THE Harow Way Egg C Christmas 2022

Dancers bring 'Oliver' to life

We ended the term on a creative high with the public performances of our annual Dance Show. Our talented dancers brought the classic 'Oliver' to life, superbly supported by a team of technicians and our brilliant Dance teachers.

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ANDOVER DAY OF ACTION

During the term our regular Friday Eco Club were joined by some of the newly appointed Eco Monitors and staff to brave the wet weather to take part in a litter pick for Andover Day of Action.

The team visited the footpath and area behind the Ambulance Station and collected several bags full of rubbish, which was then collected by the Council.

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"The term has ended with a series of positive events celebrating the outstanding work and achievements of our students."

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.

It has been an especially busy autumn term packed full of exciting opportunities for students as we strive to regain normality for them after the pandemic disruptions which dogged much of last few years. Many of these events are highlighted in this term's newsletter.

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.



Harrow Way remains a 'good' school with many outstanding features identified

We started the term in a very positive way with some excellent examination results and very positive Ofsted inspection report. The report from Her Majesty's Inspector Linda Culling confirms that the school remains 'good' with many outstanding features identified.

Read the full report here.

The outcome of the inspection is positive news for Harrow Way. It reflects the hard work of students, staff and the governing body. The report also demonstrates the impact of

the school's support provided by parents/carers. It is, therefore, extremely important that

I acknowledge and thank you for your continued support.

I am immensely proud of the inspection report and the efforts of everyone who contributes daily to our high-quality provision here at Harrow Way. I am particularly thrilled that what the inspectors saw for two days is what we see every day – an excellent school. I hope that you find the inspection outcome report informative and as pleasing as we do.

Ofsted noted specifically:



Staffing

At the end of term, we will have said goodbye to **Mr Haysom** - Teacher of IT/PE who leaves to be nearer to home and **Mr Shakespeare** - Trainee Teacher Maths.

We are oversubscribed again this year!

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 into our routines without difficulty.



"I would like to take this opportunity to thank again all our parents/carers for their continued support, we really do feel privileged to be working with your young people. Wishing all of our families a happy and healthy Christmas!"

Mr Serridge, Headteacher



Year 7 live up to expectations

The arrival of a new year group at school is always an exciting occurrence and this Year 7 has certainly lived up to expectations! They have not only settled extremely well but also flourished in the face of new challenges.

We have packed this first term full of activities and challenges. From finding their way to lessons, making new friends and mastering a new timetable, our Year 7 have shone. Extracurricular activities have been well attended, from sports clubs, enrichment clubs, discos and a cinema evening and I am proud of how they have participated in all of these exciting opportunities.

Kindness and helping others have been high on our agenda. Year 7 donated 25 Christmas boxes to children less fortunate as well as raising nearly £100 supporting the Rotary Club's initiative. Over the next academic year, we will continue with and develop our kindness initiatives.

I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Crossley, Year Leader for Year 7

Faraday Challenge Day

We started the term on a STEM high with six teams competing from two schools, Harrow Way and Winton Community Academy, for the IET Faraday Challenge Day trophy.

The day involved students working as engineers, progressing through a series of challenges and working their way up the career ladder from apprentices through to graduating into a role. There were a number of positions the team had to assign, from team leaders to accountants.

Having agreed who was who, the challenge was to plan, design and create a prototype for a business. The prototype had to have one electronic element and using 'Faraday' money the team could purchase components such as card, elastic bands, servos motors and solar panels, battery packs, LED and crocodile clips and hire equipment. The final part of the day was for each team to present their ideas and prototypes. We can't say what the winning project was as it's part of a national competition but we can say one of the Harrow Way teams won the day and received a trophy for the school and a £10 voucher each.

IET

Congratulations to the winning team.





Time flies We now only have one

complete term of Year 11 left! This term we've really looked to

the future with Year 11 assemblies showcasing presentations from local sixth-form providers. All students in the year have also met with Mrs Manning, our careers advisor, at least once this term and have been supported to complete their college and training applications (deadlines for some have already passed).

Ensuring everyone is up to speed on their work, a number of Year 11s have been invited to attend period 6 lessons from 3-4pm with their teachers in order to catch up or revise key content for options subjects. This term these sessions have been targeted at key students. After Christmas, revision for core subjects begins in earnest and all Year 11s will be expected to attend regularly. These are not detentions, but valuable revision opportunities with their teachers.

In Tutor standstill the boys had a talk on toxic masculinity and how to prevent stereotypical attitudes towards men getting in the way of their future success. Girls discussed the importance of girls supporting other girls, rather than knocking each other down.

But it's not all been hard work: We've had the Senior Prefect dinner and pub quiz, Army team building event, Prefect reward trip to Winter Wonderland, and the Dance Show.

Mrs Ford, Year Leader for Year 11

Stannah donation gives STEM Club the green light

Our STEM Club is Green Power Challenge ready thanks to the generosity of the Joseph Stannah Foundation which donated a brand new Goblin electric kit car which students will assemble before designing, building and fitting its exterior.

A small team of STEM ambassadors from Stannah will support the students through the design and build process, helping them create a project plan and providing practical advice over the year.

Once built and race ready, students will have to learn how to drive the go kart and race it over three different Green Power Challenge venues. Over 700 teams enter the Challenge each year with 35 regional events allowing 10,000 students to take part.

Commenting on the opportunity the students have to look forward to, Mrs Robertson, Curriculum Leader ICT and Computing said: "Our thanks to the Joseph Stannah Foundation for their continued support and incredible generosity. It's going to be great fun to take part in the Green Power Challenge and while they pit their STEM wits against thousands of other students nationally, the team will be learning many valuable STEM lessons that support the curriculum and will give these students vital practical skills too."

Greenpower Education Trust is a UK based charity which gets young people enthusiastic about science and engineering by challenging them to design, build and race an electric car.

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Youth Parliament Eco Conference

Our Eco Club was invited to take part in Hampshire Youth Parliament's first ever Eco Conference at Winchester College by our former Head Boy and Youth Parliament member Dmitrijs Meiksans.

There was a huge amount of information for students to absorb, from talks and workshops on plastic waste, fast fashion, climate change and sustainability. Speakers also included MP Caroline Dineage and the charity Final Straw Foundation.





Stepping stone scenario for Year 9

Some of you are struggling to take the first leap, some are steadily crossing and others are jumping two steps at a time. Whatever your position, we are in this together and your experiences, good and bad, are shared by more people than you probably know.

The main focus is that we have begun our options courses with our heads up. You are getting to grips with the subjects that will ultimately shape your exam efforts and pave the road for life after school. You should have a sense of your progress and may be loving the learning at a greater depth or you may be finding the daily efforts to be difficult. When I tour the school I see that in the vast majority of cases you seem to be meeting the new demands with great endeavour and resilience. You should be proud of your efforts and I was really impressed by the autumn reports which indicate some extremely bright futures.

We have now arrived at the Christmas holiday and you should enjoy your break from school. Christmas is a great time of year, nearly everyone you talk to has at least one reason to enjoy it; the time off, the gifts, the food, the weather. Whatever your perspective it should be a time to find a bit of breathing space and smile about something. So can I encourage you to take note of that positive feeling, remember it and bring that with you into the New Year. Have a lovely break everyone.

Mr Cole, Year Leader for Year 9

ARMY SCHOOL SURGE

Behaviour, attitude and contribution were all rewarded recently with a visit from the Army School Surge. Students from Years 9 to 11 who'd worked hard and demonstrated positive behaviour and learning attributes were rewarded with a day of team-building activities and experiences delivered by three teams of Army personnel.

> Working with members of the Infantry Engagement Team students tried their hands at a practical patrol activity which saw them discovering hidden objects on the school field and using typical Army weaponry and equipment to examine them.

For those students considering an airborne career the flight simulator was the perfect opportunity to see if they have the necessary skills and aptitudes to fly a helicopter. Finally the Army's Outreach Team bought along their climbing wall which, at its highest point, is the same height as the English block. Students were able to test their head for heights and challenge themselves physically and mentally as they tackled the wall.



"We organised this reward day to demonstrate that the more you put in the more you will get out – it's a valuable life lesson." Mr Fluellen

YEAR10

Terrific again in Year 10

By the time this is published, students will have completed their first term of Year 10! The Year 10 team and I are so proud of how all students have conducted themselves this term; there is a real feeling of independence and resilience when walking round lessons and all students are demonstrating the skills needed to succeed. Their fantastic efforts now will pay off when it comes to their Year 11 exams and as ever, we have high hopes for all.

This term we have seen students step up and put themselves forward for House and Sport Captains, as well as Peer Mentors who have been excellent role models in supporting our younger students. In November, I had the delight of taking Art and Photography students on a trip to my hometown of Lyme Regis; once again, I was so impressed with their efforts and conduct - members of the public commented on what lovely students we had.

Lastly, the Year 10 team and I really enjoyed seeing many faces at our Meet the Tutor event and we all noted how great it was to discuss the success of our students with you. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing continued support and to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break.

Miss Fowler, Year Leader for Year 10



Celebrating the Class of 2022

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 the former Year 11 students and celebrate their successes and achievement while also recognising their hard work and commitment.

Warmly welcoming the students, Mr Serridge was particularly proud of the cohort having seen them overcome the unprecedented challenges that the pandemic years had thrown at them.

Former Harrow Way student and 2011 Head Boy Daniel Falcone joined us for the evening as our guest speaker. Daniel is a freelance host/ presenter specialising in e-sports and video games, working for companies such as Amazon, Activision Blizzard and Coca Cola. He gave an enlightening talk and showed an enthusiastic film clip highlighting his career achievements. His presentation had three strong threads: not to be put off by personal disappointments/failures, be prepared to embrace/accept change and to follow a career path that you enjoy.

Commenting on the Class of 2022 Mr Serridge said: "We all know that the Class of 2022 students did not have an easy time with their secondary education, with national lockdowns during Years 9 and 10 " I could not be prouder of our students who have shown both resilience and a commitment to their studies."

resulting in lessons being delivered remotely. They were also the first cohort in the last three years to sit the summer season of exams. That did not hold them back, and I could not be prouder of our students who have shown both resilience and a commitment to their studies."







It's been a busy start to the year for all three Houses. Buzzards have taken the lead in the race for the House Cup with a fantastic showing in our 'House Of Horror' Halloween competition. They had a huge number of entries ranging from spooky pictures to scary stories and it was Livia Lisko (9SRB) who took the top prize for her darkly funny story. Our favourite line? 'I scrolled down my newsfeed and stopped on a story titled 'Stalking on a budget? It's not as hard as you might think'.

Kyra Braine from 9EVT won the Christmas Card Design competition with a beautifully simple effort that would grace the mantelpiece of any home.

Putting competition aside, students from all three Houses worked tirelessly to help run our first Christmas Fair since the pandemic. While the event was full of fun and Christmas cheer, most importantly it raised a huge sum of money for the Andover Food Bank - a very worthy cause.







A team of Year 10 students were given an insight into the role STEM plays in defence with a Cyber Challenge Day at the Army's Blandford camp.

Students learned about the latest defence technology used by the Royal Signals from remote tracking of its soldiers, looking for software vulnerabilities, to capturing network traffic. They also saw how easy it is to find information about people online by just using a name and photo.

The main challenge was an evidence box with our two teams competing against the other schools to solve what type of cyber-attack had happened and by whom. Using a variety of Cypher techniques the students worked out all the clues and answered all the questions, coming second and third with no other teams completing the challenge for this group.

VIDENCE

Commenting on the value of attending the awareness and engagement event Mrs Robertson, Curriculum Leader of IT, Computing and Business Studies 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. It's been a brilliant interactive day and it was great to see our students working as a cohesive team, sharing their skill base

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to solve the issues they were presented with."

NEWS FROM THE LRC

It has been a busy term in the Learning Resource Centre and Library with the classroom in use for some very interesting and topical Media lessons, and the Library continuing to benefit from new stock.



EAC

Throughout the term there have been various and numerous cultural capital displays supporting the PSHE, Equality and Citizenship

curriculum, including Black History Month, Anti-Bullying Week, UK Parliament Week, COP 27, National Coding Week



The LRC team continue to run reading support groups for those who can benefit from some nurture in this area and have enjoyed getting to know the Year 7 year group and supporting them to remain readers or become readers.

and more!

YEAR8

Productive autumn term for Year 8

Year 8 have been very productive during the first term. In particular I've been impressed with the attendance at extra-curricular clubs.

The inter-tutor darts competition has got off to a flying start with students turning up every Monday lunch time to throw nine darts to score points for their tutor team. There is a real emphasis on participation this year. By the time this newsletter has been published the results will have been announced in the Christmas celebration assembly, which takes place on the same day as the Year 8 Christmas disco on Tuesday 13 December.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the dance floor.

Enjoy the break Year 8. <u>Mr Lawrie, Year</u> Leader for Year 8

Tree planting commemorates Platinum Jubilee

Students who have been working closely with Andover Trees United at Harmony

Woods, represented the school at the planting of a very special tree that commemorates the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The tree, an Aspen, was part of a 70 foot-tall tree sculpture installed outside Buckingham Palace in honour of the Queen's 70th anniversary on the throne.





BBC visit inspires students

We recently played host to BBC radio and TV presenter Anoushka Williams and producer Daniel Lucas as part of the Corporation's centenary education project, BBC 100 Share Your Story. Throughout the day students from Years 8 to 11 heard from Anoushka and Daniel as they shared their stories of working at the BBC, overcoming racism and building belief in yourself.

Commenting on the huge value of the visit, Assistant Headteacher Mr Fluellen said: "The BBC is an important part of our media and culture and they've pulled together an excellent event which encouraged some thoughtful, fun and down right off the wall questions from our students. The subject matter was wide-ranging, from how Anoushka and Daniel got into broadcasting to some of the hurdles they've faced so they really gave our students an honest overview."

The BBC 100 Share Your Story aims to inspire young people to achieve their career goals and help realise their ambitions. Harrow Way was one of a number of schools the BBC will visit reaching thousands of students by the end of the BBC's centenary year.



Exam Stress Workshop

We recognise that exams can be a source of stress so this term the Mental Health Support Team came in to lead a select group of Year 11s through an exam stress workshop.

A series of exercises helped students understand the stress curve, the effects of too much and too little stress and stress management techniques.

Now these students are able to acknowledge that some levels of stress are needed for success and are feeling more confident in using techniques to help combat stress and stay within the optimum stress areas.

Enrichment

Philosophy Club

Thursday 3-4pm

The club, made up of students from years 9 to 11, decides each week on the topic to be discussed the following week giving students opportunity to go away and conduct some research. Topics covered range from the sublime to the ridiculous, including such pressing matters as whether revolution can ever be justified and who is the best character in Scooby Doo. Discussions all take place in an organic and friendly way and we try to have fun even with the more sensitive topics. Special thanks to founder members Ruby Clark and Sam Rasey who have attended virtually every week for the last three years!

SEND Homework Club

SEND Homework Club is a special after school session supported by adults for students with additional educational needs. Students are selected through liaison with the 3-4pm SENCo.

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Sociology Club

Thursday 3-4pm

Year 11 students are devising a research project with the aim of uncovering the experiences of LGBTQ+ and BAME students.



Warhammer Club



Wednesday 3-3.50pm

This new club started in spring 2022 and was popular straightaway thanks to the students who set it up. The club continues to meet after school on Wednesdays in the Learning Resource Centre to make and paint their models and enact battles using the popular table top game system.

Strive Club

Tuesday 3.15–4.15pm

Strive Club meets on a weekly basis to further develop the skills of future Historians. They've looked into how to successfully meet the rigours of the History GCSE, by developing knowledge needed to demonstrate good understanding of the subject and how to ensure the students push their work to the next level.

Reading for Pleasure Club

In this club students have been making the most of seasonal titles within the LRC. They have also been looking at the range of specific dyslexia friendly books too.



<u>3-4pm</u>

Drama Club

The Drama Club premiered their Harry Potter/Lord Of The Rings spoof, 'Harry Rings: Lord of the Potters' at the Winter Concert. The play follows the adventures of the bumbling Harry Rings and his long suffering friends Ron (whom he calls Rex, Reg... Rob?) and Hermione (Hermion, Hermog... Y7-9 Monday Hermini?). 3 15–4 15n

Christmas **Fair Club**



Over 50 students have been giving up their time to create a series of stalls and competitions for our Christmas Fair. The money raised will go to the Andover Food Bank - a charity close to our hearts after we raised over 900 food items in our collection last year.

School Musical Club

Y7–10 Friday 3.15-4.15pm

Nearly 50 students have been involved in this year's show, Space The Musical and it's looking like being 'out of this world'! Following the adventures of the idiotic Captain Buckfast and his long-suffering crew, the show takes in intergalactic travel, alien languages and a rocket full of catchy tunes. The show will be performed during the week beginning 24th April '23.

Sports Round-up



Boys Football

Our Year 7 Boys football team have had a very busy term so far, playing four fixtures including a county cup game down in Portsmouth and are currently third in the league. They have also taken part in a development tournament finishing seventh and a 5-a-side indoor tournament finishing second.

Year 8 and 9s are starting to see some results after the hard work and grind in the previous season. The Year 9 league has offered a much needed resuscitation to the team spirit with the highlight being a comprehensive 5 -1 win over Test Valley capped off by Robert Vasiluca scoring a beautiful goal from all of 30 yards. Our Year 10/11 side have competed in the Hampshire Cup and are currently competing very well in the Andover schools league.



The Sports Hall and Gym are open for free play basketball where students can come in and organise their own games, shooting competitions and 1v1s versus the teachers!



Excitement for rugby continues to grow and the enthusiasm particularly from our new Year 7s has been fantastic, growing from three students attending training on the first week to around 20 eager to learn boys. Their first fixture against Wellington finished with three tries each!

Year 8 and 9 have been training well with the team playing several fixtures and although yet to get that elusive win, they continue to work hard, tackle harder and develop their knowledge of the game.

Badminton Club

We have had lots of interest in the Badminton Club over this first half term, with up to forty students attending weekly from across the year groups. Younger, less experienced students have benefitted from having fun with the sport and learning the basics and we can see their confidence increasing every week. Older or more experienced students have been enjoying some very competitive play while passing hints and tips on to other students.

Coyote Fitness

Rebecca Owen from Coyote Fitness has been in to run a six week fitness programme for students this term. Rebecca has devised a programme of six different and exciting methods of training including Body Combat, Strength and Conditioning, Freestyle Fitness Yoga, High Energy Aerobics and Penalty Box training.

Netball

At Netball Club attendance has been superb with over 60 students across all years coming every week. The Year 9 and 10 Netball league has taken place this term, playing every other school in the district. It has been clear that the development over the past two years is coming to fruition and the Year 9 and 10 teams are gelling together really well. The league is not yet complete, but the teams have achieved some good wins so far. The Year 7 and 8s continue to train well ready for their season starting in January.



V7 - Friday 3-4.30pm 8-11 Monday 3-4.30pm

Climbing Club

Climbing Club continues to attain new heights, with some fantastic commitment from existing members and newcomers alike. We continue to offer NICAS Levels 1-2, and are supporting Duke of Edinburgh participants with using climbing as part of their awards.

A near total reset of the climbs on the wall means plenty of new challenges for everyone!



2022–2023 Calendar



Christmas Holiday

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Monday 19 December – 2 January inclusive	
3 Jan 2023	Spring term begins
26 Jan 2023	Year 9 Virtual Parents and Carers Consultation Evening
w/c 6 Feb 2023	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams (mocks) week 1
w/c 6 Feb 2023	Year 7–10 Maths assessments
9 Feb 2023	Year 10 Get Inspired event, Basingstoke
Spring Half Term – Monday 13 – Friday 17 February	
w/c 20 Feb 2023	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams (mocks) week 2
23 Feb 2023	7.00pm Year 10 BTEC public show
24 Feb 2023	7.00pm Year 10 BTEC public show
2 Mar 2023	Year 8 Virtual Parents and Carers Consultation Evening
3 Mar 2023	Year 10 Science Live visit, Dominion Theatre, London
w/c 6 Mar 2023	Year 7–10 Spring Progress Reviews home this week
9 Mar 2023	Year 9 Curriculum Evening (virtual)
9 Mar 2023	7.00pm Year 11 RSL public show
10 Mar 2023	7.00pm Year 11 RSL public show
w/c 13 Mar 2023	Year 11 Spring Progress Reviews home this week
17 Mar 2023	INSET Day 4
23 Mar 2023	Year 8 Curriculum Evening (virtual)
30 Mar 2023	Year 11 Virtual Parents and Carers
	Consultation Evening
31 Mar 2023	3.00pm end of spring term
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Easter Holiday - M	3.00pm end of spring term onday 3 April – Friday 14 April inclusive
Easter Holiday - M 9–15 Apr 2023	3.00pm end of spring term onday 3 April – Friday 14 April inclusive Ski residential, Italy

28 Apr 2023	7.00pm Harrow Way Musical public show
1 May 2023	Bank holiday
8 May 2023	Bank holiday
15 May 2023	GCSE exams begin (provisional)
w/c 22 May 2023	Year 7–10 Maths assessments this week
Summer Half Term	– Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June
12-16 Jun 2023	Year 8 Calshot residential visit
w/c 19 Jun 2023	Year 7–10 end of year exams (week 1) Year 7–10 Progress Reviews published this week
22 Jun 2023	Year 7 Virtual Parents and Carers Consultation Evening
w/c 26 June 2023	Year 7–10 end of year exams (week 2)
27 Jun 2023	Year 6 Induction Day and Evening
29 Jun 2023	PE Presentation Evening
30 Jun 2023	Year 11 Leavers' Buffet/Dance
2–5 Jul 2023	Year 11 Rome residential
3 Jul 2023	INSET Day 5
4 Jul 2023	Year 7 Presentation Evening
5 Jul 2023	Year 10 Taster Day Andover College
5 and 6 Jul 2023	Year 5 Taster Day
6 Jul 2023	Year 8 Presentation Evening
6 and 7 Jul 2023	Year 4/5 Open Morning
w/c 10 Jul 2023	Year 10 Work Experience Week
12 Jul 2023	Year 9 Presentation Evening
13 Jul 2023	Year 10 Presentation Evening
14 Jul 2023	Year 7 and 8 Sponsored Walk
17 Jul 2023	Sports Day
21 Jul 2023	12.30pm end of summer term



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