

THE Harrow Way Eagle

SUMMER 2024



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National Scientific Thinking Challenge

Year 10 Students from two Science classes participated in this year's National Scientific Thinking Challenge. This involved an online competition designed to test the students working scientific and numeracy skills. We are pleased to hear that 3 students achieved Gold Award, 8 students achieved Silver Award and 7 students achieved Bronze Award.

Headteacher Introduction



Welcome to this year's issue of The Eagle, our first digital copy. We hope you enjoy this compilation of articles, a chance to look back at the year 2023-24 and all our achievements. What a year it has been!

It's startling to think that I have been your headteacher for a whole academic year. To me, it doesn't seem a moment since I wrote my first letter to parents or led my first assembly. The year has gone in a flash. I am loving this role. It is the most challenging, the most demanding and definitely the most rewarding job I have ever had. It is a privilege to lead this wonderful school. Our students are kind, thoughtful, talented, witty and an absolute delight to know - and I get to spend every day with them.

I am fortunate to have a dedicated team of professionals who work tirelessly each and every day to provide an excellent educational experience for every student. I am thankful that they share our school vision: that education is about great qualifications, but more importantly, it is about the personal development opportunities on offer. I am proud that we devote time to developing the skills and attributes needed to live and work in tomorrow's society and most of all, that we aim to instil the morals and values to be good citizens. Enrichment plays an enormous part here. We have a wealth of clubs and opportunities for students such as the School Musical, the Library, Equality

Forum and Eco club. There is something for everyone. As the Head and Deputy Prefect candidates told me at interview, these opportunities help our young people to grow and discover themselves.

I am grateful to each and every one of you for your unwavering support, your trust and cooperation. This is a school with many strengths, but it is the relationships between parents, staff and students that ensure its success. Throughout the year, we have made small changes such as the summer uniform, the vape detectors, new gates to increase site safety, the Student Council and the new Prefect system. I am looking forward to September with the advent of our new information management system and the parent app to improve our communication. As headteacher, I remain committed to providing the very best education and opportunities for our children, but I am always mindful that this is by virtue of the team and I want to express my heartfelt thanks to my outstanding staff, our wonderful students and our supportive parent body for making this possible.

As the year draws to a close, we say a fond farewell to some of our great staff. Mrs Collins is retiring, having spent 22 illustrious years at Harrow Way. I know you will all join me in wishing her congratulations and a long and very happy retirement. Our Art department will be brand new in September as Miss Fowler is also leaving us to get married and take up a promoted post in Exeter. We have some staff moving away with partners, others leaving for well-deserved promotions. We are sad to see them leave, but wish them all the best for their future careers. They will always be a part of Harrow Way.

We will look forward to welcoming everyone in September. A little reminder that Tuesday 3rd September is for Year 7 students only. The whole school returns on Wednesday 4th September at 8.40am.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our students and staff a wonderful summer break,

Mrs D L German, Headteacher

STAFFING CHANGES



Teaching Staff

- **Chrissy Collins** - Curriculum Leader for Art (retiring)
- **Chloe Halifax** - Teacher of Geography (new role in Eastleigh)
- **Tasmin Fowler** - Teacher of Art & Photography / Year Leader (Promotion to Associate Assistant Headteacher in Exeter)
- **Hannah Burley** - Teacher of Science (moving to Colchester)
- **Jo Turton** - Teacher of Mathematics (returning to New Zealand)
- **Amber Evans** - Teacher of PD & H&SC (new role as teacher of Dance)
- **Kallista Kilby** - Teacher of English / Year Leader (new role as Second in English)
- **Dave Mannion** - Teacher of Science (new role in Basingstoke)
- **Denecia Barrett** - Teacher of IT (Maternity Leave)

Support Staff

Kristof Willerton - Senior Science Technician (Career change)

Starters

- **Jack Ardron** - Maths & IT
- **Dwight Alexander** - D&T
- **Isis Haywood** - English
- **Rosie Hughes** - Curriculum Leader of Art & Photography
- **Alex Browning** - Art & Photography
- **Elle Sammons** - Art & Photography
- **Mia Hortop** - Science
- **Shanecia Brown** - Science
- **Penn Windford** - Science
- **Zoe Wildman** - Personal Development & H&SC

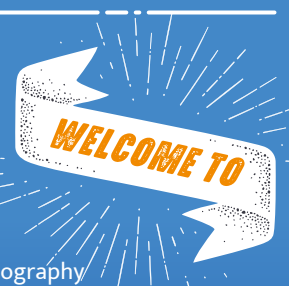
Support Staff

- **Ryan Hageman** - Site Assistant
- **Parresa Meikle** - Senior Science Technician
- **Hibba Baqi** - Cover Supervisor
- **Charlotte Andrews** - Assistant Year Leader (Y7)

Other staff changes/updates

- **Charlotte Chase** - Teacher of Geography
- **Lucy Barlow** - Head of Buzzards
- **Stacey Newport** - Head of Kites
- **Darcey Newman** - Head of Sparrowhawks
- **Kelly Everett** - Literacy Lead
- **Sophie Chilcott** - Designated Teacher (LAC)

- **Laura Cain** - Teaching Assistant
- **Emelye De Marco** - Teaching Assistant
- **Zeenat Inamdar** - Cover Supervisor



THE CLASS OF 2029

We will be welcoming 210 students to Harrow Way in September and currently have a waiting list after receiving 490 applications! I am delighted that Harrow Way continues to be the first choice for families in our area.

National Attendance Award

Our excellent school attendance, which was in the top 25% of all similar schools nationally for the 2023 Autumn term and Spring term 2024, has been recognised by the Fischer Family Trust (FFT).

We received special thanks from the FFT and an FFT National School Attendance Award.



FFT National
Attendance Award
2023/24

And just like that, you are almost Year 8. I know it is cliché but how has the time gone so quickly? Thank you so much for being so wonderful and amazing, you have made this year very special and I am very much looking forward to the future.

Behaviour and Attendance

Your behaviour and attendance has been excellent and we are still top of the leaderboard for both, that is a testament to you all, so well done and keep up the good work. Please don't underestimate the importance of good behaviour and good attendance. Be ready, be respectful and be your best is our motto for every single lesson and the vast majority of you have been exceptional in achieving this and long may it continue.

Year 7 Boys Dance Team

There have been many highlights for me this year but I would like to personally thank the 7 students that were involved in the Boys Dance group. I went to watch the performance at The Lights, Andover and I must say that I was thoroughly impressed with what I saw. And a special thank you to the Performing Arts Department for supporting these students with the preparation, namely Miss Evans, Ms Walker, Mr Manson and Miss Bryant. The execution of the performance was exceptional. You did yourselves and the school proud so very well done to you all.



Extra Curricular Activities

Many thanks to any of the students that participated in any extra-curricular activities this year. I think that being involved in enrichment activities is crucial to your personal development as well as being part of a team. I would strongly encourage everyone to get involved in any enrichment programmes that are happening in Year 8. It is a really good opportunity to be involved in the wider community and meet new people. Get involved with a club in Year 8 and maybe more than one if you can.



Year 7 Football Team

Year 7 Rugby Team

Year 7 Netball Team

School Trips and Events

We have done a variety of activities this Year, ranging from Discos to Boat Trips. These have been such wonderful experiences and some of these events give you a great opportunity to build up your "Cultural Capital". I would like to say that on every occasion, your behaviour has been exceptional; I would love to continue this trend by hosting more and more school activities. Please note that good attendance and good behaviour is taken into account if you want to be considered for any future trips and/or activities. I think these are a great way to build positive relationships and also learn about the world around you.



Next Year?

I strongly believe that next year will be fantastic and there is plenty to look forward to as we have a variety of activities and events that will take place. Continue to ensure that you come to school and work as hard as you possibly can every single day, the majority of you have been doing this and you have made an amazing start to Harrow Way. Continue to be superstars and I cannot wait to see you all in September for a fresh start in Year 8.

Mr Massiah

Demonstrated resilience and kindness throughout

Every newsletter, I express how proud I am of our year group, and this term has been no exception. Our pupils have shown dedication in the classroom and demonstrated resilience and kindness throughout the school.

We always aim to end the year on a high note. Year 8 played an integral role in our whole school assembly, Year 8 rewards assembly, and presentation evening. Celebrating achievements and rewarding individuals who consistently bring their best to school is always a pleasure.

Unfortunately, the rewards trip to Flip Out ended up being more of a "flip not." This frustrating life lesson reminded us that things don't always go as planned and are sometimes beyond our control. Despite the great disappointment, our pupils behaved impeccably. Their resilience, maturity, and ability to overcome this setback are praiseworthy. Upon returning to school, we convened as a whole year group for an impromptu celebration cinema with sweet treats, showcasing our ability to make the best of any situation.

During the last term, Year 8 embraced attending the opera enrichment through the music option, participated in a highly successful residential trip to Calshot, and had the opportunity to attend Wimbledon. These experiences have significantly enriched our students' time at school.

As we close another year, reflection extends beyond the final term. Our soon-to-be Year 9 pupils are embarking on an exciting adventure. They now have the opportunity to

tailor their education to meet their talents and preferences. The taster sessions for Dance and Sociology held this year have given our pupils a glimpse of what lies ahead.

Parents' evening and Meet the Tutor events have provided staff with a chance to gain a more rounded picture of our pupils. We eagerly look forward to further opportunities next year.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming our pupils back in September.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Sara Crossley



Calshot Trip

A group of Year 8 students had a weeks residential at Calshot Activity Centre in June. In glorious sunshine with the back drop of the Solent, students got to try activities on the land and water, many of which they would of never tried before.

Activities included: sailing, kayaking, snow boarding,

climbing, archery, track cycling and high ropes. Evenings were also action packed with further activities; students were creative during the 'epic engineering' challenge and they tried some hangar orienteering.

YEAR 11

As we come to the end of a significant chapter in our Year 11 students' lives, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on their incredible journey and share some highlights from this term.

First and foremost, I am immensely proud of the amazing behaviour, effort, and attendance our students displayed during their exams. Their dedication and hard work have been truly commendable. We held a Good Luck Assembly before the exams commenced, where students read heartfelt letters from their parents, carers, and staff. This emotional boost provided them with the encouragement and confidence they needed to start their exams on a positive note. To support our students through this challenging period, I had the pleasure of giving each student a good luck pen for their exams. It was a small gesture to remind them that we believe in their abilities and are cheering them on every step of the way. This also ensured everyone was prepared with a pen, as you'd be surprised how many students forgot one during the PPEs!

Our Leavers Assembly was another emotional event, featuring touching messages, poems, and presentations from tutors. Our tutors have worked incredibly hard over the last five years, getting to know their tutees so well. This was evident in the jokes, memories, and tears shared. I'm sure you'll join me in thanking them for all their support. We even had a surprise visit from Mr. Serridge, who was bombarded with requests to sign shirts! The whole school came together to form a guard of honour, celebrating our Year 11s as they prepared to move on to the next stage of their lives. It was during this assembly that I announced I will be leaving with the students this year, as I will be joining the Senior Leadership Team at a school in Devon. This was a bittersweet moment for me, as I have cherished my time here with these incredible students. While I've wanted to move home for a while, I knew I couldn't do so before our Year 11s left.

One of the highlights of this term was the fantastic trip to Rome with Mr. Reed and Mrs. Meighan. Despite the heatwave, everyone had an amazing time visiting the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, and other iconic sites. The trip was filled with fun and unforgettable memories.

As Year 11 prepares for the future, whether it be in college, employment, or apprenticeships, I wish them the very best of luck. They have all the tools and potential to achieve great things, and I am confident they will make us proud. I have loved every minute as their Head of Year, and every student has filled me with pride over the years - from personal achievements to growing into the kind, polite, and responsible young adults you see before you. No matter the outcome in August, all students should be incredibly proud of all they have achieved; I have every faith that students will continue to make us proud over the decades to come.

I would like to end this update by thanking some of the people who have made the last year really special. Firstly, I want to thank our wonderful Pastoral team. I feel fortunate to have worked with the tutors in our year group; they are truly amazing, and I know they have done everything possible to support your children over the years. A special thanks to Mr. Reed and Mrs. Meighan for their additional support, check-ins, and advice. Your help has been invaluable, especially for those students who might have struggled without it. A big thank you to our amazing Prom Committee for their tireless efforts over the past year in fundraising and planning an unforgettable night for everyone. Thank you to the Yearbook Committee for their hard work, and especially to Lucas for taking on the huge task of compiling all the pages. Students who have ordered a yearbook will receive them on results day, **Thursday, 22nd August**, providing them with a cherished keepsake of their time here. To our Head Prefects, Scarlett and Ethan, and their Deputies, Charlotte, Bella, and Joe, thank you for your exemplary leadership. Your ability to inspire and guide your peers has set a high standard for the Year 10s to follow. I am incredibly proud of you all. You have been perfect role models, embodying the values and spirit of our school in everything you have done. Lastly, to our Prefects, your commitment and hard work have been essential. Whether assisting in school activities, tours, duties, or supporting other students, you have always stepped up with enthusiasm and dedication. Your willingness to take on responsibilities and your positive attitude have made a significant impact on our school.

I would also like to use this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to you, our wonderful parents and carers, for your unwavering support over the past five years. Your encouragement and involvement have been vital to our students' success. I have enjoyed working with you all to ensure your child had the best experience at Harrow Way.

For the last time, thank you once again for your support and for entrusting us with your children's education. It has been an honour and a privilege to be part of their journey.

Miss Fowler

And so this is goodbye!

A glitzy, star studded send off for Year 11



YEAR 9

Wow!

And just like that, the end of the academic year is upon us. Despite being in the teaching profession for 10 years now, the pace of the school year never ceases to amaze me. The Autumn term seems to go on forever but once the Easter holidays are behind us the rest of the school year disappears with a blur.

One element which has remained a real constant is the brilliance of our Year 9s. I am stopped at least once a day by teachers who tell me how fantastic our students are; I am often told about: great History lessons, a fantastic PE session or an amazing musical performance that was given in class. Phrases like "I love my Year 9 class" are not uncommon for me to hear. Overseeing the Year group on behalf of Mrs Woodhead this year has been a real privilege and I will genuinely miss them.

There have been a plethora of successes across the year from Netball, Rugby, Basketball, Football, Athletics; Music, LRC Support, Peer Mentor selection, Student Council contributions and supporting and touring parents around school. Our students really do exude our mantra of 'Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Your Best' on a daily basis. They are often complimented on their maturity, kindness and willingness to learn and support each other.

Highlights for me this year have definitely been our reward assemblies. It is so easy to get caught up in the little things and the daily niggles but having the opportunity to stop and celebrate nothing but the positives is so important to the Year 9 team. Our final reward assembly of the year saw tutors nominate their 'Tutee of the Half-Term' and awards were also given for 'Most Improved Across the Year.' This final reward assembly arrives in such a timely manner as our students prepare to support and celebrate each other over the course of our much anticipated Sports Day.

As we celebrate the successes, we encourage the year group to consider the bigger picture: Where can this take me? What doors will this open for me? What opportunity do I have in front of me? This was evident on our recent trip to Sparsholt Agricultural College. Not only were we blessed with gorgeous weather but all of our students were thoroughly engaged. The Year 9s were keen to ask questions about the animals, the equipment used and how such a vast site was looked after. Mrs German commented that our students were absolutely buzzing upon our return and plenty were enthused about this possible route post Harrow Way.

On a personal note, I also want to thank you - our parents and carers - for your support whilst I picked up this custodian mantle. Across the year I have felt extremely fortunate to work with so many of you. The relationship between school and home is such a powerful cog in the wheel of success and building my relationship with you is as important to me as forging and maintaining relationships with our young people. As the year comes to an end so does my time at Harrow Way. Come September I will be starting a new chapter at a school a little closer to home but I so look forward to hearing how the Year 9s transition into Year 10, and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for them. I know Mrs Woodhead remains incredibly proud of the year group too and is looking forward to working with them once again.

It is with the utmost fondness that I wish you all a well rested Summer. Our superb Year 9s really are the best!

Mrs Kilby



A year packed with exciting events

As we reach the end of Year 10 it is as important to reflect back as it is to look forward. This year has been packed with exciting events, academic milestones, and unforgettable experiences that have brought us to within twelve months of school being finished completely!

Many Year 10 students kicked off the Spring/Summer term with the Ski Trip to Aosta in Italy, it was another thrilling adventure, providing students with the chance to develop new skills and enjoy the beauty of the mountains.



We also had another memorable experience on the History visit to Berlin, where students immersed themselves in the rich historical and cultural heritage of the city and the past of Germany. I had the pleasure to be a part of both of these trips and (despite the fatigue) seeing students outside of the school environment really builds better understanding and relationships with them. Within this cohort are a great many humorous, engaging and interesting people and I am grateful to have had those opportunities to share time with them.



Back in school some Year 10 had their chance to shine within the school musical where they demonstrated their talent and hard work. The performances were a resounding success, leaving the audience thoroughly entertained and impressed. As well as this our Sports Students had the opportunity to tour and sample the facilities at the University of Bath and perform for the final time at the district athletics events.



One of the highlights of the year was having the pleasure of interviewing and announcing our new Prefects and Student Leadership Team, including our new Head Prefects Ed Whitehouse and Neave Close. All those individuals have shown their qualities and have been entrusted with the responsibility of representing the student body and contributing to the school community. I have always been an admirer of these students but seeing them display their ambition so clearly during the process was wonderful and they are sure to represent the year group brilliantly.



In the final month of the school year our students also shone brightly outside the classroom. The Sports Awards celebrated the dedication and talent of our young athletes across various disciplines. It was heartening to see Year 10 sportspeople recognized and rewarded, a particular well done to Eve Holman, the KS4 Sports Personality of the Year! Similarly, the KS4 Presentation Evening was a testament to the hard work and achievements of our students across different subjects. These evenings were filled with pride and joy as students, teachers, and parents came together to celebrate the year's accomplishments.

We have also done a lot to begin preparations for the future. The whole year group attended the Andover College Taster Day, where our students had the opportunity to explore potential future pathways and get a glimpse of college life.

In addition to this, the mock exams held earlier this year served as an important preparatory step for the upcoming GCSEs. These exams not only provided a realistic practice scenario but also highlighted areas for improvement, allowing students to focus their efforts more effectively in Y11.

Year 10 Work Experience Week offered students a chance to explore various industries, develop essential skills, and gain insights into career paths. Hearing the stories of the students and receiving the feedback it is clear the world of work has been eye-opening for some but also inspiring. As always those who put the most in have gained the most from this opportunity, this is certainly worth remembering!

So finally, we look forward to the next academic year. We are confident that the foundations laid in Y10 will propel our students towards even greater success this time next year. For now though, enjoy the last summer holiday of secondary school, take stock of the year, and rest...

Mr Cole

YEAR 10

ENGLISH

It has been another busy year in the English department. Our new, improved Year 7 curriculum, 'The Sea of Stories' is now up and running: the students have enjoyed exploring some classic tales from mythology and getting to know the iconic characters of Odysseus and Pericles, Prince of Tyre - Shakespeare's storm-tossed adventurer. Another great hero took centre stage in the Year 8 curriculum: Beowulf - mighty warrior and dragon-slayer, and star of the oldest English text in existence.

Highlights of the year for Year 9 included the 'Trapped' creative writing project, in which students responded imaginatively to James Joyce's classic story Eveline by offering their own take on a character feeling trapped or restricted in some way. It was fantastic to see such a diverse range of creative ideas and interpretations of the prompt; and students proved themselves more than capable of engaging in the disciplined practice of a writer. Special mention also goes to the dedicated group of students who attended our creative writing workshop each week: we were amazed by their talent and love for writing, as well as their support for each other and openness to creative challenges!

Year 10 began their introduction to GCSE studies with the 'English in Action' programme, which involved exploring how language is used in the world around us to influence how we think, feel and behave; students built on this knowledge to create engaging speeches and articles tackling some important real-world issues and, in the process, developing their rhetorical skills.

We say goodbye to another cohort of Year 11s - the class of 2024 - and congratulate them on reaching the end of their GCSE English studies. It was heartening to witness the confidence, exhilaration, and pride that so many of them experienced after completing their exams after so many months of preparation. The department is also bidding farewell to Mrs Kilby; we wish her all the very best for the future as she accepts a promotion in another school. We are deeply thankful for the kindness, compassion and commitment she has shown during her tenure here, and we know that she will be very much missed.

Mrs Thompson



MATHS

Maths isn't always a challenge...

...but sometimes it is! This year 120 of our Year 7s and 8s took part in The **Junior Maths Challenge**, and 12 students from Year 9 even took on the formidable **Intermediate Maths Challenge**. These are nationwide events, in which students are posed a series of increasingly difficult numerical and geometrical problems. It is a real chance for our fabulous mathematicians to really shine, and the problems do get very, very hard indeed!

They have nothing more than a pen and a piece of paper and their brain; no rulers, compasses, calculators are allowed... they can't even have square paper.

We had many students gain enough points to receive certificates of achievement. From the JMC we got 17 bronze, 8 silver and even 1 gold, and from the IMC we had 5 bronze, 2 silver and 1 gold; an amazing achievement. In fact, two students did so well in the JMC, they were invited to take part in the next round, in which they also performed excellently and we are very proud of them all.

Mr Kambarev



SCIENCE



The Science department have had a busy but productive year. We have been busy working on improving the working scientifically skills of all our pupils and are really pleased with the progress they have all made. We have had some great PPE results from the Yr 10 and 11 students.

Mrs Burden arranged for pupils in 10x1 and 10y1 to participate in this year's National Scientific Thinking Challenge. It is an online competition designed to test their working scientifically and numeracy skills. We had 18 students award Bronze, Silver or Gold certificates. The department are really proud of everyone involved.

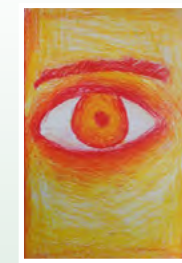
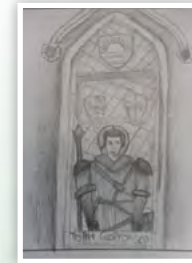
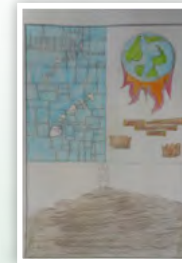
Miss Burley has been running the STEM club this year. Students have taken part in several activities including making a tea bag rocket, turning a shoebox into a mini football table and making a spoon catapult. In these sessions students develop their skills in engineering as well as practice their scientific investigation skills. We also celebrated British Science week this year. This included an activity where students made their own sand timer to explore the theme of time. Students also created a poster of the same theme, some of which were entered into a national competition.

Mrs Lovett

ART

Mrs Collins

Year 7 - St. Marys Church Mighty Oak Project



Climate Unity Project

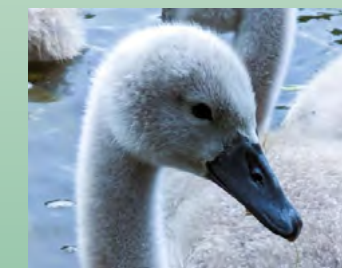
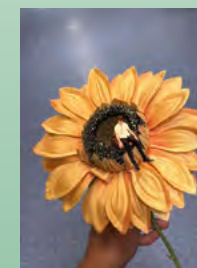
Year 7 Insects & Cubism



Year 8 Pop Art & Surrealism



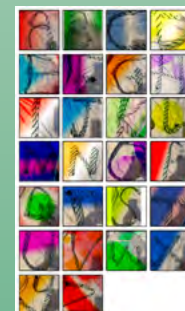
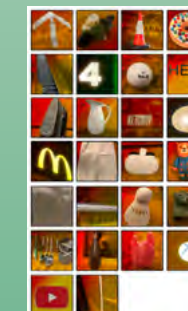
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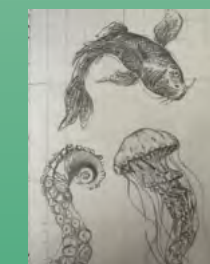
Year 9 Architecture



Year 9 Photography - Alphabets



Year 10 - Coast



Year 11 Endangered Species & Space

Physical Education

The PE department has had yet another busy and successful year. Numbers at clubs have been exceptional, commitment to fixtures throughout the year has been incredible and students are engaged in their learning in PE.



NETBALL

Our Netballers kicked their season off with a PGL Netball trip. The girls had a great time and came up against some tough competition, the perfect preparation for the season ahead. The girls were also treated to a defensive masterclass by England captain, Fran Williams, who shared her insight into how to progress to the highest level of netball whilst continuing in education. She put the girls through their paces and was very impressed with the ability levels, effort and attitude of the students. This was followed up with a trip to Bath to watch a Super League game in March., to watch Team Bath versus London Pulse where many England players took to the court. It is so important for our students to see sport played at the highest level and to meet such inspirational female role models, whilst also being given the opportunity to mix and socialise with their peers. The Year 7A are district champions finishing 1st in Division 1, the Year 7B team finished up 3rd in division 2. The Year 8A finished 2nd overall in Division 1 and the Year 8B team finished 5th. The Year 9A team were runners up in Division 1 and the Year 9B team had a great run of games, winning their league securing promotion to Division 1 for next season. And finally the Year 10 team finished runners-up.

FOOTBALL & RUGBY

Our football and rugby teams continue to compete across the district leagues and competitions. The Year 7 Football team finished 5th in their league, with the highlight being an emphatic 6-1 win against The Clere. The boys came on the wrong side of some really tight games, but gained valuable experience that they can take into next year, and playing some nice football along the way. A highlight for the Year 8 side was a short cup run in the county cup, beating Bohunt 2-0 in the first round, but unfortunately getting knocked out by Brookfield in the next. The boys also contested in the league, finishing second in the Premiership, with two wins and two losses. The team has continued to gel this year, and will be looking to knock John Hanson off that top spot next year! The Year 9 team had a strong season and with 2 wins and 2 loses finished up 2nd overall. The Y10's football season has been a mixed bag with glimpses of the usual brilliance undermined by some defensive fragility. While there were certainly games that showed the teams full potential, lifting us to a respectable league finish, the true feeling is that this team is yet to hit its peak! Next year we will have less time to practice but with a more mature approach to their performances the boys should look forward to an exciting final season together.



The current Year 9's started this journey with me. Dedication to training has grown, the passion and love for the game has grown and they have turned into a tough and quite knowledgeable team. They played well in their friendlies and prepared well for the district 7's competition. It all came down to one game against John Hanson and for the first time in 3 years we got the win. A long time coming and one that these boys deserve. The Year 7 and the Year 8 team continue to grow and develop together. The Year 7's finished second in their district competition and the Year 8's finished 4th.



ROUNDERS

Our Rounders teams have by far been our most successful. Huge numbers at training have allowed us to develop rounders skills and really think tactically in competitions. The finals were close and often coming down to a half rounder for the win but our girls were district champions in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 and the Year 10 team were runners up. Incredible effort from all our students!



On Thursday 11th July, we held our annual sports day. The day was a full day of sporting activities involving all of our students, trying to earn house points for their house.

The morning session started with the whole school taking part in sports matches, including tennis, rounders, softball, tug-of-war, cricket and basketball. Going into the afternoon, students took part in the track and field events.

Mr Briggs

Sports Day



HISTORY

There have been changes underway in the history department this year, saying goodbye to staff but welcoming in more. We have also been re-planning our Key Stage 3 curriculum in preparation for switching over our GCSE provision to AQA which we are all very excited about. Lots of new lessons to be planned and delivered. Highlights from this year include:

- Some really stunning pieces of work from our Year 7's on migration and why people have chosen to move to Britain in the years up to 1066.
- Year 8 have been tackling the issue of gaining democracy and whether the Suffragettes were justified in their actions. They've been demonstrating their oral debating skills although the technical side of things needs a little improvement! We have been really looking forward to seeing the local history trail presentations to staff and parents. Students have been working really hard on creating their own version of the town history trail.



- Year 9 have been getting to grips with different ideologies of the twentieth century and have really impressed us with their grasp of how these have led to conflict.
- Year 10 have completed two of the four components for their GCSE, with some of them taking advantage of a trip to Berlin which will help with the context for the periods of time they have been studying.

Mrs Swanton



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

This year has seen a continuation of re-establishing a rigorous Design and Technology curriculum that meets the demands of a modern inclusive education in line with the expectations of the National Curriculum.

The department has been developing a range of new schemes of work across key stage 3 that exposes students to a broader range of practical and theoretical concepts that meet these expectations, with the intent to deliver a more engaging learning experience; learning with purpose.

Students are now enabled to go beyond the previous levels of learning due to careful planning, resourcing and financial budgeting that has led to the introduction of new technologies into the department. This year we have secured an additional two 3D printers, a plotter and access to new Computer Aided Design software such as Yenka (for designing and developing electronic systems) and Fusion 360 (for 3 Dimensional modelling of design ideas). We know that these additions not only benefit the delivery of our new Key stage 3 but also lay the foundation for high level outcomes at Key stage 4 Design and Technology.

As such, this year was our first year through the AQA GCSE in Design and Technology for the out-going Year 11. The curriculum decision was taken to move back from the vocational engineering course with the view to improving attainment levels for our students. We look forward to seeing the impact that decision has made in our August results and we will be continuing to build on our partnerships with other local schools, that helps facilitate sharing subject specific best practice.

In the Design and Technology rooms we have now created designated technology areas for teaching and learning

specific skills such as a new sewing machine area and new CAD CAM workzone.

A special mention of thanks goes out to a local company Symbiosis who kindly donated a vast amount of used sheet materials that was repurposed for our projects across all year groups and several whole school projects.

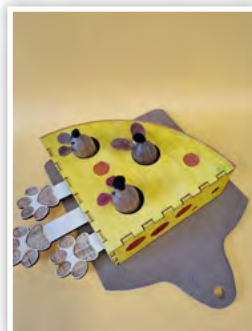
It is widely recognised that Hospitality and Catering continues to be the benchmark for the department as a whole in terms of positive outcomes and attainment due to continued excellent leadership from Emma Law. We congratulate Stacey Newport for the completion of her teaching apprenticeship, as well as Kelly Jones for her successful completion of the PGCE in Design Technology and wish them both every success in their new roles within education.

Year 8 visited Cadbury's World and had a fantastic chocolate-filled visit; always a highlight of our school year in the Food Department.

We were extremely lucky to be chosen as one of the schools nationally to benefit from the free ingredients provided as part of the Linda McCartney's school cook-along lesson where the students got to make Smokey veggie Hot dogs. All the ingredients and recipe cards were provided free of charge and the students enjoyed learning more about vegetarianism and possible meal options.

This year the Food Department has been lucky enough to be supported by the PTA who purchased us a new fridge and freezer for the department, something we are extremely grateful for. This allows us to plan for more practical lessons benefitting all students across the school.

Mr Cleaves



Performing Arts



DRAMA It has been another busy year in the Drama department with lots of exciting trips and performances, including visiting Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London.

In November, our Year 11s took their audience on a theatrical trip to the fictional seaside resort of Ferryton-on-sea in their fast and funny exam performance of The Last Resort. They also showcased their own original pieces of theatre in their final exam, devising plays on the theme of 'Treasured Memories'. The highlight of the year however, had to be the big school musical, The Addams Family. With students from all years groups taking on every possible role, on stage, off stage and in the band, this was a truly inclusive, kooky, mysterious and spooky extravaganza. Next year should be full of even more great opportunities for all our students to see, create and perform theatre. We'll have all our usual trips and performance opportunities with some new ones added in... oh no we won't! Oh yes we will! (That's a clue).

Mr Manson



MUSIC We have had a very successful year in Music, from The Winter Concert to the Year 11s completing their final exam compositions and performances and lots of exciting things in between. Our stand out student performances this year have been from those students who gave up a large amount of their free time during the Winter and Spring term to play in the school musical. The music was complex and the rehearsals were long but Lucy, Dom, Owen and Alice showed commitment and dedication throughout. A huge thank you to the staff that were also involved in making that such a success.

A highlight for the Music department this year has been taking our Year 10 Music students to Queen Mary's College for a day in their recording studio. The students showed great work ethic throughout their rehearsal process in the lead up to this day. This was a very important assessment for them because it forms 30% of their final qualification in Music. They conducted themselves in a professional manner throughout the day. It was a great experience for our students, most of whom had not recorded in a studio before.

Mrs Massiah

DANCE

Years 9, 10 and 11 took to the stage in January to perform the annual dance show. 'The Cursed Rose' was a mesmerizing performance that captivated the audience with its blend of beautiful choreography and evocative storytelling.

Elevate Dance, Harrow Way's all boys dance crew, delivered a stunning performance at the Andover Dance Festival in June at The Lights Theatre, leaving the audience in awe with their powerful movements and impressive lift work.

Miss Walker



Geography

The Geography department has continued to grow and change over the last year. We have welcomed Miss Chase into the department as well as Mr Whitworth as a Line manager and teacher. We have also celebrated the marriage of Miss Darby now Halifax and the birth of Mr Tedder's first child.

The curriculum too has been changing. We have fully transitioned to the AQA GCSE exam board and this year's Yr11 class has been the first group to complete their AQA examinations. KS3 (Yr7 -Yr9) has also seen a change, we have adapted the curriculum in order to align it more closely with the GCSE syllabus whilst still following the national curriculum. This was done in order to ensure that our students have a greater chance of success when they take their examinations. Our focus this year has been on creating an atmosphere of hard work and greater understanding. We have been setting tasks and asking the younger years similar questions to those in Year 10 and 11, this is done in order to build their confidence and skills allowing them to transition into the GCSE syllabus with confidence in their abilities and the skills they need to succeed.

In other news from this year the Year 10 geographers took part in a trip to Swanage in order to complete their GCSE human and physical fieldwork. For their Human Fieldwork they needed to determine the impact of tourists on the highstreet of Swanage. In order to do this they needed to complete land

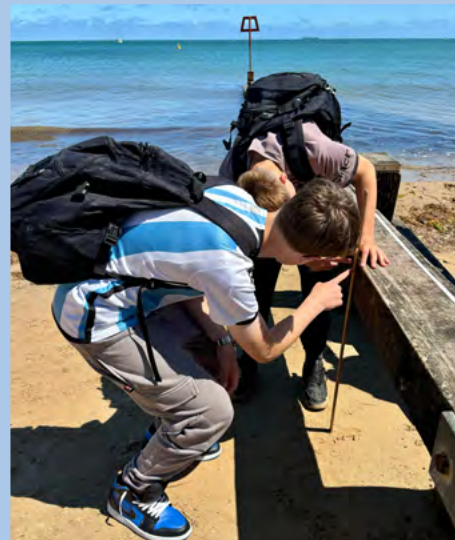


use surveys, pedestrian counts, environmental quality surveys and a risk assessment analysis. Their physical fieldwork was done to prove longshore drift was occurring on Swanage beach. This involved a field sketch, measuring longshore drift as well as measuring sediment build up on either side of a groyne. This was a fantastic learning opportunity for the students as well as being a new experience for some as they had never been to the beach before.

This year we've also had some fantastic nominations for the Geography Awards from Years 7 to 11 and this shows the changes we have made are working.

In the next year we are looking forward to seeing the progress this new system makes. We are also looking forward to our trip to Swanage for the GCSE fieldwork as well as launching our bid for our potential trip to Iceland in 2026.

Mr Tedder



Sociology

Sociology is a new subject for Harrow Way. It examines the way we interact with our society, and the way our society helps shape us as individuals. This year we introduced the subject as a taster option for Year 9. Two classes spent the year learning the foundations of sociology, including some key sociological approaches and sociologists. They also enjoyed exploring the theories behind crime and deviance, which is always a popular topic!

The students really rose to the occasion and took part in some insightful discussions on topics such as nature vs nurture and whether hard work can always lead to success.

We already have some keen and talented sociologists in the year group.

We are delighted to say that the year has been a success and we now have a large class of students taking Sociology GCSE in September. This is exciting news for Harrow Way as not many schools in Hampshire offer Sociology GCSE, and yet it is an incredibly popular A level.

The AQA course will cover sociology of the family, education, crime & deviance and social stratification, along with a variety of key sociological texts and research methods. The back wall of M6 is now a sociology wall/study aid covering the entire course.

Ms Blair

Modern Foreign Languages

Salut!
iHola!

What a busy, fantastic year it has been! MFL is a relatively small department in the school but our team is stronger than ever, with the same vision and passion for the job!

We were extremely lucky to have two language assistants with us until the end of May – Jade, from the South of France and Borja from the South of Spain. Both hugely helped develop oracy and boost confidence with our KS4 students. They also connected with our KS3 students and gave them a fresh outlook on the languages we teach as well as their culture. We would love to do this again one day... we never know... schools may be given more funds one day! "Croisons les doigts!!!"

This year our team was keen to focus on adaptive instruction, deliberate practice and formative assessment in lessons. We shared great activity ideas throughout the year, mainly with mini-whiteboards

but also in the format of low stake pair quizzes or scaffoldings for GCSE writings with Year 10 groups. We think that the impact on our students' learning has been tremendous and we are now keen to work on "progress check" assessments next year with KS3 classes. We are also thinking about making cumulative topic assessments to ensure more retention of knowledge of vocabulary. Many of our students have produced some wonderful work this year! Quite a few KS3 students have even gone the extra mile to impress us! A substantial number of Year 9 students want to pursue their journey as linguists! We have enjoyed using our language skills "live" with the Barcelona trip or recreating a French or Spanish café in our classrooms. These "live" experiences are the ones that students always cherish and never forget! We will carry on doing these "live" experiences next year and we are looking forward to organising a trip to Paris in June!

Miss Machu



A bientot!
iHasta luego!

Personal Development (PD)

Personal Development is so important to us at Harrow Way and this academic year has been particularly rewarding.

During a year which was so important to UK politics, our PD curriculum laid the foundations for students to become voting citizens in the future. In November, during UK Parliament week, all year groups took part in voting in a mock polling station set up in the library, complete with polling booths and an authentic ballot box. They voted on the issue of making Maths and English compulsory to study up to 18. They voted against.

Year 7 also had lessons on democracy and parliament. Year 8 learned about the political spectrum from left wing to right wing. Year 9 meanwhile explored misinformation and being careful in believing what you hear in the media.

To top off all of this, 6 Harrow Way students applied to become members of Hampshire Youth Parliament. Congratulations to Oscar-Bertie Vallance, in Year 9, who secured the position of Deputy Youth MP for Hampshire North West. Oscar-Bertie then led our students in taking part in the British Youth Council's Make Your Mark campaign, where students voted on the issues most important to them. This year Climate Change and the Environment was voted the most important issue for young people in the UK.

Another important part of personal development is growth mindset and we were so impressed with our Year 7s for their work on the Be Your Best Project. Many of them managed to complete, record and evaluate 5 activities in their own time,

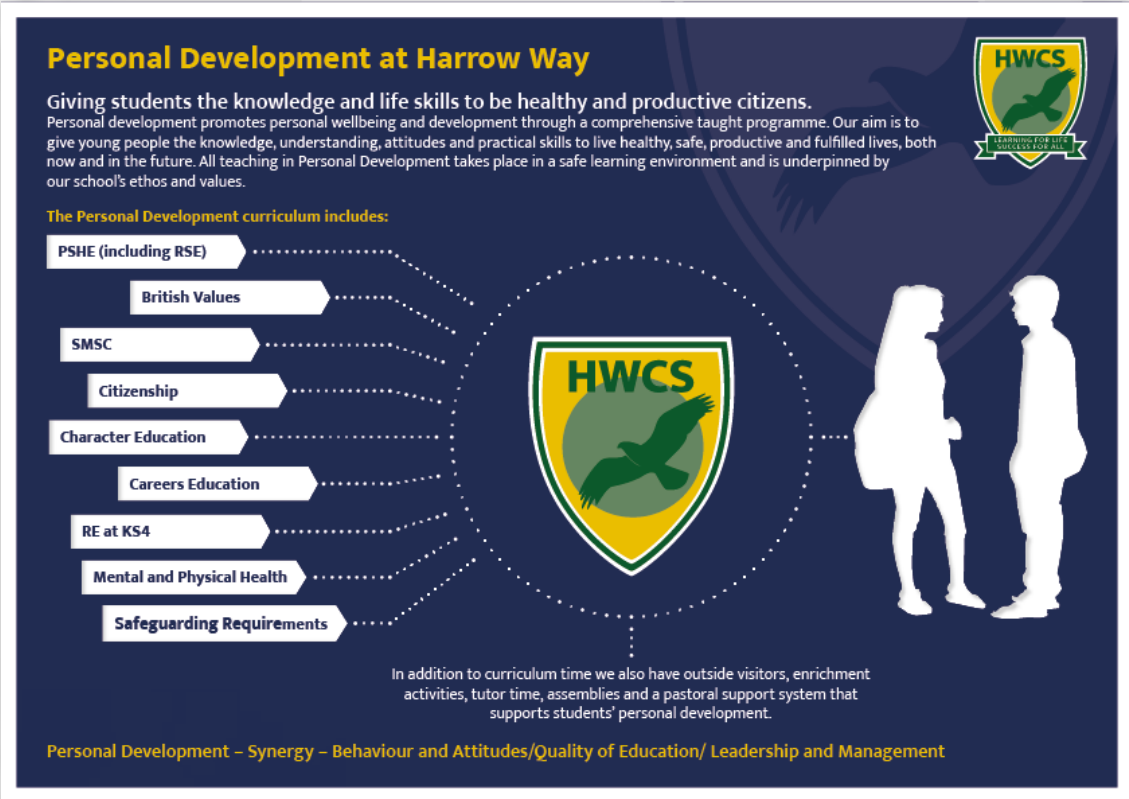
in order to demonstrate their resilience and initiative. Special congratulations to Wren Whitehead, her Billie Eilish project wowed us all and won her the Headteacher's commendation.

Keeping safe is a theme which runs throughout the PD journey at Harrow Way. This year students have developed skills in first aid, knowledge and understanding around keeping safe from vaping, alcohol and drugs. In addition there have been age appropriate relationship lessons for all year groups.

One of our biggest assets this year has been Miss Evans joining us in the PD team. She has been a brilliant teacher and students have loved working with her. We wish her all the best with returning to her first love of teaching dance.

Ms Blair & Miss Holton





RE & Philosophy

RE and Philosophy has undergone some changes with the KS3 curriculum being streamlined into Christianity, Judaism and Islam with an emphasis on how the three religions overlap. I have introduced a new element to the curriculum with the Crusades in Year 8. Year 9 has looked at some purely philosophical ideas such as 'what is beauty?' and 'what is the meaning of life?' Questions that cannot be answered, but can inspire

conversation, are the lifeblood of the subject and it has been fascinating to hear students' ideas.

The recent trip to Poland to see Auschwitz as well as other sights, has given me a real understanding of the importance of this country and role it played in history and I have incorporated some elements into the curriculum.

The next academic year begins with a new location, in the form of a new classroom, and more classes in KS4 which is extremely exciting.

Miss Priestman



House Happenings

Harrow Way's Got Talent

With 14 acts ranging from music to magic, comedy to kickboxing, Harrow Way's Got Talent returned with a bang. Our Audience Choice Award went to the hugely talents trio of Owen Tagg (Buzzards), Keira Hunter (Hawks) and Dom Kerrison (Buzzards) whose tight two minute version of AC/DC's Back In Black featured a roaming guitar solo played from every corner of the auditorium! Our judges (Mr Reed, Mr Fluellen and the Head herself, Mrs German) gave the overall win to the astounding magic and professional performance of Year 7 Hawk, Kaitlin 'Miss Direction' Brookes. We can't wait to see what talent next year's competition unearths.

Fantasy Premier League

For the second year in a row the Houses have been battling it out to see who will take the Fantasy Premier League (FPL) crown. Each week our more than 60 FPL managers, including both staff and students, have been trying to pick the top Premier League performers for their fantasy teams. Despite his best efforts, Mr Manson (Head of Kestrel House) couldn't catch our eventual winner, ending in second place to this year's champion, Year 8's Robert Sturgess of Hawk house. Well done, Robert! We hear there's a job going in the England set up...

Sports Day

The secret to dominating Sports Day is participation - every runner, jumper and thrower earns points no matter how well they perform so it really is the taking part that counts. By making sure that no event went uncontested the brave Buzzard, Hawk and Kestrel athletes earned points for their Houses that would otherwise have gone unclaimed. No matter who wins the cup, the Heads of House all came away feeling like winners after watching their Houses cheer, chant and champion every last runner over the finish line.

New House!

With the school growing every year, we realised it was time for to introduce a new House to the competition. After consulting the students on their preferred names and colours we are excited to announce the arrival of our new House... The Purple Kites! The Kites will be led by the fantastic Mrs Newport and are certain to make the battle for the House Cup even more intense. We have new Heads of House starting in September too, with the marvellous Mr Mannion's Hawks being taken over by Ms Newman and Ms Barlow permanently joining Buzzard House having led them with such great energy for much of this year. A new House and a new team means we're really looking forward to the new school year.

2024–2025 Calendar

Autumn Term 2024/2025

2 Sept 2024	INSET Day 1
3 Sept 2024	Year 7 new intake only
4 Sept 2024	All year groups
5 Sept 2024	6pm Year 7 Information Evening
9 Sept 2024	Year 11 'Action Jackson' Event
12 Sept 2024	Year 11 Information Evening
18 Sept 2024	Year 7 & 10 School Photographer
26 Sept 2024	Early finish for students 12.30pm Open Evening
1 Oct 2024	Open Morning
3 Oct 2024	Open Morning
10 Oct 2024	Year 10 Work Experience Launch
11 Oct 2024	Years 9 - 11 Shakespeare Globe Theatre Trip
15 Oct 2024	Year 11 Careers Fair (JHS)
17 Oct 2024	Year 11 Post 16 Applications Day
21 Oct 2024	Year 8 France Trip Departs
25 Oct 2024	Year 8 France Trip Returns

Autumn Half-Term – Mon 28 October – Fri 1 November

4 Nov 2024	INSET Day 2
5 Nov 2024	Extraordinary Staff Training - School Closed
6-15 Nov 2024	MFL Speaking Mocks
6 Nov 2024	Year 11 Blood Brothers Trip
7th Nov 2024	Year 10 Blood Brothers Trip
w/c 11 Nov 2024	Year 11 PPE's (mock exams)
14 Nov 2024	KS4 Presentation Evening
w/c 18 Nov 2024	Year 11 VIVAs (English)
18 Nov 2024	Year 7-9 ECO Club Trip
19 Nov 2024	Dance/Drama Component 1 - Show 1
21 Nov 2024	12.30pm finish in preparation for: 1pm-6pm Year 7 Settling in Meeting 1pm-6pm Year 8-11 Meet the Tutor
22 Nov 2024	Dance/Drama Component 1 - Show 2
w/c 25 Nov 2024	Year 11 VIVAs (English)
28 Nov 2024	Year 9 Harry Potter Warner Brother Studio Trip
6 Dec 2024	Christmas Fair
12 Dec 2024	Year 10 Parents/Carers Consultation Evening - Virtual
13 Dec 2024	INSET Day 3
16 Dec 2024	Nasal Flu / HPV / Teenage Booster vaccinations
20 Dec 2024	12.30pm end of autumn term

Christmas Holiday – Mon 23 December – Fri 3 January inclusive

6 Jan 2025	Spring term begins
16 Jan 2025	Year 11 Parents and Carers Consultation Evening - In person
20 Jan 2025	Years 7/8 Cross Country Event - Testbourne
w/c 20 Jan 2025	Year 10 Catering Practicals Week 1
22-23 Jan 2025	Teenage Booster Immunisations
22 Jan 2025	Dance Component 2 - Show 1
23 Jan 2024	Dance Component 2 - Show 2
w/c 27 Jan 2024	Year 10 Catering Practicals Week 2
29 Jan 2025	Intermediate Maths Challenge
30 Jan 2025	Yr 11 Art/Photography Gallery Visit
4 Feb 2025	Dance Live Competition
6-7 Feb 2025	Year 11 Art & Photography PPE (mock exams)

w/c 10 Feb 2025	Year 11 PPE's (mock exams) - Week 1
13 Feb 2025	Year 7 Valentines Disco (TBC)
14 Feb 2025	Years 9 - 11 New York Trip departs (returning 17th February)

Spring Half-Term – 17 – 21 February

23-25 Feb 2025	Years 9/10 Paris Trip
w/c 24 Feb 2025	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams (Mocks) Week 2
6 Mar 2025	Year 9 Parents and Carers Consultation Evening - in person
7 Mar 2025	Teenage Booster Immunisation - mop up session
12 Mar 2025	Years 7/8 Rugby 7's Andover RFC
18 Mar 2025	Years 9/10 Rugby 7's Andover RFC
20 Mar 2025	Dance/Drama Component 3 - Show 1
21 Mar 2025	Dance/Drama Component 3 - Show 2
26-27 Mar 2025	Yr 11 Peter Symonds Interviews
27 Mar 2025	Year 8 Parents and Carers Consultation Evening - Virtual
2 Apr 2025	HPV Immunisations
4 Apr 2025	End of term

Easter Holiday – 7 April – 21 April

22 Apr 2025	First day of Summer Term
w/c 28 Apr 2025	Year 11 MFL GCSE
30 Apr - 2 May 2025	School Musical
1 May 2025	Junior Maths Challenge
5 May 2025	Bank Holiday
8 May 2025	Year 7 Parents and Carers Consultation Evening - in person
12 May 2025	GCSEs begin
18 May 2025	O2 Basketball Trip - (TBC)
19 May 2025	Years 9/10 District Athletics

Summer Half Term – Mon 26 May – Fri 30 May

4 Jun 2025	Immunisations Mop Up day
12 Jun 2025	Harrow Ways Got Talent Show
16-20 Jun 2025	Year 8 Calshot Trip
20 Jun 2025	GCSEs end (provisional date)
w/c 23 Jun 2025	Year 10 Exams - Week 1
23 Jun 2025	Years 7/8 District Athletics
25 Jun 2025	GCSE Contingency Day
26 Jun 2025	Years 7/8 Presentation Evening (by invitation)
27 Jun 2025	Year 11 Prom
w/c 30 Jun 2025	Year 10 Exams - Week 2
1 Jul 2025	Year 6 Induction Day/Evening
3 Jul 2025	Years 9/10 Presentation Evening (by invitation)
4 Jul 2025	Year 10 Andover College Taster Day
w/c 7 Jul 2025	Work Experience week (TBC)
9-10 Jul 2025	Year 5 Taster Days
10 Jul 2025	PE Presentation Evening (by invitation)
11 Jul 2025	Sports Day
14 Jul 2025	Reserve Sports Day
18 July 2025	End of term - school closes at 12.30 pm
21-22 Jul 2025	INSET Days 4 & 5

