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Engineering insight

Students from Years 8 to 10 were given behind the scenes access to Stannah Lifts HQ for a guided tour of the offices and engineering workshops. From tours around the hardware design office and talks on safety procedures to getting a close up look at some of the manufacturing processes, students got to see what life would be like working for a company such as Stannah.

Our LLP Visit February 2023

Our LLP (Leadership and Learning Partner) visit from the Local Authority, took place this term.

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, teachers, students, and a learning walk of KS3 and KS4 classes.

LLP Report...

“ The Headteacher and his senior team manage their teams very effectively and they model the high standards they expect of others. They are all very visible around the school. The Headteacher has kept a strong focus on the things he knows will support effective school improvement. ”

“ Lesson visits showed that pupils have good focus in lessons and no low-level disruption was observed. Teachers have good relationships with their pupils and lessons are well-prepared. Books are well-presented with good notes for future reference. ”

“ The school has an extensive quality assurance cycle which includes in-depth reviews of departments (called the METAL process). Department leaders are held rigorously to account and are expected to be able to describe their curriculum journey and how it is assessed. The Senior team are also very visible around the site both in lessons and at social times and before and after school. ”



Head's Corner

As we come to the end of a very busy and productive spring term, I would like to take this opportunity to again thank our students, staff, parents, carers and all members of the

Harrow Way School community for their continued support. It has been a busy term, preparing students for summer examinations and running many events in and outside of school.

Our spring term newsletter reflects the tremendous work that has continued across the whole school and the many varied, exciting and diverse opportunities and experiences students have engaged in.

In particular, I must congratulate our Year 11 students for their drive, focus, and commitment as they enter the formal assessment period. They continue to make us proud, and I am sure that with hard work, they will complete their studies with us and achieve their potential. It has been a pleasure to hear about their future plans for next year, providing them with the drive for success.



A record-breaking waiting list for Year 7 admissions

We are delighted to be welcoming 195 new Year 7 students to Harrow Way for September 2023. Once again, we are oversubscribed, which is testimony to all that is achieved within our school community.

Staffing

We are saying goodbye to Mr Carter, who has been an integral part of our school community at Harrow Way for the past nine years. Mr Carter has been promoted to the position of Assistant Headteacher at the Vyne School in Basingstoke, and we wish him all the best in his new role.

During his time at Harrow Way, Mr Carter has made a real impact in his role as a year leader and Maths/PE teacher. His dedication and commitment to our students have been outstanding, and his contribution to our school community will be greatly missed.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Mr Carter has led many educational visits over the years, which have been both educational and enjoyable for our students.

We also bid farewell to our beloved Network Manager, Giles Davis. Giles has been an integral part of Harrow Way for many years, having attended the school himself as a student. He has always been dedicated and hardworking, going above and beyond to ensure our students receive the best possible experience.

Giles started the Harrow Way Climbing Club several years ago, and it has flourished under his leadership. His passion and enthusiasm for the sport have inspired countless students to take up the challenge of climbing, and we are grateful for the legacy he leaves behind.

In addition to his network manager role, Giles has been a governor at Harrow Way for

the last few years. His commitment to the school community has been unwavering, and we are grateful for his contributions to the governance of our school.

We know that students, staff, and parents alike will deeply miss Giles. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours and hope that he will stay in touch with the Harrow Way family.

I am sure you will join me in wishing them both all the best in their new roles.



New Year Leader for Year 8

Mrs Woodhead will be taking on the role of Year Leader for Year 8. She has already introduced herself to the year group.

“Finally, I hope your child has enjoyed this term and, on behalf of all school staff, I hope you and your families enjoy a pleasant Easter break with perhaps just a little sunshine!” Mr Serridge, Headteacher

National award for student attendance



Our excellent school attendance, which was in the top 25% of all similar schools nationally for the 2022 autumn term, has been recognised by the Fischer Family Trust (FFT). We received special thanks from the FFT and an FFT National School Attendance Award.

Commenting on the significance of the award Mr Serridge said: “Attendance is absolutely key to student outcomes and success. We raised the profile of attendance some years ago, simply because we know, the more students attend school, the more they learn, the greater their results. This gives them broader progression opportunities which can lead to better job prospects ultimately.

“Achieving great attendance has been a whole school community effort, and we’re very grateful for both student and their parent/carers support in reaching this achievement.”

Harrow Way Parent Questionnaire – Ofsted Parent View

Parent Feedback Questionnaire

	% Strongly Agree/Agree
My child is happy at this school	94%
My child feels safe at this school	95%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	95%
The school deals effectively with bullying	85%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	96%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	91%
The school has high expectations for my child	96%
My child does well at this school	93%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	95%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	98%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	99%
The school supports my child's wider personal development	93%
I would recommend this school to another parent	96%

What we do well – Common threads

Harrow Way teachers and staff have gone the extra mile to provide variety of clubs and personal development programmes on top of routine teaching in the class. I am confident that she will keep on growing until the last day in the school.

My child is very happy at this school and made really good progress academically.

The school treats each student as an individual, it's not one size fits all. The school responds well to any concerns I have.

Our daughter has had the best senior school experience at Harrow Way, we couldn't have asked for any better. Looking forward to seeing what she achieves in Year 11. Thank you to you and your brilliant teaching team for all they do.

Strong leadership.

Provide a varied curriculum and support.

Communication has been great especially around the Pandemic.

When I look at my child, who joined Harrow Way at Year 7, now at Year 9, she has progressed in many aspects as a student that I had wished for. e.g. being better at studies, taking part in sports, being more confident etc.

Areas to improve – You said, we will now do!

Progress

“More feedback would be good on progress.”

We are currently working on this and I will share with you are plans going forward in the spring term.

We will keep you informed every half term about what your son/ daughter is studying.

Homework

We will continue to ensure all homework is placed on ‘Satchel one’ and there is an appropriate amount of homework that is balanced across the week.

The Harrow Way Homework Policy will be reviewed this year. We will also be sending out a survey to parents on homework and the use of ‘Knowledge Organisers’ in the spring term.

Concerns

Some parents said that they didn't know if the concerns they raised had been dealt with properly.

If you have any concerns at all, we always want you to talk to us. Children achieve best when school and home work closely together. We would hope that by working together, any concerns can be dealt with quickly and effectively. If parents feel that things have not been dealt with properly, then do come and talk to us.

We recognise however that it can often be difficult communicating with teachers because they have very full timetables; and we recognise that parents and carers also have very busy lives.



Year 10 and 11 students headed to Paris at the end of February to explore the many sights and cultural opportunities in the French capital.

The trip was open to all students although for our GCSE Media and French students it was a great opportunity to support what they have been studying in class.

It definitely wasn't all work, work, work though as there was plenty of time to explore the different attractions, rides and themed worlds of Disneyland Paris. Students also visited 'Media Live!', a conference exploring careers and trends in the media hosted by Newsround presenter Hayley Hassall and featuring presentations from

Remel London, Digital Media guru Andrew Davis and social and influencer agency creator Harry Seaton.

To round off the trip students enjoyed a walking tour of Paris, visiting the Montparnasse Tower for views across the city and the galleries of the Musée d'Orsay for a spot

of culture before exploring the Champs-Élysées and sights such as the Louvre, Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe.



YEAR 8

Year 8 impress

Year 8 have really impressed this term. I am especially proud of the number of students attending extra-curricular clubs and representing the school in sporting events and other endeavours.

At the time of writing we have the forthcoming Year 8 Parents' Evening which I believe will be a great

opportunity to celebrate how amazing the students have been so far. It will also be great preparation for the upcoming options process when students decide which subjects they may want to study to GCSE level.

I'm also very much looking forward to our exciting finish, the Easter party celebration at the end of March

where students will be coming together to celebrate the term at a disco in the Audi. All attendees will be part of a big Easter raffle as well as an Easter egg hunt. I'm sure we will have a fantastic time.

Mr Carter,
Year Leader for Year 8

Students 'Get Inspired'

as part of National Apprenticeship Week 2023



As part of a series of events to mark National Apprenticeship Week 2023, Year 10 students attended a 'Get Inspired' event at the Apollo Hotel in Basingstoke to learn about careers in the local area.

Employers and training providers were all at the event which attracted over 800 students from across Basingstoke and Test Valley. From hospitality to local councils, employers laid on numerous 'have a go' activities for students to get hands on and sample the many diverse roles employed in the area. Students froze flowers in liquid nitrogen, programmed robots and had a go in a driving simulator. Students also got to learn about the various educational options, training courses and apprenticeships available.



Commenting on the value of attending Get Inspired, Mr Fluellen, said: "An important part of learning in schools is contextualising lessons so students can see that there are real life applications to what they are being taught. This Get Inspired event takes the process one step further where students literally got hands-on with activities and could see the link between what happens in school and what could happen with their careers."



YEAR 7

Year 7 excel

With their second term at Harrow Way completed, Year 7 is well and truly settled into our routines and expectations. During learning walks we have seen that the learning environment is purposeful and productive. They have met all expectations and are excelling; they have received compliments from our Senior Team about their conduct in assembly and behaviour in lessons. I am very proud of the year group.

Year 7 are currently above national average for their attendance and I would like to congratulate them on their resilience and to thank parents and guardians for your support.

Each day attended is a day further toward their academic progress and success – though I know some days we would rather be huddled under the duvet! Students who have great attendance were rewarded with an

in-school cinema experience and sweets before the holidays.

As we continue in to our final term for Year 7, I look forward to seeing our students excel. There will be an opportunity to attend a Year 7 School Disco and the Year 7 Virtual Parents' Evening.

I hope you have a restful two weeks.

Mrs Crossley, Year Leader for Year 7



HARROW WAY'S GREEN POWER CHALLENGE GO KART IS RACE READY

30th April
Race Day
at Goodwood
Racecourse.
Entrance
is free

Fundraising quiz night
and hog roast raises

£1,700

for the Go Kart team

A brilliant quiz night and hog roast, hosted by the school's PTA, raised an incredible £1,700 for the 'Harrow Way Hunters', our Go Kart team.

The hog roast was kindly donated by Hoggett and Boar and there were raffle prizes from the Hawk Conservancy, Natural Balance, Le Creuset, Dorthe Thomas Spa, Slimming World, Stitch-a-Logo, the Army Air Museum and Brambles Dog Grooming.

Cool LED made a very generous donation of £500 which will purchase helmets for the team. TRUMPF Laser UK Ltd kindly supplied the team gloves and we also had two personal donations of £200. **Thanks to the PTA, Mrs Bain, Mr Cleaves and Mrs Robertson for a great event.**

Our Green Power Challenge Go Kart, donated to the school by the Joseph Stannah Foundation, is race ready. Year 8-11 students have test driven the Go Kart around the tennis courts, putting both their Go Kart building and driving skills to the test.

Since September, the STEM Club students and the Stannah STEM ambassadors have been meeting weekly as students assembled the Go Kart before designing, building and fitting its exterior. This includes making 3d printing waterproof covers for the battery and designing the final logos. Students Olivia and Livia have been working with a Stannah engineer to perfect these designs which is another great opportunity for students to develop a new skill.

Commenting on the value of the project Mrs Robertson said: "This whole process has been an incredible learning experience for these students. They've got hands on and learned so much about mechanics and electronics, which tools to use and how to interpret instruction manuals.

"They've also been hugely privileged to spend a couple of hours each week



being guided and mentored by the Stannah STEM ambassadors. They are seeing first-hand how the lessons and skills learned in school and in STEM Club translate directly into careers with a leading company."

The team have their first official race approaching in April when they'll be heading to Goodwood Racecourse to put the Go Kart through its paces and compete against other schools taking part in the Green Power Challenge.

**CAN
YOU HELP**

transport the Go Kart to Goodwood Racecourse and back on Sunday 30 April? Please contact Mrs Robertson at donna.robertson@harrowway.hants.sch.uk



NEWS FROM THE LRC

It has been another busy term for the Learning Resource Centre and Library with highlights including International Women's Day, National Careers Week, Holocaust Memorial Day, LGBTQ+ History Month, Veganuary and Neurodiversity Week.

The Hampshire Book Awards launched with six great titles for Year 8 student volunteers to read and review. In June,

we will meet hundreds of other students to vote for a winner and the autumn term will see us meeting the winning author.

World Book Day

Our annual World Book Day Dressed Door Competition had 18 entries and judging was a tricky task!

Congratulations to trophy winners 7KLE for their brilliant Wonka's Chocolate Factory. Second place went to 9RSB for the Gruffalo and joint third were 7HPB for the Gruffalo and 8CLM for Alice in Wonderland. Two other tutor groups received particular recognition and more than 20 students received individual recognition.



CLUBS

Our after school Chess, Warhammer and Homework Clubs continue to be popular. Magic, The Gathering (a card and table top magic/fantasy game) is a new club which has started in response to students' request. We are looking forward to learning about it and seeing how it takes off.



YEAR 11

Year 11 show dedication and stamina

I am very glad that some Year 11s had the opportunity to visit Paris for the Media and MFL trip as they have not had many opportunities for residential trips during their time here. However, exams have become the predominant focus for Year 11 this term.

The Pre-Public (mock) Exams saw all students sitting exams in every subject in a very intense two weeks of testing, with some students sitting three exams on a couple of days! The

dedication and stamina shown by the year group has been impressive to watch and shows us that they are ready to face the real challenge of GCSEs in only a few weeks' time. We have also seen impressive examination performances in the Dance, Drama and Music showcase, and the Art and Photography exams.

In preparation for next year, Year 11 have also been completing interviews with Peter Symonds and Andover College.

Year 11s are feeling the pressure build. Revision sessions run after school every Monday to Thursday. This dedicated revision time with their teachers is really important, so please support your child by encouraging them to be there. Taking control of their revision and feeling more prepared is important in helping them to manage their stress in the upcoming weeks.

Mrs Ford, Year Leader for Year 11

Dance, Drama and Music Showcase



We threw open the Auditorium doors and for two weeks Year 11 Dance, Drama and Music students showcased their significant talents to sell out audiences for their final exam shows. The theme running throughout the performances was 'Power', which was set by the exam board.

Drama students presented scenes from well-known plays such as *Blood Brothers* and *The Crucible*. Dancers choreography was inspired by Maya Angelou's poem 'Still I Rise' and the musicians performed a variety of songs that explored power both lyrically and instrumentally.

Miss Walker, Miss Bryant, Mr Manson and Mrs Massiah would like to congratulate the students on their hardworking, focused and professional attitudes throughout the whole process.



YEAR 10

Looking ahead in Year 10

Wow, another term of Year 10 complete - the time really is going quickly and in one year students will be in the lead up to their Year 11 exams! My job as Year Leader is a wonderful one and it seems I can't go anywhere at the moment without a member of staff making a comment about an individual's success or how much they enjoy teaching their Year 10 class - students really are maximising their time at Harrow Way.

We have had a busy term with a trip to Paris and a visit to watch Blood Brothers, as well as a drop down day to focus on skills for life hosted by the Army and specialist teachers. By the time this is published, we will also have our new Senior Prefect Team - the next

generation of students to lead the school. I am so excited to work with the team and see what they achieve.

Students have started to have careers appointments with Mrs Manning, our careers advisor, and think about their next step; where they want to go, what they want to do and what they may need to do. With Work Experience week on the horizon too, it's a really exciting time for students and I've loved hearing them talk about their futures and what they want to do. Time is flying by and as ever, I am really impressed by the focus and dedication I see in lessons as I walk round the school.



Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a lovely, hopefully sunny, Easter break.

Miss Fowler, Year Leader for Year 10

House Happenings



Term began with an exciting announcement – winners of the Festive Bake Off competition. Congratulations go to third placed Buzzard, Robyn Read, second placed Hawk, Megan Maguire-Hill, and worthy winner, Kestrel, Maisy Ruddick for her delicious baked apple Rudolph Cupcakes.

After the huge fundraising success of our Christmas Fair, this term has been punctuated by smaller, fun events. From the World Book Day Door Decorating Competition to the Inter-House 3-on-3 Basketball tournament, Buzzards, Hawks and Kestrels have been busy showing their skills and earning valuable House points.

The race for top spot in the HWCS Fantasy Premier League is hotting up

with Hawk duo Cameron Skillin and Louis Meaden (second and third) moving to within one point of King Kestrel, Mr Manson, in first place!

Finally, we have challenged our students to come up with awesome competition and fundraising ideas of their own in the 'Have Your Say' competition. We look forward to getting some inspired suggestions.

YEAR 9

Year 9 make final option choices

The last half term has had a defining feeling about it. This was the time you made your final choices regarding the pathway you will take out of Harrow Way. What subjects you will claim qualifications in and potentially, for some of you, you may have started a career path. Certainly, the spring term has been forward-facing for students in Year 9.

Along with making our options choices, Year 9 have had opportunities at testing their interview skills with Lloyds Bank during National Careers Week and have continued to excel across multiple extra-curricular

opportunities. I am always heartened to see students staying at school, even on a Friday to practise lines, perform music or simply help to tidy the school site. These interests and commitments are what will shape your memories of school and I am proud that you involve yourselves as you do.

As a final note, the boys football team "could" be the winners of their league. Unbeaten as I write, I hope that upon the publication of the Eagle we are walking as champions. In any case, well done to all students across all sports who have represented the school this year.



Have a lovely Easter break everyone, enjoy the skiing (if you are coming on the ski trip) and we look forward to some sunshine soon!

Mr Cole, Year Leader for Year 9

SPORTS ROUND-UP



3v3 Basketball

Our Year 7 and 8 basketball teams have secured the top spot across the Andover schools with dominant performances at both tournaments. The girls A team went undefeated in the group stages and found themselves in the final against Testbourne. Some great shooting from Lucy Bedwell saw the girls win the final 12-2.



Our two boys teams were both undefeated in the group stages meaning they ended up playing each other in the final and still they couldn't be separated; so it came down to a sudden death shootout. Our Year 7 boys were more consistent, beating the Year 8 boys. Well done to all players; clearly the lunchtime training sessions are paying off!



Cross Country

In January our cross country runners competed at Testbourne, a qualifier to represent the Andover schools at the Hampshire Schools competition. Congratulations to Effie Bain, Sophie Hicklin, Lucas Williams, Jonah Williams, Alfie Kinghorn, Newton Hindley and Dotty Oostendorp for qualifying.

Exceptional performance from Lucas Williams with back to back wins in Year 7 and Year 8. At the Hampshire cross country, against the very best runners in the county, Alfie Kinghorn finished 23rd and Lucas Williams finished 28th - **fantastic results boys!**

Netball

It's been a very busy second term of netball with two teams competing in each of the Year 7 and Year 8 leagues. Club night also continues to run weekly, with over 50 students across Years 7-10 regularly in attendance. For many of the players, this has been their first time playing competitive netball. They have grown in confidence and ability which has started to pay off in terms of results. The teams have won a good number of games between them and we look forward to finding out their final standings in their leagues after Easter.

Thirty girls headed off to the University of Bath for an exciting game at the Team Bath Arena to watch Team Bath



take on Surrey Storm. Great experience for the girls to see netball played at such a high level.



Rugby

Our rugby squad is learning and developing each week. They're still seeking that elusive win with a close call against Wellington and a great game ended in a draw against Testbourne Year 7 and 8. This term we compete in a variety of seven and 10-a-side tournaments against the local schools. Will Webb and Will Lisle lead from the front foot with dominant running with the ball and Zak Lister deserves a mention for some courageous defence.

Football

Year 7 boys are currently third in the league following their most recent 5-1 win against Winton. We've seen great commitment and effort at training from the whole squad. Despite the one loss at Wellington the Year 8 boys are working hard and highlights from the season include a spectacular volley from the half way line from Zac N.

At the time of writing the Year 9 boys football team "could" be the winners of their league and are currently unbeaten! The boys have gelled really well and represented the school brilliantly. The Year 10/11 squad have had an impressive season in the top tier. Games have been really competitive with a few very close games. The boys are buzzing after their recent win against the John Hanson Year 10 team.



2023 CALENDAR

Easter Holiday

Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April inclusive

8–15 Apr 2023	Ski residential, Italy
17 Apr 2023	Summer term begins
19 Apr 2023	Year 8/9 HPV Immunisations
20 Apr 2023	Year 8/9 HPV Immunisations and outstanding Year 9/10/11 Teenage Boosters
20–24 Apr 2023	Year 10 residential visit to Berlin
27 Apr 2023	7.00pm Harrow Way Musical public show
28 Apr 2023	7.00pm Harrow Way Musical public show
30 Apr 2023	Harrow Way/Stannah Go Kart Race, Goodwood Racecourse - FREE ENTRANCE
1 May 2023	Bank holiday
8 May 2023	Bank holiday (Coronation)
11 May 2023	Year 7 visit to Hampton Court
15 May 2023	GCSE exams begin
w/c 22 May 2023	Year 7–10 Maths assessments this week
25–27 May 2023	Year 8 Battlefield Tour
Summer Half Term – 29 May – 2 June	
7 Jun 2023	Year 10 PE visit to Bath University
8 Jun 2023	Guitar Show
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 Jun 2023	Year 7–10 end of year exams (week 2)
27 Jun 2023	Year 6 Induction Day and Evening
28 Jun 2023	Year 9 Local History Presentation
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
7–9 Jul 2023	Outdoor climbing residential
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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