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JUNIOR RATTIGAN

Treasure Island, Ryan Theatre, 21-22 June

The Junior Rattigan Society's production of *Treasure Island* was without a doubt a resounding success. A well-oiled cast alongside a backstage crew of a professional calibre delivered an entertaining and memorable performance.

The tale follows Jim Hawkins (Max Paton-Smith, *Elmfild*), a young boy living in his parents' inn. One day, the drunkard pirate Billy Bones (Henry Farquhar, *Lyon's*) dies in the inn after being presented with the dreaded black spot. Jim hastily unlocks Billy's sea chest, finding a map inside. With a vicious gang of pirates in hot pursuit, they flee the inn with the map and bring it to two acquaintances, Dr Livesey (Jake Henson, *The Park*) and Squire Trelawney (Jolyon Glynn, *Rendalls*). Jubilantly, they recognise it as a map for a huge treasure that the infamous Captain Flint (William Wauchope, *The Knoll*) has buried on a distant island. Trelawney immediately starts planning an expedition but is tricked into hiring one of Flint's former mates, Long John Silver, (Max Morgan, *Rendalls*) and many of Flint's old crew. The only reliable member of the crew is the captain, Smollett (Gabe Rogers, *The Knoll*).

The ship sets sail for Treasure Island – all seems well until Jim overhears Silver's plans for mutiny. Jim informs the captain of the rebellious crew. Landing on the island, Smollett devises a plan to get most of the mutineers off the ship. Jim decides to explore the island, where he encounters a half-crazed man named Ben Gunn (Freddie Strange, *Newlands*), who had once served in Flint's crew but had been marooned years earlier. Meanwhile, Smollett and his men have gone ashore and taken shelter in a stockade. An epic battle ensues between the pirates and Smollett and his men, with the latter eventually emerging as victors. After loading the treasure back onto the ship, Jim and his friends return home as rich men, marooning the mutineers on the island.



In his first performance on the Ryan Theatre stage, Paton-Smith did remarkably well, delivering a confident portrayal of the boy-pirate Jim Hawkins. He kept up the character's energy throughout, and managed to accurately convey both the young boy's nervousness at finding himself on a pirate ship and the bravery with which he confronts treasure-hungry pirates.

Morgan was highly convincing as the wily Long John Silver, perfectly capturing the two sides of his personality: his amicable, almost paternal, demeanour towards Jim and the ruthless bloodthirsty terror in front of his pirates. His sensitive

side triumphed in the end, though, as he paid farewell to Jim in what was a sensitive and touching scene.

Rogers delivered Smollett's dry sense of humour and commanding oratory with authenticity. A valiant companion to Jim Hawkins, he stood up to Long John Silver, remaining true to his moral compass with tenacity throughout the entire play.



Strange discharged the raving castaway Ben Gunn with extreme conviction, thrilling the audience with his crazed screams and exclamations of lunacy. His obsessive ravings on the wonders of cheese and his jolly sea shanties lifted the spirits at the end of the performance, letting everyone know that, for our hero Jim, the tale did indeed end happily ever after.

Instrumental in keeping the momentum of the play alive was the fantastic ensemble of pirates. Thanks to their rowdy shouts and roaring shanties, the audience members may be forgiven for believing they were actually on a pirate ship!

Often the unsung heroes of a theatre production, the backstage crew deserve a lot of credit for ensuring that the show ran smoothly and for creating a set worthy of the West End. Congratulations go to GLJ, who directed such a brilliant performance. All of the hours and effort put into producing such a high-quality production certainly were visible on the night.

Glimpses from Back Stage

Having been in many plays myself, I thought it would be interesting to be part of the backstage crew without which most plays would never work. The Ryan Theatre has a full team constantly helping with lighting, sound, props and much, much more and APC is always looking for new boys to come and help.

At the end of the GCSE season, it was a nice way to end the School year to be back on the stage but from a slightly different perspective. As this was the Junior Rattigan Society production, most of the boys performing had never been on the stage in a full production – so this was a different and new experience for them. The knack for making the backstage work is knowing when not to be there and when to be there. In a lot of productions, you always get some boy peaking around the curtain or just standing around backstage trying to watch the play. I must admit that this production went really smoothly with the boys involved, and the audience enjoyed the production as much as I did helping with it.

Once again, APC is always looking for new boys to help in all upcoming productions and I would thoroughly recommend it to everyone.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

*Gold Award Expedition, Sea Kayaking, Isle of Skye,
28 August – 1 September*

Jules Verne once wrote of the sea as an 'infini vivant', and though the eight Harrovians who had finished their four-day qualifying expedition for the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award were probably more concerned by the end of it for a return to the first-world comforts of a real bed, food other than the dried pasta they had brought in their kayaks and, if they were lucky, the two fish they had managed to catch from the sea en-route, and, of course, wifi. They certainly came away with, on top of the aching arms and legs, a sense of awe at the stunning natural beauty of the Inner Seas contrasted with the rugged coastlines of the Inner Hebrides.



With the route settled as an anti-clockwise circumnavigation of the islands of Raasay and Rona, beginning from Luib on Skye itself, the two groups of four began their journey on Wednesday morning in bright sunshine and this, combined with a merciful southerly wind, made for an enjoyable first day in which both groups managed to paddle 16 miles to the northerly tip of Raasay where they made camp on a headland set above the sea. This allowed time for a walk or (optional) run up 360ft to the Loch Gun Ghrunnd to collect fresh water. Although on Thursday they were not graced with the sun's presence to the same extent, good progress was made crossing over to Rona and around its northerly tip (the home of a NATO base!). Though turning into the wind to head south did mean a tough afternoon at a languid pace, both groups were still able to travel 14 miles overall. The night's camp, whilst infested with plagues of midges, did provide the opportunity for both groups to light a campfire (including a competition across the bay as to who had the biggest fire in true Harrovian fashion...). There was also the opportunity for a trip up the (almost) sheer cliff face to the same lake as the previous day to collect more water and for some swimming (wild camping rule number one: do the former first!). The southerly winds had picked up further on the third day so, despite dazzling blue skies, both groups could only journey around five miles each. The rest of the day provided opportunity for adventuring up hills to find more lakes. The fourth day, though overcast, began very early and was a race over the ten miles back to Skye, finishing at Sconser.

Despite the challenges faced, everyone hugely enjoyed the expedition and was able to overcome being pushed out of their comfort zones. We must say a huge thank you to Ed and Matt, our instructors from the Rhos y Gwaliau Outdoor Centre in Wales, without whom our expedition would not have been possible at all, as well as to Evie and Sarah, our assessors. We must also all say thank you to CJFB for organising the running of the whole DofE Gold Award. For many of the boys on the trip, this was probably their last of many DofE experiences whilst at Harrow, so we must say thank you again to TSS, JPMB (retrospectively) and CJFB, as well as to a huge number of other beaks who have led expeditions, for having put in so much time and effort into giving us the opportunity to have had such amazing and fulfilling adventures as part of DofE.

GORE SOCIETY

Mr Mark Bryan, Gilead Sciences, 6 September

On Thursday 6 September, those gathered in the OH Room witnessed the first of many talks this academic year by the Gore Society. The speaker was Mr Mark Byran of Gilead Sciences. Mr Byran worked as a pharmacist for the NHS before deciding to switch to working for the pharmaceutical industry. He has now been working at Gilead for over ten years.

Mr Byran started by explaining the base concept of HIV and Aids. Human Immunodeficiency Virus (or HIV, as it is commonly called) is a virus that attacks and eventually destroys the immune system. This leaves the body incredibly vulnerable to other diseases. Aids is late-case HIV, when the body has already been infected. As Aids is not a disease in itself, it cannot be passed on, unlike HIV. HIV can be passed on by unprotected sex, blood transfusions and from a mother to a foetus. Conspiracy theories aside, HIV is commonly theorised to have entered the human population from monkeys. Hunters, when they were cutting up captured monkeys, may have been infected by the disease.

HIV started to become known about around 1981, when several men in California started dying of pneumonia. When local doctors tried to treat this pneumonia, the antibiotics that were used had no effect. Their immune system simply wouldn't respond to the threat. In reality, this was because the patients had late-stage Aids, meaning their immune system was almost completely destroyed.



From 1981 to 1983, many of these cases popped up, where seemingly curable diseases would resist any attempt at healing. In 1982, this seeming lack of an immune system was called Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome or Aids for short. In 1983, HIV was discovered by Luc Antoine Montagnier. It was originally named HTLV-III/LAV (human T-cell lymphotropic virus-type III/lymphadenopathy associated virus) but it was renamed HIV, for obvious reasons. In 1984, it was reported that there had been 3,665 Aids deaths in the USA alone.

Originally, since the disease started by being sexually transmitted in homosexual circles, it was known as 'gay-related immune deficiency (GRID)', even though it was also common in haemophiliacs and heroin users. However, in 1983, cases of HIV in heterosexual women began to surface, eliminating the possibility that it was limited to homosexuals.

HIV inspired one of the greatest movements of people in recent history. People were marching in the streets to get the government to fund Aids research. However, medical testing needs an extreme amount of time and capital. Pharmaceutical companies have to jump through several hoops, including three sets of trials. After factoring in the failure rate of drugs, the average cost of producing a new medicine is about \$1 billion, and about \$2 billion in America (as Mr Byran put it "everything is bigger in the US"). Making new drugs is risky and time consuming with only a limited patent length. However, after 12 years of research, it was realised that three different drugs were most effective in treating HIV. However, these new medications were not without problems. The original regimens involved

taking 30+ pills a day, which made it incredibly impractical and expensive. The substantial number of pills also meant that it was almost impossible to supply HIV medication to remote areas in Africa and Asia, where HIV was rife. While new drugs for the treatment of HIV have been developed, there has been no definite cure for HIV and progress is slow.

Mr Byran then went on to talk about the obligation that pharmaceutical companies, such as Gilead, have to impoverished citizens who have diseases like HIV. Uganda has an infected population of 1.4 million people, of whom 67% are on anti-retroviral treatment (according to studies conducted in 2016 by Avert, an international educational organisation dedicated to HIV). This is in direct contrast to the UK, where 101,000 people are living with HIV, 96% of whom are on antiretroviral treatment (according to a study in 2015, again by Avert). However, the GDP per capita in Uganda is \$615, meaning that the vast majority of Ugandans cannot afford to buy daily HIV pills. Medical charities provide some funding for free HIV tablets but not enough to help cope with the 36.7 million people living with HIV (according to studies conducted by HIV.gov in 2016). The solution that Gilead uses is one that benefits the patient and the total Ugandan economy. They give generics companies access to the technology and manufacturing processes to allow them to make the medicines locally at a much reduced price. Since they don't have large development costs and their factories are closer to the infected patients, they can sell HIV tablets for much less than Gilead could. The competition between generic manufacturers can lower the price even more and make the medicines even more affordable and accessible.

Thanks must go to Mr Byran for giving such a riveting talk and to CEGB, without whom the talk would not have taken place.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Bobby Coates, Bradbys, Physics Schools, 7 September

This week, the Science Society was delighted to have Bobby Coates, *Bradbys*, to start the new term off with a talk on the uses of transistors and vacuum tubes, which are key components used in the development of computers. He also talked about the advantages and disadvantages of each of them.

Coates first introduced the basic functions and the technical aspects of how vacuum tubes work, including their main applications in the first computers designed by scientist such as John Fleming. A vacuum tube mainly acted as a switch or signal amplifier in the circuits and was crucial in creating a functionable computer. However, there were certain disadvantages that compromised the practicality and efficiency of these early computers, such as the heat emitted and the rather large volume of the tube.

Coates moved on to describe the invention of transistors. The first physical transistor was produced in 1947 and was adopted into a computer in November 1953. He then explained how transistors are created in depth and how transistors are made up of semiconductors fitted together and described the phenomena of semiconductor doping. There are two main types of 'doped' semiconductors, the p-type and the n-type. As semiconductors are mainly made up of crystals of silicon, the doping effect of such semiconductors is achieved by inserting gallium or phosphorous atoms in to the lattice. The p-type semiconductor is made by inserting elements with three electrons in the valence energy level, which creates 'holes' (electron deficiency) in the structure. N-type semiconductors contain elements with five electrons in the valence energy level, which instead increases the concentration of free electrons. These different types of

transistors are basically different combinations of three p-type and n-type semiconductors. They combine to form what is basically a diode due to the opposite characteristics of the two types of semiconductors, creating an effect of forward conduction.

After explaining the science behind these transistors, Coates focused on a few particular versions of transistors that were commonly used in the 1950s. The first one was known as the bipolar junction transistor and it could be operated as an amplifier or a switch, similar to the functions of a vacuum tube. The second one was known as a field effect transistor (FET), which is ideal for integrated circuits as it is small. The last one is known as a junction FET.

Coates concluded the talk with explaining why transistors are more favoured in computer engineering and how vacuum tubes would be a better choice in other applications such as amplifiers. He clearly stated the advantages of transistors, which is that they are smaller and cheaper to produce and they can be used in integrated circuits, causing vacuum tubes to be rarely used in computers today.

It was an excellent talk that introduced us to a topic that is very important in the development of modern information technology and described the evolution of such an intrinsic component in computers. We are looking forward to upcoming talks delivered by other boys in the School.

FIFTH FORM CONFERENCE

OH Room, 21-26 June

On a fine morning in June, there was relief in the air. GCSEs were over and the Fifth Form finally felt free. Free from the weight and worry of oxbow lakes and Shakespeare. Alas, the empty void in their minds became replete with apprehension; results day was both imminent and extraneous, ominous and auspicious, tantalising and tangible. Thankfully, a distraction surfaced for fourteen Fifth Form boys. The task of entertaining three groups of trans-continental Harrovians from the Harrow International School in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing would supplant everything and anything else.

The first day of the Fifth Form Conference began with an address from Dr Colin Stokes. His story dated back to WWII, where he endured the tragedy and trauma of war as a child, and quickly realised the importance of teamwork in the face of adversity. Moving forward in time, he revealed that he "gave up on school the same time they gave up on me". With that in mind, he joined the Army, and served two years in Cyprus. The experience opened his eyes to the value of comradeship and discipline during difficult times. Upon return, he started a career in tea-tasting/testing, something he'd never imagined himself doing. Throughout his career he worked with seven different bosses, who according to him "got progressively better". Stokes placed great emphasis on the importance of his managers as people that everyone looked up to, respected and sometimes feared. They set the tone and direction of everyone below them, which could determine the effectiveness of the whole group. When something was going wrong, it was often because of the leader. As such, he learnt a lot from the mistakes of his leaders. As he moved up the career ladder, those years of experience and empathy led him towards successful leadership. After a moving story and some very useful insights into university applications (from the School's Universities Team), the delegates made way to UCL (University College London), for a comprehensive tour of the university and its facilities. The tour proved really useful, especially as the Lower Sixth are now getting closer to university decisions. An interesting highlight of the tour was the grave/display of Jeremy Bentham, the founder of Modern Utilitarianism and an alumnus of UCL. Unfortunately, his body was currently on loan, but it would usually rest (stand) there.

The next day was perhaps the most anticipated: Eton v Harrow at Lord's. Before the slightly unfitting chants and extravagantly priced canned water that looked too much like a pre-mixed cocktail, the delegates were addressed by Dr Isis Dove-Edwin, a Governor of Harrow School. She explored the various qualities of world leaders and talked more specifically about female leadership. She identified that females tend to avoid risk more than men, and that she believed that this is often one of the underlying factors that can keep a woman from reaching a leadership position. It is really important to consider this, especially in a male-dominated community like Harrow. After this eye-opening address, the delegates made way to Lord's. I believe there's no need to explain what happened there. However, an exuberant show, *Thriller Live*, took everyone's mind off a slightly disappointing defeat.

The following day, delegates explored Oxford and enjoyed a well-deserved day of rest in preparation for the action-packed days that would follow.

The delegates organised lessons for Year 5 students in the different fields of Drama, Sport and Art. Perhaps, the most (un) surprising discovery was that Year 5 children excel when it comes to Fortnite dances. The project also served as a reminder that teaching is perhaps just as difficult, if not more, than learning. In between all these activities, there was also an address from Mrs Lucy Elphinstone, who explored the essential qualities of leadership and pointed out the SAS leadership code: excellence, self-discipline and no class. Mrs Elphinstone proposed a more progressive model of leadership that involves a less rigid hierarchical system and thrives on the free exchange of ideas and passion. Some of the most important leadership qualities Mrs Elphinstone discussed were those of integrity, loyalty and decisiveness. The modern world is progressing towards this style of leadership and it's important to embrace it, even at a hierarchical school like Harrow.

Among all other things, there was also a constructive leadership workshop and a scrumptious conference dinner, where the delegates were addressed by OH Zander Whitehurst, a young entrepreneur and athlete. Overall, the Fifth Form Conference was as restless as it was rewarding, and every Fifth Former should keep it on their radar.

HERE AND THERE

Congratulations to the three boys – Rohan Doshi, *West Acre*, Eugene Kim, *West Acre* and Aria Shirazi, *Rendalls* – who attended the twelfth Asia-Pacific Young Leaders' Summit in Singapore over the summer as the UK delegation. In a highly talented field of delegates from across five continents, the boys were highly commended for their contributions and won the award for the best poster presentation.

Ostap Stefak, *Newlands*, has been awarded the Sir Professor Chris Pissarides Prize by the Economics Society of the London School of Economics, after finishing in first place in its essay competition. Stefak was required to discuss the extent to which Economics is suffering from 'Physics envy' and should be striving to be a natural science, and was commended for his informative and creative response.

William Tallentire, *Lyon's*, was highly commended by the adjudicators of the Vellacott History Prize, awarded by Peterhouse, Cambridge, for his essay on 'What has survived from the Dark Ages'.

Congratulations to the following boys who gained distinction in higher-grade music exams at the end of last term: Harry Lempriere-Johnston, *Druries* (Grade 7 voice), Ilyas Qureshi, *The Park* (Grade 6 oboe), Nathan Shepard, *The Park* (Grade

7 voice), Daniel Sidhom, *The Knoll* (Grade 8 voice), Pasa Suksmith, *Elmfield* (Grade 7 piano).

Congratulations to Josh Gibbs, *The Park*, whose entry for the Trinity College Cambridge Linguistics Essay Prize was ranked in the top five and received a Commendation. Josh's essay examined the question of whether animal communication can be described as language.

STEP Mathematics, and in particular STEP II and STEP III are Maths exams sat by pupils at the end of Upper Sixth who are aiming to study Mathematics at Cambridge. Congratulations to Andrew Zhou, *Lyon's*, who took the exams a year early and achieved the top grade in all three papers with scores of 117/120 and 115/120 – the highest in recent memory at Harrow School by a considerable margin.

OH WISDOM

We would like to introduce OH Wisdom – a weekly Old Harrovian quote, wise or otherwise, courtesy of the Harrow Association, the School's Old Boy association.

Many of famous quotations by the Giants of Old can be found in Dale Vargas' and Ross Beckett's *One Hundred and One Eminent Harrovians*.



"I look back on my schooldays at Harrow as one of the most vital periods of my training for the responsibility I was later to assume...I still feel enormous pride because I went there. It gives me real pleasure to wear my Harrovian tie and I shall always be glad that I was once at one of the greatest schools in the world."

King Hussein of Jordan (*The Park* 1951³)

Hussein became King of Jordan in August 1952. He spent just a year at Harrow before going on to lead his nation for 47 years, through a series of political and military crises, attempted coups and assassinations. Despite all the pressures on him, Hussein never forgot Harrow. He was guest of honour at Churchill Songs in 1985, president of the Harrow Association from 1997 and was a generous benefactor to the School.

INORGANIC VENTURES

The Harrovian is happy to report on the success of the School chemists – of 38 boys who entered this year's C3L6 (the Lower Sixth Cambridge Chemistry Challenge), nine were awarded Copper certificates, 14 were awarded Silver and four received Gold certificates.

This is a significant achievement demonstrating a real commitment and ambition to tackle challenging extension questions, drawing-on advanced understanding of Chemistry and Maths and requiring well-developed problem-solving skills.

The much rarer Roentgenium certificate was awarded to only the top 0.7% of the 8,000 entries.

Three Harrovians – Pasa Suksmith, *Elmfield*, Andrew Zhou and Will Cleeve, both *Lyon's* – achieved this. This is magnificent.

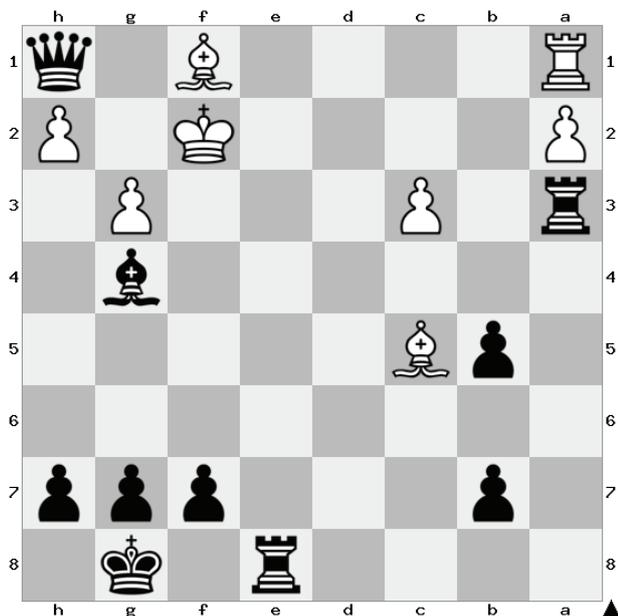
Subsequently, the three of them were invited to Cambridge University over the summer to attend a series of residential workshops at St Catharine's College.

Many congratulations also to DH for completing his year as part of the organising committee – a considerable commitment.

CHESS PUZZLE

The weekly Chess Puzzle is set by JPBH. Email your solutions to him to enter the termly competition. Answers are published with next week's puzzle.

This week's puzzle: Black to play and mate in 3.



Fancy playing chess? Drop in to Chess Club – Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:30-6pm in Maths Schools 5. All abilities (boy, beak or support staff) are welcome!

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters to the Editors of *The Harrovian*

DEAR SIRS,

I would like to give a response to last week's article on mobile phone policy at Harrow. I thought that this particularly brave article well highlighted the problems with an increasingly draconian mobile phones policy as the years develop. Although I must admit that this might not be the case for everyone, I know certainly that they are an excellent tool for teaching and learning. For one, mobile phones are, and represent for this generation, a vital safety requirement. Though the somewhat satirical tone of the article did not make this point important enough, I believe that allowing us to walk around with mobile phones (if not using them on the High Street) is vitally important in a more and more dangerous world. They are what we use for calling for help or what someone uses when they need to call for help. I, for one, feel safer when walking around with such a device.

I believe that this is an issue that needs to be addressed by proper representation from the School body in order to

encompass these devices into our day-to-day life. Many other schools, such as the dreaded Eton, have accepted that mobile phones are a vital part of everyday life and they only make their equivalent of Shells hand in their phone at night. This is true for most other boys across the country. While many adults would contest that mobile phones would increase academic results, so would getting rid of games, and there is no sign of that happening.

In conclusion, mobile phones are a significant issue for our generation and we have to learn for ourselves how to resist the temptation. Mobile phones are a privilege, and one that should be taken away as a punishment if misused, but we should be trusted with a bit more freedom on a day-to-day basis. Harrow is meant to prepare us for the world and that includes mobile phones.

Yours sincerely,
DYLAN WINWARD, LYON'S

ATHLETICS

English Schools Athletics Championships in July



At the English Schools Athletics Championships in July, Remi Jokosenumi, *Lyon's*, achieved the incredible electronic time of 21.99s in the Under-15 boys' 200m. This makes him the fastest 200m runner in the School, in England and indeed in the United Kingdom. He broke the national record for 14 year olds and returned with a silver medal for the 4 x 100m relay as well as a gold medal for his outstanding 200m.

FOOTBALL

*Harrow vs The John Lyon School Boys, 8 September
Development A XI Won 4-1*

Scorers: Carlo Agostinelli, *The Head Master's*, x 2, Christian Boland, *Newlands*, Thomas Walduck, *The Knoll*

The Development A XI started the season in impressive fashion, scoring four well-worked goals against neighbours John Lyon. In truth, Harrow should have added more to their tally, but a combination of wayward finishing, a lack of early-season fitness and taking their foot off the gas in the second half, meant that the scoreline didn't quite reflect the amount of goal-scoring

opportunities created by Harrow.

Harrow started the game with great energy and determination. Their high press put John Lyon under pressure early on and there were chances to score within the first few minutes. The deadlock was broken in the tenth minute, when Yuhki Koshiba, *Lyon's*, played an excellent through-ball to Carlo Agostinelli who struck a rising left-footed shot into the top of the net.

Harrow doubled their lead just five minutes later. Agostinelli's corner wasn't dealt with by the John Lyon defence and Thomas Walduck was given the keys to the six yard box. Unmarked, Walduck smashed a volley home from five yards out. A Walduck goal is about as common as a vegetable on AJDT's dinner plate – they don't come around very often. His third goal in five years.

In the 22nd minute, Christian Boland scored Harrow's third. Ben Harrison, *West Acre*, worked superbly to win the ball back in Harrow's half, before turning and launching a counter attack. Agostinelli fed Boland, whose right foot volley sped past the keeper and into the far corner. At half-time Harrow were in control and deserving of their lead.

Harrow scored straight away in the second half. While John Lyon dithered on the ball in defence, Agostinelli pounced before firing a snapshot into the bottom corner from 20 yards out. Unfortunately, Harrow failed to extend their lead. They created numerous chances with Agostinelli hitting the bar, Boland firing just over or just wide, Harrison not quite getting the goal that his industry deserved and Afure Moses-Taiga, *Druries*, heading just over from a corner.

The goal of the game was scored by John Lyon with their only shot on target. It was a screamer of a goal, a rising strike from 25 yards out which flew into the top corner.

John Lyon did not really offer Harrow a threat otherwise. Harrow looked to attack at every opportunity with Musty Akhtar, *The Head Master's*, and John Koutalides, *West Acre*, on the wings, with Toby Gould, *Lyon's*, Matthew Harrison, *West Acre*, and Andrew Holmes, *The Grove*, pulling the strings in midfield and with a solid defensive performance from Ludo Palazzo, *West Acre*, Walduck and Moses-Taiga. Max Little, *Rendalls*, in goal was largely untroubled, but showed excellent distribution.

Development B XI Won 2-1

The development B XI opened their season with a good win in the end. After a difficult start, the boys improved as the game went on eventually controlling the outcome in the second half. There were great performances through the team but Jasper Gray, *Newlands* and Fin Scott, *Rendalls* were particularly impressive. Scorers: OG, F. Scott Man of the match: Fin Scott

Development C XI Won 5-1

Ciaran Timlin scored four and Alex Hall one in a pleasing, but somewhat laboured, victory. The Cs had almost total domination of possession and territory throughout and, with more ruthless finishing, could have doubled their tally. A good start to the season, nonetheless!

Goals: Timlin, *Bradlys* x 4; AJT Hall, *Rendalls*

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE HARROW GOLF COURSE

As the sun begins to fade away into the dark threatening clouds certain games take place in the fields of Harrow School. Most boys choose rugby but for the brave ones it's golf. The clubs swing up and down as you walk towards the first tee and after a downhill descent you are greeted with an opposite. Setting the bag down you look up and down the 1st hole. The trees or the length aren't the intimidation but the grandeur of the hill you are about to face. After reaching your ball that has sloped down into rough and you are out of breath, a tree defends the

hole as its leaves and branches look like they intend to protect. First hole done and the bogey you were granted doesn't seem too bad when you see this cute little par 3 come around. It is only 135 yards downhill but unfortunately the hole sits at the peak of another little bump, so, malheureusement, little isn't the right word. A yard or two offline and your ball makes its way to the 3rd tee or it goes over the back to the 9th: a bogey again gives you dread of what is to come. The 4th gives you respite and so does the 5th, so par par gets you back on track. The 5th hole comes up and the equivalent of Amen Corner at Augusta begins. You bogey the first and believe that hope is to come but it soon perishes with your ball into the rough on the 6th as you chunk it up there and 2 putt for yet another bogey. As you progress through these three treacherous holes, the goals decrease and decrease and decrease until you manage a smirk after double-bogeying the 7th with its impossible slope from right to left. The only bit to smile about is the fantastic view from the tee-box of St Mary's, which matches the view of you looking for your ball in the pond while an old man fishing looks you up and down, and although he pretends not to be judging you he is. You drop one next to a tree and manage to bogey after zigzagging across the hole. Finally the the last hole, the last touch to this deceitful little golf course, the 9th. The water looks out of play and the green almost looks like a target to you as it perches on its little ridge and the confidence builds in you as you set your ball down from 140. Shank. Straight into the water and right into the line of yet another fisherman who sits there gazes you up and down and screams, "What the hell are you doing?!"

GOLF

The School Championship and the Inter House Tournament, Harrow School Golf Course, May 9
Inter-House Competition – The Michele Family Trophy

Joint Winners: The Head Master's and Rendalls

First Round 9 May

The Head Master's, Max Shirvell and Toby Shirvell	19 points
Rendalls, Ollie Connell and Johnny Connell	19 points
Lyon's, Qassi Gaba and Tim Llewellyn Palmer	18 points
Druries, Charles and Seb Tallis	16 points
Elmfield, Hamish Dicketts and Charlie Witter	16 points
The Grove, Cameron Mahal and Otto Stroyan	15 points
Moretons, Michael Ma and Julian Owston	12 points
Newlands, George Watson and Jasper Gray	12 points
The Park, Johnny Marsh and Alfie Farr	11 points
Bradbys, Jasper Campbell and Ollie Wiggin	9 points
The Knoll, Jose Linares and Jake Forster	7 points
West Acre, Callum Jones and Freddie Falcon	2 points

The Champion Golfer – The Gaba Family Trophy

Winner: Max Shirvell, *The Head Master's* 19 points

As last year, this was a much anticipated event in the golf calendar. Up for grabs, two impressive trophies: The Gaba Family Trophy presented to the Champion Golfer and The Michele Family Trophy presented to the winning House. The format, as in previous years, is stableford, without handicaps, and with better ball for the team scores, over nine holes on the School course.

Mixed weather in the lead-up days meant the course was soft with rich thick turf, excellent fairways, tough rough, and even

but slowish greens. As ever on the School course, accuracy and not distance was going to be of paramount importance. Overall, the course was in excellent condition and looked amazing. Many thanks to the superb grounds staff for their hard work and close attention to detail.



The sun was shining and the good conditions gave everyone a sense of hope, even expectation, that high scoring was on the cards. Better ball as a format is all about team work and dovetailing with your partner.

The pre-match favourites, The Head Master's and Rendalls, both posted impressive 19 points apiece, playing 1 under gross rounds. It was decided that instead of a play-off the trophy would be shared this year by both Houses.

In the School Championship there was a clear winner. Max Shirvell's high quality individual score of 19 points put him clearly ahead of the field to win The Gaba Trophy.

Charlie Witter not out	71	73
H Wilson c S Assani b W Falcon	6	16
P Patel c & b R Nelson	34	30
M Little c J Bowie b R Nelson	0	2
Jafer Chohan not out	20	24
S Dhaliwal		
Musa Ali		
Musty Akhtar		
Extras		31
Total		243

<i>Wanderers</i>	O	M	R	W
S Assani	6.0	1	35	1
H Maxwell	12.2	1	66	1
W Falcon	9.0	0	52	3
R Nelson	14.0	1	55	2
G Reid	3.0	1	21	0

Harrow put in an excellent performance to defeat a very strong OH side. Filled with recent leavers and a couple of seasoned pros the OHs were determined to win. They started well and saw off the opening attack of Akhtar, *The Head Master's* and Little, *Rendalls* but were soon undone by captain Ali. First he claimed De Silva's wicket, who was caught attempting the sweep, and, very next ball, Reid was bowled leaving one that hit his middle stump having been deceived by the slider. Following sustained pressure from Ali, *Moretons* and Chohan, *Lyon's*, Ali claimed his third as Wallis missed his slog sweep and was plumb LBW. This brought last year's captain and keeper together and Ferreira and Ayliffe played very well until Chohan spun one past the outside edge of Ayliffe to bowl him. Ferreira continued to bat well and showed some inventiveness with a series of scoops and reverse sweeps keeping the crowd entertained and the scoreboard flowing.

Bowie and Assani provided valuable support, both hitting some big sixes but perishing attempting to increase the scoring rate. Bowie was superbly caught by Wijeratne, *The Head Master's* at long on and Assani stumped by a smart piece of keeping by Sheopuri, *Lyon's* from Akhtar. Ferreira continued to bat well but wickets tumbled at the other end; Falcon was bounced out by Little following a nudgey innings and captain Rob Nelson well bowled by Akhtar. Harry Maxwell provided the highlight of the day for the OHs, hitting his first career six over long on. Sadly for the OHs, he perished two balls later trying the same shot and was well caught by Harrington-Myers, *Bradlys*.

Harrow's response started poorly when Dicketts, *Elmfield* was deceived by an Assani bouncer and was caught trying to hook. Sheopuri and Harrington-Myers built well until Falcon had the former caught behind. Wijeratne batted nicely but was undone by a trademark Maxwell inswinging Yorker that uprooted his off stump. Harrow were precariously poised but Witter, *Elmfield* and Harrington-Myers rebuilt well. Having got a little stuck on 49, Harrington-Myers mis-timed a pull shot and was caught just shy of his 50. Wilson played some nice shots but was dismissed before he really had a chance to get going and Harrow were under pressure. Witter did not show it at all and along with Patel began to take control of the game. Both hit nicely straight and Patel's 75 metre hit from an Assani short ball was the shot of the day. It wouldn't be a Harrow game without a mini-collapse and after captain Rob Nelson got both Patel, *Elmfield* and Little in the same over it could have been dangerous. Gladly for the current side Witter continued to bat superbly and Chohan showed great composure and some fluent batting to get Harrow over the line, Witter's 71 not out earning him the man of the match award.

Thanks again to leavers recent and not-so-recent for making the effort and turning this into an excellent occasion, and to Rob Nelson and Fred Wooley in particular for their continued support of the OH Cricket Club to whom the current boys owe so much.

CRICKET

*School 1st XI v Harrow Wanderers,
Harrow Wanderers 239-9, 56.0 overs v School 1st XI
243-7, 44.2 overs
School won by 3 wickets*

Harrow Wanderers	R	B
BM Wallis, lbw b Musa Ali	38	52
D Da Silva, c Musty Akhtar B Musa Ali	19	26
G Reid b Musa Ali	0	1
M Ayliffe b Jafer Chohan	21	59
A Ferreira† not out	76	122
J Bowie c Rishi Wijeratne B Jafer Chohan	13	23
S Assani st Tej Sheopuri† b Musty Akhtar	36	34
W Falcon c Musa Ali B M Little	2	9
R Nelson b Musty Akhtar	2	4
H Maxwell C Luke H-Myers B Musa Ali	9	7
J Pool		
F Hall		
Extras		23
Total		239

School 1st XI

	O	M	R	W
Musty Akhtar	12.0	1	53	2
M Little	9.0	0	40	1
Musa Ali	11.0	2	38	4
Jafer Chohan	15.0	2	56	2
P Patel	9.0	1	36	0
<i>School</i>			R	B
Luke H-Myers c M Ayliffe b W Falcon			49	80
Hamish Dicketts C & B S Assani			2	8
Tej Sheopuri† c A Ferreira† b W Falcon			21	21
Rishi Wijeratne b H Maxwell			9	15

RUGBY

*The School v Berkhamsted School, 8 September
1st XV Won 27-17*

A well-organised and physical Berkhamsted gave the Harrow XV a stern test on the Sunley. As expected in the first full game of the season, play fluctuated between sublime brilliance to frustrating ill-discipline, with Obatoyinbo, *The Knoll* providing plenty of the former.



When Harrow did manage to string together multiple phases, their opponents struggled to contain powerful carries from the likes of MacNaughton, *Bradbys* and O'Connor, *Druries*. This, combined with Llewellyn Palmer, *Lyon's* and Neal's menacing defensive work, helped the hosts to a 12-3 half-time lead. The second half brought numerous changes in personnel, with a total of 13 players making their 1st XV debut. Individual performances were all very pleasing and confirmed a reassuring strength in depth but a collective failure to acclimatise to the match official and an inevitable revival from Berkhamsted, left the final score at a competitive 27-17.

Try Scorers: Johnson, *Rendalls*, MacNaughton, *Bradbys*, O'Connor, *Druries*, Coldicott, *Newlands*

3rd XV vs Berkhamstead 2nd XV, Won 26-0

A superb start to the season, where defence was the crucial difference between the two sides. Well done to all involved.

Colts A Won 36-5

The Colts A side began the term well as they defeated Berkhamsted 36-5 in a fast-paced encounter. The conditions on the Julian pitches were perfect for running rugby and Arundell, *The Knoll*, Smith, and Maydon, *The Grove* impressed with several line breaks. The Harrow forward pack were dominant and provided a firm foundation for the backline to play from. With a stable platform, the Harrow backs cut loose and proved too much for the Berkhamsted side.

Colts B Won 57-7

Colt B got their season off to a flyer with a crushing 57-7 victory over a valiant, but overmatched Berkhamsted. Dominance at the breakdown, communication and teamwork provided the platform for a win that did not flatter the home side. However, tougher challenges lie ahead, beginning with Warwick next weekend. Try scorers: Brankin-Frisby, *Newlands* 2; Davies 2; Jones, *West Acre*, Shailer, *Rendalls*; Slater, *Moretons* Sule, *Moretons*, Yardley, *Druries*.

Conversions: Slater, *Moretons* 4; Brankin-Frisby, *Newlands*.
Junior Colts A Won 21-14

In an extremely physical encounter, the Junior Colts A started the season with an important victory against a tough and well-drilled Berkhamsted side. With the score at 7-7 at half time after an impressive individual effort from Seb Phillips, *Rendalls* Harrow used the width well in attack to send a rapid Garuba over in the corner. A scrum against the head five minutes later resulted in an opportunistic effort from Digges, taking the score to 21-7. The opposition scored a deserved try at the end of the game to take the score to 21-14. An excellent team effort against a physical side with a number of excellent performances from the boys on the bench – Martin, *The Knoll*, and Anderson, *Newlands* deserve a particular mention here. On to next week. MOTM: Seb Phillips, *Rendalls*

Junior Colts B Lost 10-12

Despite two great tries from Ajibola, *Bradbys* and Gaffey, *Moretons* and a superlative performance in the front row from Rupert Cullinane, *Newlands* the Junior Colts Bs lost 12-10 to a resilient Berkhamstead side.

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