruxton to meet the team and visit the training suite concluded the four part challenge which the students have been working on since last July.

We've long given first aid training a high priority with a commitment to deliver certificated first aid courses to all Key Stage 4 students as part of our 'Be Ready' programme. The challenge started with a visit from



the HLOWAA team to deliver a session which demonstrated how to respond in an emergency and the importance of teamwork and communication in these situations. During the visit the team also demonstrated what happens during a HEMS (Helicopter Emergency Medical Service) mission.

Trained and briefed it was then over to the students to complete the remaining parts of the challenge – 'Spread the word' and 'Get fundraising'. To raise awareness students made a short video highlighting the charity's work, running costs and how they serve the community. To raise funds for the charity they worked with the Business Studies department, successfully completing the £10 challenge, which they turned into £100 by selling sweets and crisps.



Site and Facilities Manager Mr Badby who delivers all of the school's first aid training commented: "I hope that this will be the first of many groups that we can get through this valuable project as, not only does it benefit the charity, but also the students who take part".

NEW PREFECT SYSTEM

Prefects play an important and valuable role here at Harrow Way. For those who are successful in meeting our rigorous criteria, the opportunity to take on a leadership position is great preparation for future responsibilities.

However we felt that the structure of the Prefect system didn't best reflect the culture and ethos of the school and having closely examined how best Prefects can better serve the Harrow

Way community, we decided to launch a new system this year.

The graphic below illustrates how this new Prefect system underpins the key pillars of sports, events, the student council, charity, environment, equality, anti-bullying and learning. These are important themes which we strive to uphold and we look forward to seeing our new Prefects further encourage and embed these throughout the school.



Meet your new Prefect and Student Leadership Team

Having changed the structure of our prefect team we once again raised the bar for our prefect recruitment process and once again students rose to the challenge! After rigorous applications and some tough interviews, which saw numerous students apply for the various positions of Prefect and Senior Prefect, we formally announced those successfully appointed during a special assembly.

Congratulations to Tarik Kirgin and Maddy Cox, appointed Head Boy and Head Girl and to Sophie Cole and Darcey Newman, the new Deputy Heads and to all our new Prefects.

YEAR 9 SHOW PURPOSE AND DETERMINATION

It is hard to believe that as we come up to the Easter holidays Year 9 has now completed over half of their time with us at Harrow Way. The feeling of purpose and determination to succeed can be seen clearly within our lessons. With pupil pathway choices being narrowed to options it has been lovely to see so many parents attend their Options appointments emphasising the importance of Year 10 and 11 choices. I am always proud to see

how our pupils have maturely taken on the next steps towards their futures.

As ever it's been a busy time. From a successful residential visit to Paris to a trip to Science Live, Year 9 have eagerly jumped at the chance to take part. This follows a very successful parents' evening where it was lovely to see so many parents attend and I am sure you will agree when I say that there was a warming atmosphere to the evening.

In addition a More Able parents' evening was also well supported, informing parents about the benefit of EBacc subjects.

I wish you all a relaxing Easter holidays and with these uncertain times ahead, please remember as a Year 9 team, we are all here to support our pupils in whichever way possible.

Mrs Crossley, Head of Year 9

House Happenings

The gap between the three houses drew ever closer this term and it's been great to see participation at its best yet with students entering competitions in tutor groups as well as individually.

It's been a busy time with tutor groups creatively decorating their doors as book covers for World Book Day, drawing caricatures of their tutors and challenging themselves on PiXL Unlock! Only time will tell the fate of the birds.

We will not let the national lockdown get in the way of us gaining those points! We recently launched the house competition below via Google Classroom. Keep your eye out for further competitions which will be added here regularly to keep us working towards the House Cup. Use your time at home to get creative and earn points for your house!



Buzzards 121,580 points Boss Buzzards' Bulletin

Buzzards are continuing the flight for victory in the race for the House Cup. Currently soaring over 25,000 points ahead of both Hawks and Kestrels. The gap widens with every competition! 11LW not only have the highest attendance ranking but also stole the World Book Day door show achieving first place with their amazing 'IT' entry. This was closely followed by 8TMF's fantastic Jungle Book door in second place. Tamzyn and Kristina also ranked second and third place with their delightful and hilarious caricature drawings of their tutors leading to even more Buzzard house points! Our Buzzard of the Moment this term has to be Dmitrijs Meiksans for having 1,280 stamps - that's the expectation by the end of the year achieved already. Just wow! There's no fluttering in Buzzard House, hopefully the other birds will learn how to fly soon to give us some competition at the top.

Miss Fowler



Hawks 95,430 points Head Hawks' Headlines

It's been a tough term for Hawks. We have managed to continue our flight but there is a danger of the Kestrels soaring to second place. In order to stay on course we must keep flying into those competitions. Participation is key! The Hawk tutor groups are continuing to impress with their fabulous entries for each competition. We can celebrate the success of 8CSM and 10AJA for joint third place in our World Book Day door competition. I am pleased to announce that this term's Hawk of the Moment is Ruby Meighan who always puts in maximum effort to any competition and earns plenty of points for our house.

Hawks. We need you! Keep flying high - don't wave goodbye to first place just yet; you never know what is around the corner.

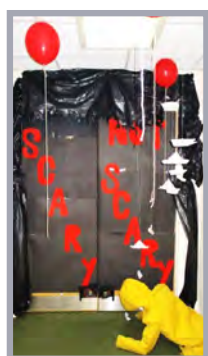
Mrs Hamilton



Kestrels 95,030 points King Kestrels' Kolumn

This term started badly with Kestrels languishing in third place, more than 4000 points behind second placed Hawks and so far behind Buzzards in first that they seemed a mere speck, soaring on a distant thermal. Down, but not out, the Kestrels soon found a second wind, rising to the challenge by dominating both the Penalty Shootout and the Caricature competitions. This brilliant effort means the term is ending with just a handful of points separating second and third. A big thank you goes to Keira Spear (8JPM) as this term's Kestrel of the Moment for her outstanding effort and huge haul of stamps. She is the only Kestrel in the school's top 10 stamp earners and is simply a wonderful person. As for the Buzzards, we're pretty sure they're up there somewhere. Has anyone got any binoculars?

Mr Manson



WORLD BOOK DAY

Both the number and the quality of entries this year was really impressive. Congratulation to the winning tutor groups:

1st Place – 11LW with 'IT'

2nd Place – 8TMF with Jungle Book

3rd Place – 8CSM and 10AJA joint winners with Up and Mary Poppins.



CARICATURE COMPETITION

This competition certainly caused a few laughs! Our students definitely paid attention to detail. Well done to Flossie (9CC) and her caricature of Mrs Collins, Tamzyn's (8TMF) version of Miss Fowler and Kristina (11LW) and her drawing of Mr Cole.



Mrs Collins



Miss Fowler



Mr Cole

Please create a piece of art around the theme 'Springtime'

Upload to Google Classroom (codes are on SMHW).

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Bonjour Paris

Foreign travel is a great opportunity for students to explore a new country, experience different cultures and of course practise their foreign language skills!

Our recent trip to Paris was a huge success with Year 9s enjoying a packed itinerary which saw them take in many of the French capital's famous sites. A cruise along the Seine gave an unrivalled river view of the city with a visit to the world's largest museum, the Louvre and a trip up the Eiffel Tower, both an absolute must too.

It wasn't all sightseeing, history and culture. A day at Disneyland Paris proved highly entertaining with students braving Star Wars Hyperspace Mountain, The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror and Indiana Jones et le Temple du Peril!





Educating students on how to stay safe

Year 8 students recently spent the day working with former police officer Dean Coady, OBE about the dangers of knife and street crime. Dean, from Urban Pure Solutions, specialises in delivering innovative, interactive workshops designed to engage and educate young people on street dangers.

Commenting on the session, which proved an eye opener for the young students, Head of Year 8 Mrs Ford said: "With the rise in street crimes across the country, we wanted to ensure that our students are as aware as they can be regarding the dangers of knife and street crime. Dean's session was incredibly engaging and hopefully students are now much more informed on how to keep themselves safe."

Through a series of discussions, interactions and role play Dean effectively delivered his powerful message regarding the dangers of being involved in street and knife crime. After the session student George commented: "I thought it was really good because he helped us to understand why we shouldn't use knives and how serious it can be. He made it entertaining for us, so even though it was serious, it made us listen." Another student Mitchell said: "It was important because it taught us about the consequences and the things that can happen."



Design skills put to test

Students put their design skills to the test recently, competing against a number of schools from across Hampshire in the annual Rotary Technology Competition. The event, held at Crosfield Hall in Romsey, challenged the teams of students to design, develop and build, only with the materials provided, a flashing beacon which had to adhere to a very tight specification with strict tolerances set by the Rotarians.

We entered five teams from Years 7 to 11 (beginners Years 7-9 and intermediate Years 10-11). Working alongside professional engineers who were allowed to provide very limited technical guidance, students set about the collaborative

challenge which was to design and build a flashing beacon with the capability of flashing 20 times within 10 seconds. With no prior knowledge of the task, the teams initially focused their design know-how on conceiving, experimenting and trialling their products, before they were put to the test by a panel of engineers and the Mayor of Romsey, Councillor Janet Burnage.

We didn't win on the day, but our students were incredibly engaged and seemed to really enjoy the opportunity of working alongside professional engineers and the Rotarians.

Year 7 enjoying life at Harrow Way

How quickly this term's gone past! It's great to see Year 7 is now fully settled in and beginning to enjoy themselves at Harrow Way.

It's been a busy term with a History trip to Warwick Castle and a number of sporting fixtures including football and basketball. I'm pleased to report we've played particularly well at netball too!

We've also done our bit for charity supporting the NSPCC's National Number Day. Having fun with

numbers raised more than £700 for the charity and we rounded the day off perfectly with a giant game of Kahoot in the Audi.

I'm really pleased to see the year group continuing to have huge participation in all house events and doing brilliantly at the PiXL Unlock competition.

I'm sure that Year 7 will continue to go from strength to strength.

Mr Reed, Head of Year 7



A TASTE OF COLLEGE LIFE

As part of our ambitious careers programme, Year 10 students were given a taste of both studying and working in a professional restaurant during a trip to BCoT (Basingstoke College of Technology). Working alongside the College's Catering and Hospitality students, the Harrow Way budding professionals were put to work in both the state of the art, industry-standard kitchen and front of house restaurant.

Under the instruction of BCoT's Chef Mundy students learned all the tricks of the trade. Preparing the restaurant for a busy service they were taught how to professionally fold napkins, make mocktails and correctly lay a table for a three course fine-dining meal. Behind the scenes in the professional kitchen, students got to grips with the industrial catering equipment as they prepared pizza,

sausage rolls, flat breads and an array of tasty desserts.

Commenting on the value of giving the students a further education experience, Mrs Law, Design Technology Teacher said: "As part of our careers programme students are encouraged and given numerous opportunities throughout the year to consider their options for further study and the potential careers this could lead to. For these Year 10 students the trip over to BCoT was a chance to see what the College offers for those looking to train in the Catering and Hospitality industries. They experienced the facilities they would be learning in, were taught by the lecturer who is part of the teaching team at BCoT and could ask current students what it is like to study the subject at a higher level."

Busy time for Year 8

What a full-on term for Year 8! Our girls' netball team went to watch England women's play and we had 60 students head over to Cadbury World which no doubt included some major chocolate sampling! Many of the year group have been busy working with local artist, Margaret Beale, in Fabric Fusion workshops and we have just started the Hampshire Book Award programme which I'm sure will be another amazing opportunity for everyone.

World Book Day was another occasion where Year 8 got to demonstrate just how well they get involved. All tutor groups took part in the 'dress the door' competition and our commitment paid off, with 8TMF taking second place and 8CSM taking joint third. Well done to 8JPM who worked hard to deliver an awesome assembly on the importance of family.

This term we also started our tutor lunches. This is our opportunity to spend time with some of our tutor groups (and share in a free lunch!) as a reward for always doing the right thing. It's great to have so many amazing people to celebrate!

Mrs Ford, Head of Year 8



Warwick Castle brings History lessons to life

History lessons were brought to life with a trip to Warwick Castle, famous for being one of the top ten most visited attractions in the UK! Originally built over 1100 years ago by William the Conqueror, the Castle, with its original motte, portcullis, murder holes and battlements, provided the perfect backdrop for our Year 7s studying medieval times.

As History teacher Mrs Brown said: "Although students can access lots of great learning resources at Harrow Way, sometimes nothing beats seeing and experiencing a subject in a real life

context. Warwick Castle is very impressive in reality and it was great for students to see elements of a medieval castle which we have discussed in the classroom."

Part of their exploration included visiting the castle dungeons where students saw first-hand the implements of torture used in medieval England and some students also took part in a mini weapons workshop finding out how they were used on the battlefield.

Sports Round-up

Girls' Football

We've had some great football success this term with the Year 7 and 8 teams really starting to gel well. This was rightly rewarded with a well-deserved victory for the Year 8s in the tournament held at Testbourne in January.

The Year 9 and 10 team is also doing well, coming together in March to play a friendly 9 a-side game against John Hanson. Superb playing from the team which came away with a 2-1 victory.

Callum Brown selected for Hampshire U15s

Year 10 student Callum Brown made his debut in March for Hampshire U15s county side playing against Middlesex, at Grasshoppers RFC in London.

Hampshire won the match 24-21, with Callum (playing No. 5 'Lock') contributing strongly to the scrums and line outs, in addition to making a number of try-saving tackles which could have meant a very different result.



SPORT FESTIVALS

Sports leaders have been very busy this terms supporting four festivals with over 250 primary school students attending. We held two Skills for Life events with Sports Leaders providing coaching on catching, passing, throwing and awareness.

Focus then turned to indoor New Age Kurling, which has the same rules as the ice-based version, using special 'stones' with rollers but no brush, so minus the shouting usually seen in the Olympics! Being a Sports Leader is a great opportunity for our students to develop a number of key skills while participating in sport.



Girls' Basketball

From dribbling a football to dribbling a basketball with Key Stage 3 girls participating in a tournament at Testbourne school this term. Both the Year 7 and Year 8 teams were extremely competitive throughout, scoring lots of baskets which secured them second place in the group. Great effort!



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