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## THE KNOLL HOUSE PLAY

*The Ladykillers*, Ryan Theatre, 7 and 8 February

On 7 and 8 February The Knoll graced the School with their much-anticipated performance of *The Ladykillers*. One might ask, why this old-time 1950s' comedy should be resurrected for the stage? The answer to this is clear; with the use of a fantastic cast and an inspiring director, this classic comedy brings vibrancy to the stage and allows the audience to revel in the ingenious plot, originally written by William Rose.



The play, adapted in 2011 by Graham Lineham, centres around a gang of ruffians who cause their own demise while in the home of the sweet, old Mrs Wilberforce (Danial Sidhom). It all begins with Mrs Wilberforce cosied up in her living room with a police officer (Alex Jeong), as she has a habit of reporting suspicious behaviour. Unaware of her reputation, the unassuming and rather dapper thief Professor Marcus (Gabe Rogers) rents a room in Mrs Wilberforce's home for himself and his band of rug rats. Posing as a string quintet, the thieves successfully pull off a bank robbery, but slip up at the last moment in front of the keen-eyed Mrs Wilberforce as they try to escape. Soon enough, they agree that they need to murder her, but the bumbling crooks wind up double-crossing each other and slowly kill themselves off, leaving dear old Mrs Wilberforce with a stash of cash for her and her pet parrot to enjoy for themselves. This show veered away from the naturalistic styles of Stanislavski and Max Stafford Clarke and adopted a more stylistic take, making for a very engaging and riveting performance throughout. The production was most definitely entertaining, and the script

was interpreted with precision, causing roars of laughter from the audience from beginning to end, and for this GLJ must be congratulated.

When first coming into the auditorium, the audience was confronted with a peculiar yet quite genius stage design, executed by Ms Watson. The stage was end on, and the usual thrust configuration of the Ryan Theatre had been removed, hence, reducing the stage space. The set itself was composed of a mix of musty 1950s furniture, accompanied with stylised angular door frames and different stage levels to define different rooms. This set worked very well in producing a rather claustrophobic space that would later trap Professor Marcus and his gang.

Daniel Sidhom's development of Mrs Wilberforce was brilliant as he formed a very vivid image of a sweet old widower. His use of a high-pitched voice and overdramatic tendencies added to the innocent adaptation of this character.

Additionally, Gabe Rogers did not fail to breathe life into the role Professor Marcus, as his characterisation was totally engaging. He used a heightened posh accent and prowled about the stage, creating an ingenious image of an archetypal British villain. He wore a long burgundy scarf that drooped to the floor and dragged behind him; this was used to its full comedic effect as, when anybody stood on it, Professor Marcus had to yank it out from under their foot and subsequently he retorted backwards.



Professor Marcus' gang was made up of five members: Harry, Major, One-Round, Louis and The Smith Brothers. Collectively, they drove the comedy of the show, and the small moments of unison between them added extra sparkle to an already dazzling performance. Ross's sparky adaptation of the 'junky' Harry

was welcomed with continuous laughter from the audience. Wauchope took an interesting spin on the usual ‘gang’ member, as he played Major as nervous and quite sensitive, therefore, bolstering the humour even further. Shachenkov’s Louis was entertaining throughout, and the Smith Brothers, even though they had little to say, were a vibrant addition to the gang. However, Jiang must be credited individually for his most hilarious spin on One Round. His manipulation of every single line allowed his comedic timing to be spotless and quite professional. With the addition of very dopey facial expressions and a heavy physicality, Jiang, as One Round, was to be marvelled at on stage.



This production, although very humorous, left the audience with a bundle of thoughts because the play had many messages running through it. One argument sees *The Ladykillers* a subtle comment on the weakness of the British police force as they constantly let criminals run loose.

We could also conclude that Mrs Wilberforce is the real evil mind who orchestrates the killing of a band of thieves and is then conveniently left with a wad of cash.

No matter the reasoning behind this play, it was a stellar performance on all fronts, and we all can’t wait to see what the Ryan Theatre brings to us next.

The charitable collection at the end of the performances raised £425.07 in aid of Alzheimer’s Society.

## FOUNDER’S DAY SERMON

*JEP, A sermon preached on 10 February, Founder’s Day, Ephesians 6:11-17, The Armour of God.*

“Join Knight School this half term at the Tower of London to see if you’ve got what it takes” declares the advert. “Train as a page, then a squire, before becoming a knight and joining the garrison to defend the Tower. Try on medieval fashions and handle replica armour and other real medieval objects. Pick up a knight’s craft pack and create your own helmet or shield. Share your creations and medieval memories using #KnightSchool.” If you are at a loose end this half term you know where you could be headed.

Accompanying the advert on the Tower of London website is a quiz which places considerable stress on the significance of the clothing and armour worn by a knight – each piece has not only practical but also symbolic significance. We are particularly familiar here with the significance of clothing; in all the School societies with which I have been involved over the years, the one universal question is “Can we have a tie”? Obviously, the most distinctive thing about our uniform is the hat, which we all share, but those of you who have been afforded the honour of being Triple Blood will be keen to wear the blazer. Today, those of you awarded Harrow Football Fezzes will sport them proudly later.

We express ourselves through the clothes we wear, a point powerfully made by Charlie Casely-Hayford, an OH from Drurries involved in the fashion industry, when he spoke at the

inaugural meeting of the Westwood Society.

St Paul wrote to the Church in Ephesus while he was imprisoned in Rome; he was acutely aware of the challenge of living an ethical Christian life at a time when secular authority – the Roman Imperial system – assumed to itself divine status and exercised rule through military force and violence. The context may seem rather distant to us on first reading but, in reality, there are some deeper and more universal truths communicated by St Paul in this passage.

“For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” To what is Paul referring? Frequently, evil masquerades as that which is pragmatic, seems sensible, even harmless, yet it is undermining of true human flourishing and destructive of community and fellowship.

It is frequently acknowledged that Adolf Hitler rose to power in Germany by election as the country sought to re-establish its sense of honour after the First World War. The popular adage ‘the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing’ was proved with terrifying consequence.

Rather closer to home, how easy it is to remain a bystander while the crowd targets an unfortunate fellow Harrovian because they happen to stand out, perceived to be different – they sound different, they dress differently, their sexuality is in question – though what that has to do with everyone else is a mystery to me – they work hard, they don’t happen to be great sportsmen, they are great musicians, they are Russian, Nigerian, German, Scottish...or Welsh.

And what of the opportunities and challenges of cyberspace, where, Surface Books apart, which can be tracked at every moment, our mobile phones are a gateway to an unregulated world of apparently immediate pleasure and instant communication? I need not spell out the ethical challenges lurking under almost every click of the mouse or press of a key.

The poetic language of the letter to the Ephesians is as fresh and relevant today as it was 20 centuries ago: ‘the powers of this present darkness...the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places’ are the moral challenges which face every generation – political, social or personal.

When John Lyon declared that at the heart of the education he had envisioned at Harrow was Godliness and Good Learning, he recognised that the resources handed down to us from the ethical traditions of Christianity were as fresh and relevant to 16th-century England as they are to our own time. Indeed, it might be argued that the Church itself might have been more aware of them then...and now. Our own relatively recent reinterpretation of those underlying values of Godliness and Good Learning are expressed in our values of Courage, Honour, Humility and Fellowship.

Like the knight dressing himself in armour to face the military enemy, so we are called to “wear these values”, as St Paul urges, in our engagement with the world, to be ethically educated and prepared human beings. These are the “soft skills” of which the Head Master spoke in Speech Room a fortnight ago, so important in making a real difference. The qualities, attributes and values identified in this iconic scriptural passage are utterly contemporary: truthfulness, righteousness, peace and faith. These are the foundation of so-called British values – they are first and foremost Gospel values proclaimed through the assurance of salvation and the word of God: Godliness and Good Learning.

Why begin Founder’s Day in the 21st century with an act of worship and a reflection on the word of God? Far too frequently, we boast of having moved on from religion into a secular, rational world...and immediately discover that the eternal truths of the Bible – prayer, the law of love and life in community – have to be reinvented, often at great expense, in the guise of mindfulness, social action and team work. If only we had not turned our back on Biblical insight and wisdom!

To be an Harrovian, if we are to catch Lyon's vision of Godliness and Good Learning, is to take seriously the values upon which our lives will be founded and to wear them with the same pride, as we do our fezzes, our Triple Blood blazers and ties – truthfulness, righteousness, peace and faith, confident of the saving love of God revealed in his eternal word – this is the armour of God, the panoply of God, which will equip us to be the people he is always calling us to be...people of Courage, people of Honour, people of Humility and people of Fellowship. May your Founder's Day be one of Courage, Honour, Humility and Fellowship! Follow up! Follow up!

## JUNIOR LABORDE SOCIETY

*Dylan Winward, Lyon's, "Multinationalism in The Internet Age" and Cameron Yarrow, Drurries, on "Borneo", 7 February*

On Thursday night, the Junior Laborde Society welcomed Dylan Winward, *Lyon's*, and Cameron Yarrow, *Drurries*. Up first was Winward, who was presenting on Multinationalism in The Internet Age. Multinationalism is where a business sets up in two or more nations. It encourages interdependence and helps build relationships between countries. It also allows for more efficient resource usage on a global scale. Corporations can be set up internationally due to several reasons, including resource availability, labour access and physical space. Winward began to look at examples of multinationalism through history, firstly drawing upon the past. The Roman Empire was the first time in which we saw Europe united under a single currency and this allowed trade to occur freely. The Roman Empire even expanded its trading connections to China and India. Winward discussed the Middle Ages and Renaissance periods before moving on to the Industrial Revolution. During the British Empire, Britain traded with a variety of nations. For example, the East India Trading Company traded luxurious goods such as tea and opium. Throughout the Industrial Revolution these connections blossomed due to the increase in reliability and efficiency of transport and communications. Moving on into the present day, Winward discussed two companies, namely Nike and Apple. These two companies, which operate on a global scale, manufacture in several continents, including Asia and South America among others. Multinational services are also fundamental and make up 6.7% of the world's GDP today. Coming to the future, transport and communications will be vital. They are ever improving in terms of technology and this will aid multinationalism. Winward also brought to our attention the use of machines in an increasingly AI workforce. Winward also discussed the rise of contemporary politics which is playing a huge role in trade deals and relationships.

Moving on, Cameron Yarrow began his presentation entitled My Trip to Borneo. Yarrow discussed the dangers facing orangutans, as well as the photographic side to his trip. Yarrow arrived in Borneo after 24 hours of travel with a number of stops and stayed there for three days. He began by introducing the orangutans of Borneo, the Bornean Orangutans. Fascinatingly, 97% of our DNA is shared with orangutans! Orangutans have a life expectancy of around 40 years in the wild and are extremely endangered ... but why is this? Palm oil is a huge part of the problem. Contained in a number of everyday products from shampoo to chocolate, it comes from the fruit of a palm oil tree. Indonesia and Malaysia alone account for 85% of palm oil production globally. Palm oil is responsible for 10% of the world's deforestation in the last 30 years and, in the last 100 years, the number of orangutans has decreased from 230,000 to 100,000. 80% of orangutans' habitat in Borneo has been destroyed in the last 20 years. Conservation parks, raising awareness and tourism can all be particularly helpful in combat to the problem. Yarrow went on to discuss his photography in

Borneo, identifying light, humidity and crowdedness as issues. The photos on show were truly incredible and told a powerful story of the orangutans' endangerment.

## ITALIAN SOCIETY

*Estorick Collection of Modern Italian Art, 30 January*

On Wednesday, the Italian Society voyaged to Islington to visit the Estorick Collection of Modern Italian Art. The collection was founded by Eric Estorick, an American sociologist who "discovered" modernist art in 1930s New York, and it is housed in a small Georgian house formerly known as Northampton Lodge.



When we arrived, we were happily greeted and were shown around. The collection has a special focus on Italian Futurist art of the early 20th century. Futurism came into fruition in 1909, on the foundations of Marinetti's manifesto, originally published on the front cover of *Le Figaro*. Futurism was, not wholly unsurprisingly, categorised by a rejection of the past. The Futurists believed that the dense and established history of Italian art placed a form of 'burden' on the country, which prevented any true sense of progression. Perhaps understandably, Italians such as Marinetti felt that there could be no new art, if all new art was seen in relation to Italy's artistic history. The Manifesto insisted that 'there can be no modern painting without the starting point of an absolutely Modern sensation.' Marinetti called for a modern, mechanical world.

After our initial tour of the paintings, prints, drawings and sculptures in the collection, we met with Ms Borghi for a tour of an exhibition on Italian mid-century design. For an Italian trip, it seemed fair that some of the trip was in Italian, so this was the part where Italian was spoken. The exhibition brought into view the many ways in which Italian design influenced and was influenced by the rest of the world. With this, the success of Italian design seems to be rooted in the craftsmanship and creativity of individuals with the ability to work in more than one field of the applied arts.

As the evening drew to a close, we headed to dinner. There, the whole restaurant took the opportunity to wish and sing NGI a happy birthday, albeit much to his surprise, and despite it not being his birthday.

## OSRG VISIT

*Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms: Art, Word, War  
British Library, 5 February 2019*

The OSRG Arts Society, with the History department, was given the opportunity to visit the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms exhibition hosted at the British Library. The *Evening Standard* reviewed the exhibition as 'by some distance, the most significant exhibition in London'.

The exhibition featured treasures held not only by the British Library, including the original copies of *Beowulf* and Bede's *Ecclesiastical History*, but also loan objects such as the belt clasp from the Sutton Hoo ship burial and items from the Staffordshire Hoard. One of the highlights was the world-famous *Domesday Book*, a comprehensive record which provides an account of early Norman England when it was commissioned by William the Conqueror in 1086. The *Codex Amiatinus*, originally produced in 8th-century Wearmouth-Jarrow, made an historic return to England after 1,300 years – it had been given to the Pope as a gift in the year 716. The Alfred Jewel was also on display (lent by the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford) along with the Ruthwell Cross that came from 8th-century Northumbria.

The exhibition was separated into seven sections starting with the early British settlements of the Angles, Saxons and Jutes, and ending with the Norman conquest of 1066. The early sections showed imported Bibles and gospel books after the introduction of Christianity by St Augustine, a missionary from Rome. Numerous items from hoards and other burial sites had been borrowed to complement the manuscript volumes. The middle sections focused on early Anglo-Saxon literature and the rise of music, art and highly decorated manuscripts. Many items of interest, such as Queen Edith's jewelled gospels and early manuscripts of liturgical music were featured here. The final sections of the exhibition contained items from the late 10th century, from King Cnut's reign of England to the reign of William of the Conqueror, concluding with the charters of King Cnut and the 1086 *Domesday Book*. The exhibition was a rare opportunity to see all the historically significant items of literature and surviving artworks that were produced by the early Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. The OSRG Arts Society would like to thank LAM, ADT and Mrs Walton for organising and supervising such an informative visit.

## BUTLER SOCIETY

*The Role of Agents in Sports, Sports Centre, 6 February*

On Wednesday, the Butler Society Lecture focused on the Role of Agents in Sport. The talk was given by former rugby player and current agent James Welch and Ben Woods, a specialist in Cricket and Football, of Quantum Sport (<http://www.quantumsport.co.uk>).

Ben Woods spent three years at Durham University studying a History Degree. He then went to Cambridge for a Law Degree. He enjoyed an 8-year spell as a professional rugby player but suffered a career ending injury in his arm at the age of 29. He then took a post-graduate diploma in law for 2 years. He then decided to take a route into agency.

James Welch played cricket and studied law at Durham University. He took a legal precautions course for 1 year at Northumbria. He received a training contract for 2 years before becoming a qualified employment lawyer after which he decided to take to agency with his desire to get involved with off-field issues.

Agents have major influences on the life of sportsmen. Roles of agents do not change with the different sports. They discussed the roles of an agent on a day to day basis such as dealing with sponsorships, punditry, media work, post-playing career/transition, exposure, and long-term financial planning and how the roles would differ to that of young athletes still in their teenage years. The differences involve less exposure and media work.

They revealed to us how different agencies like Starling have different preferences in which they put more effort into like punditry and sponsorships. When becoming an agent, there are a few necessary skills like social skills, finance, connections(contacts) and an interest in sport would be helpful but becoming an agent doesn't require any specific qualifications and there are many avenues for becoming an agent. They confirm

the risks of taking on board a youth player as they may never reach their full potential whereas saying there are risks with any athlete as anything can happen in a 10-year period. Advice to younger players is crucial to them even having a career.



They also revealed their means of payment. Agents get paid through commissions from player contracts and sponsorships. Quantum believe that seeing how the client fits in with their style or management is key to getting clients and "Doing what is best for the client is more rewarding than an agent trying to get the most commission" according to James Welch.

Finally, they reveal that in Cricket and Rugby, exams need to be taken to become an agent whereas in Football, you can pay to become an agent. An educational background is important when starting out as an agent. The credible backgrounds of Ben Woods and James Welch allowed them to have an easier time and receive many clients when they started out.

## CAMBRIDGE MASTERCLASS

The Fifth Form academic scholars ventured off the snowy hill with SPS and JAPB to try and practise their "deep thinking" skills, courtesy of the Academy Conferences Programme that runs throughout the country. Having had a relatively uneventful journey, we bedded down in the Cambridge Conference Hall and the lectures began in earnest.

Firstly, the event organiser Julie Arliss spoke on the topic of Life after Death, and examined the various mainstream philosophical doctrines and whether their arguments are coherent with life after death. She examined Monism, Dualism and Idealism, and also the dual-aspect parts of these doctrines, and tried to draw parallels between their beliefs and the Christian dogmatic view of life after death. While looking at evidence for life after death, Ms Arliss also examined near-death experiences and the supernatural, and actually concluded that there may well be some unexplainable phenomena, and was keen to point out that many of the people affected recount similar experiences. Finally, Ms Arliss disagreed with the popular argument that life after death is a matter of opinion: to her it is objective – either there is, or there isn't. This was a fascinating talk and left us with lots to think about during the break.

We were then treated to a lecture by a leading voice in Theology in the UK, namely Dr Tom Greggs, a professor of divinity at the University of Aberdeen. The topic Dr Greggs chose for his lecture was looking at how history is written, focusing on the point that British history is written in a 'Whigist' narrative by the ruling aristocratic classes, where every event seems sequentially to lead to our current political constitution, whereas, in fact, this is an unfair representation of affairs. He also addressed the growing feminist, working class and African-American voices in historical narratives, and how relevant the lives of ordinary people are in the study of history. Dr Greggs used the Orwellian statement of 'Who controls the past controls the future, who controls the present controls the past' to illustrate his point that the way history is written (historiography) is incredibly relevant

in our interpretation of the world around us, and especially the political climate.

The conference moved swiftly on to a debate about whether the monarchy should be abolished, with Dr Greggs proposing that it should be, and Ms Arliss opposing his motion. In his speech, Dr Greggs made it very clear that, while he has no personal issue with the Queen, the monarchy itself as a concept has no democratic basis, nor is it meritocratic for one person to rule merely because of their birth. Mr Arliss next took the floor and rebutted some of Dr Gregg's arguments, and sought to make the points that not only is the monarchy extremely beneficial for tourism, but that in a fractious political climate like ours today, the presence of an apolitical head of state to steer the ship cannot be underestimated. As part of the debate, pupils from the floor also were encouraged to take part, and Adam Ait el Caid, *Druries*, represented Harrow, making valuable points against the monarchy, highlighting the cost of the extended royal family. Having heard all the speeches, the members of the audience voted and a draw resulted: a debating rarity, highlighting the polarity of the issue among many.

After a break for lunch and a brief whistle-stop tour of the centre of Cambridge, the third lecture of the afternoon began. It was delivered by Dr Chris O'Neill, a practising psychologist and psychology researcher, whose work led to foundation of the MYRIAD Project that looked specifically at the mental health of students. His lecture was on the psychology of success, and his introduction was aimed at debunking the popular myth that success is purely a result of innate intelligence or of parental pushiness. Instead, Dr O'Neill claimed that his research, and that of many others, had instead discovered that much of success is a result of application (the '10,000 hours principle'), or as a result of the 'stickiness principle' (how well we can repel temptation). His lecture was fascinating and contained many practical tips that those present could implement, and it also used well-researched and statistically proven examples of real people, and how these people were successful due to the above principles.

The final lecture of the afternoon, introduced rather peculiarly by a ten-minute electric guitar solo, was on the topic of Guitar Acoustics and String Theory, and was delivered by 'The Rock Doctor', Dr Mark Lewney. Dr Lewney began by explaining how sound waves and frequencies work, using his guitar as an example, before moving on to the topic of string theory and cutting-edge dimensional ideas; this was very intellectually challenging and really stretched the imaginations and thoughts of all present. Dr Lewney masterfully balanced fun and physics, and never was this more evident than at the end of his lecture, when he reworded the lyrics to *Bohemian Rhapsody*, and performed the song on his guitar alongside the variations he had created.

The conference was an amazing and eye-opening experience, and all who attended were extremely grateful to JAPB and SPS for organising the trip, and also for persevering in the face of Friday's flash snowstorm to still take the boys to Cambridge.

## LONG DUCKER PRESENTATION

*Speech Room, 11 February*

Representatives of the main Long Ducker charity, Harrow Carers, spoke to the School in Speech Room this week to congratulate us for raising a record sum of over £131,000.

They were led by Mike Coker, CEO of the organisation, Colin Powell, Manager of the Harrow Centre, and two young carers, Max and Cameron. Max explained how it was "really, really hard" looking after his father while continuing his studies at school. Harrow Carers offers him valuable advice, support and lessons on how to get by. As a carer for his mother, Cameron spoke of being "lost for words" at the amount raised. Both saluted the School for what it had done in raising the sum

which would make an "emotional and real difference" to the struggles in their lives.

The Head Master also congratulated the School for the sum raised. "It has enabled us to increase the sums we have awarded to the many organisations and local partners with which many of you and all the Houses are engaged. Local primary schools, where you volunteer, put the money towards such things as drama projects, refurbishing their libraries, STEM extension weeks, building conservation areas, singing programmes and reading resources.



Other charitable partners use this share of funding to continue important programmes such as supporting unemployed young people and continuing vital support for adults with mental health problems and learning difficulties. I have heard recently from several of these partners and schools saying how valuable your engagement is with them. So well done to all of you and keep it going – it is such a rewarding activity."

## JUNIOR DEBATING

*Semi-Final, The Head Master's v Elmfield,  
OH Room, 29 January*

On a chilly and snowy night, a small crowd gathered in the OH Room to watch the Junior debating semi-final between The Head Master's and Elmfield. The motion of the evening was 'This house imagines no possessions (I wonder if you can),' a term coined by John Lennon in his song *Imagine*.

The first speaker of the proposition, Paddy Breeze, *Elmfield*, kicked off the debate by defining the word possession as 'the state of having or owning something' and making the bold claim that he would try and convince the audience that "possessions are demons which erode our society, our humanity, and our planet, and that everyone in this room, if this house were to ban possessions, would live a more fulsome and pleasurable life." He proceeded to try and prove his side of the argument by discussing the eventual obliteration of social classes that would result from the removal of worldly possessions, and the advantages of the subsequent dramatic increase of opportunities and social mobility that would ensue. The speaker also pitched the idea of the increase in the happiness of the general population thanks to the ability to be set free from the "pettiness of personal wealth accumulation." Finally, the speaker approached the environmental benefits of the elimination of the production of unnecessary luxury goods.

The opposition opened with Joshua Soyemi, *The Head Master's*, whose take on the motion was the concept of a world without possessions as undemocratic; the speaker used socialism as an example of the outcome of a world where there are no individual possessions. He drew on various events throughout history such as the rise of the Soviet Union and the Cuban crisis. He then went on to explain how all of these regimes were brief and unstable, and how the idea of 'everything owned by everybody' is just simply not viable. The speaker ended on a high, adequately replying to a testing question by the opposition speaker, claiming that "I do not believe that the question asked raised any issues that I have to respond to."

The ball now landed back on the proposition's side as the second speaker of the opposition, Sachin Vyas, *Elmfield*, proceeded to provide some rebuttal of the first speaker of the proposition's points. Following this, he discussed the many benefits of a world with no worldly possessions, discussing the ensuing reduction in theft (and associated hoarding), workload, war and general suffering. He also made the bold claim that "Humanity could develop further and create goals as a race instead of having personal agendas to climb up in society", explaining that the lack of possession would lead to better mental health and an improvement in social and financial cooperation.

Finally, the second speaker for the opposition was Nathaniel Franklyn, *The Head Master's*, who first took the point about socialism that had been made earlier and developed it further by referring to the revolutions of 1989 where the Berlin Wall collapsed, and how people rebelled in the interest of civil liberty, which included the right to own property as an individual. He then used other developed countries as examples of places that had benefited from a capitalist approach, where people have the freedom to work for and obtain whatever they desire. He reiterated a point made by Soyemi earlier, stating that "hard work is the basis of success." Mr Franklyn then underlined the fact that ambition does not necessitate greed, and that instead financial possessions are needed as both a resource and motivation. He continued his speech by taking a more philosophical approach and explained the values of individualism and collectivism. By an individual having unique abilities and needs, Franklyn stated that various possessions are needed to cater for that individual, and that a collectivist society where nothing is personally owned cannot suit such a diverse background. He highlighted the importance of being unique, and how a society without possessions would ruin innovation and development.

Both sides of the motion answered the challenging questions of the audience and both concluded with a one-minute summary of their arguments that allowed them to make a final statement to try and sway the audience their way.

The chairman, EPM, concluded by organising a popular vote, which *The Head Master's* won by an overruling majority. However, he stressed that this had no impact on the actual result of the debate, which with deliberation was handed by the adjudicator, Mr Stead, to *Elmfield*. Both Houses put on an excellent display of debating and we look forward to seeing the other Junior debating semi-final in a few weeks' time!

## PIGOU SOCIETY

*Freddy Anton-Smith, The Head Master's,  
"Socially Responsible Investment", Economics Schools,  
7 February*

Last Thursday, Freddy Anton-Smith, *The Head Master's*, presented a thought-provoking lecture entitled 'Is SRI (socially responsible investment) the way of the Future'. The talk explored whether the use of an index for measuring the ESG (environmental, social and governance) factors of a company would be effective now or in the future. An index would measure factors such as board diversity (e.g. are there an equal number of men and women), workforce safety and carbon emissions.

In the past, investors only looked at the financial aspects of a company. They didn't care if the company was polluting a river, using lots of energy or creating lots of preventable waste. They just looked at the profitability and wanted to make money at any price. Today, however, there is a shift in mindset: it is no longer acceptable to make money regardless of the consequences. There is a growing demand for investors to assess the non-financial aspects of a company and to take into account a broader set of the company's doings.

SRI is driven by what is happening in the world including serious issues with climate change. Young people are much

more interested in environmental conservation and want to invest with a purpose as well as knowing that they are doing their bit for the planet. ESG investing is growing as there is a transformation occurring in energy markets. Natural gas is now cheaper than coal, and renewable energy sources are becoming cheaper and scalable. Overall, many companies are becoming eco-friendlier, meaning it is mostly the more old-fashioned companies that will get caught out by the ESG index.

ESG factors are important to investors as it shows how well the company is run. It is also good for the company itself as the index would show their areas for improvement. From 2000–2017, there was a 40% growth in total assets in US Equity Funds using ESG strategies. Anton-Smith then went on to speak about how these ESG factors could be measured. ESG is hard to quantify but there is a company called MSCI that is a global provider for the equity and hedge funds that is trying to create an ESG index which scores companies on how successful they are with ESG.

The people most interested in ESG are millennials. Millennials approve of companies that are transparent in their business practice and do good to the world. Before joining as an employee or investing in a stock, millennials consider a company's ESG record. 77% of millennials said they were currently invested in or interested in adding exposure in impact-orientated investment. If millennials diverted a small proportion of their investment wealth to ESG investing over the next 20 years, this could be over \$20 trillion of investing.

Anton-Smith ended the talk with a powerful slide reading, 'To maximise long-term economic returns in today's world it is important to also look at the non-financial aspects or ESG factors of a company when investing in it.'

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## DAME VAUGHAN AGONY AUNT

Dear Dame Vaughan,

Oh indomitable Dame, in your many-chaptered Chapel: Help! Something's happening to me. I'm changing, and it feels really weird. Like all warm and tingly, but then really powerful and strange, like I'm not in my old body anymore. I was visiting my home country of Orisha over the exeat, paying homage to my mother, who was brutally murdered by the tyrant king in front of my eyes during the great Mage uprising, when I came across an old scroll, just lying in the sand. Now, I know from your great teachings that literature shouldn't just be left lying around willy-nilly, so I bent down to pick it up and, as soon as I touched it, this surge of warmth and energy flooded my body. I was catapulted out of my body, and came face to face with this magnificent, beautiful deity, whose mere presence enlightened my mind and coursing pure energy through my limbs. She looked a bit like Cate Blanchett, but I'm not sure – that could be another franchise. Anyway, long story short, I think I might have magical powers now, but people keep trying to kill me, and I get this horrible sense that I'm going to get this mission to revitalise magic and save my people from the ignorant tyrannical rulers. Also, the rival prince seems cuter by the day, and I think he's hiding a great secret from me. What do I do?

Yours magically,  
I am changing (Not Effie White though)

Dear My Magically Mutating Minor,  
 Ah change! We all go through it. Particularly at your age. Are you sure you're just not experiencing puberty and ate a funny mushroom? If not, never fear. I too, as I'm sure you're aware, wield magic powers, bestowed upon me at the age of 15 while on a trip to the Great Library of Atlantis. I was bitten by a radioactive book, and from then on became the Great Book Whisperer. I retired from that job years ago, obviously, but still get called in occasionally. Honestly, the amount of book riots in the Vaughan alone I've had to quell: you boys don't know just how close this School's come to sheer literary anarchy – led of course, by Jane Austen's oeuvre. Never judge a book by its cover. Anyway, I digress. I have the perfect book for you: *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi. 'They Killed my Mother. They took our Magic. They tried to Bury Us. Now we Rise.' Thrilling stuff, isn't it? Zélie was born when magic hummed in the land of Orisha, but witness the brutal genocide of her people at the hands of a despotic ruler. With magic gone from the land, magicians of all tribes were placed into demeaning servitude, until Zélie's magic awakens and she's tasked with returning magic to her people. Running away from the tyrant King's princely son, all she has at her side is her brother, her giant lion steed and the tyrant king's princess daughter, as they go on an epic and dangerous mission. Steeped in afro-futurism, the politics of colourism and racism, and drawing on a wealth of African mythology, this is a brilliant, pacy read which will act as a training manual for your present predicament.

Yours magically,  
 Dame Vaughan

If you have a book-themed predicament and wish to seek advice from the omniscient Dame Vaughan, please email the editor or the Vaughan Library, who will pass it onto the Dame's people

## GAFFE AND GOWN

*Quips from around the Hill*

"Organic Chemistry. Is that a bit like vegan chemistry, sir?"

"Hydrogen does a deal with another hydrogen efficiently to form a bond – in fact, it does it more efficiently than Mrs May is negotiating her Brexit deal."

"Sir, what is the difference between free range and normal vegetables?"

"Sir, there are too many people on the earth." "Yes, I know, and most of them are expendable."

"Boys, whilst marking your preps I found some terrible mistakes, its 'missile' not 'missal' and it's 'congress' not 'congregation' – this is America, not the Catholic Church!"

"So boys, where is the nearest young offender institute?" "Bradbys, sir."

"Sir, we can't do the test tomorrow because of Sex Ed." "How strange. Normally chemistry gets in the way of sex, not the other way around."

(while discussing the legalisation of cannabis), "Sir, I heard the World Health Organisation wants to legalise it." "Typical communists."

"Now boys, consider this: Harrow is a very nice, very expensive prison."

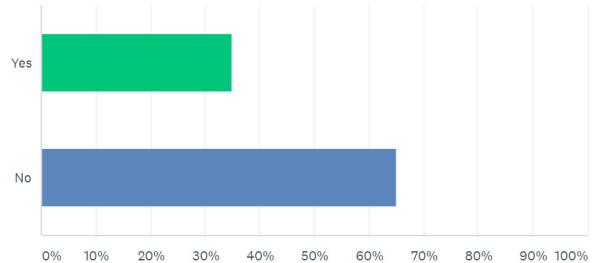
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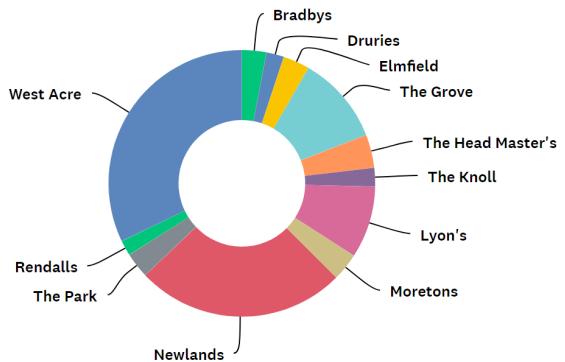
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## POLL OF THE WEEK

*Should Harrow admit girls?*



Nothing like a bit of controversy to end off this half of the term. The poll of the week was 'Should Harrow admit girls?' Nearly every boy in the School voted – with a return of 820 votes. A strong majority felt that Harrow should remain an all-boys boarding school, with 65% voting to keep the status quo, while a strong minority of 35% felt that we might consider letting in the fairer sex.



It's very unlikely that boarding Houses would be mixed, so the boys took a vote to see who would get tossed out – by a significant margin, it looks like West Arians would be evicted to accomodate the new Harrovianne.

## HERE AND THERE

Last weekend (2 and 3 February), Francois de Robert Hautequere, *Lyon's*, travelled to Paris to take part in the International CEP Marathon Foil Tournament. After an intense weekend of fencing, de Robert Hautequere finished 64th out of 223 fencers from all around the world (including China, Russia, USA and most European nations as well as Brazil, Israel, Egypt, Hong Kong and Singapore). It was the second-best British result in the Under-14 category and among the best British results of the weekend (of all men/women in Under-14 and Under-17 age categories). A fantastic result of which he should be very proud.

## SOCCEr

### *Midweek matches v The Oratory School*

Junior Colts B v The Oratory School Under-15A, Lost 3-6  
 Junior Colts C v The Oratory School Under-15B Won 5-0

Yearlings B v The Oratory School Under-14A Draw 7-7

Scorers: Timlin x 4, Keey x 3

In a game for the strikers, Timlin, *Bradbys*, and Keey, *Drurries*, showed their class with a hat-trick each but even seven goals weren't enough to save the match, which ended in a draw.

### *The School v Epsom College* *The School 1st XI Won 7-0*

Scorers: Carlo Agostinelli, *The Head Master's*, x 2; Christian Boland, *Newlands*, x 2; Toby Gould, *Lyon's*, x 2; Oliver Johnson, *Rendalls*

The School 1st XI have been on an excellent run of form since the start of January. They had won all three league games, scoring 17 and conceding only one, and were buoyed by victory over QPR in midweek. A trip to Epsom provided the 1st XI the opportunity to finish the half term on a high, but they were up against an Epsom side who had a physical sporting pedigree.

The England Assistant Manager, Steve Holland, was watching from the sidelines amid talk that he was looking at Ludo Palazzo, *West Acre*, for the next England squad. Palazzo has recently completed his residency period in England and has proved his 'Englishness' by moaning about Brexit, correctly observing that Pickled Onion is the best flavour of Monster Munch and by queuing up in an orderly manner at lunch. He turned his back in his beloved Italy due to the fact that they're not actually that good.

There were late fitness doubts for the game but Ed Lewis, *Rendalls*, was fit to start after mourning the loss of his favourite chinchilla this week, and Will Holyoake, *The Head Master's*, made a late recovery from a broken heart after being heartlessly dumped just days before Valentine's Day, his favourite day of the year.

After a slightly sloppy start, Harrow took the lead in the ninth minute. Christian Boland, *Newlands*, crossed from the left wing to the backpost, Holyoake laid the ball back for Carlo Agostinelli, *The Head Master's*, who hit a volley into the bottom corner from 12 yards out. Harrow were then forced into an early change after Thomas Walduck, *The Knoll*, celebrating his 18th birthday, pulled up with a hamstring injury and slotted seamlessly into the role of assistant coach on the sidelines, providing far more tactical nous than ADJT or NT ever do.

Ten minutes later, Boland scored an absolute banger of a goal. Goalkeeper Max Little, *Rendalls*, claimed a cross and rolled the ball out to Toby Gould, *Lyon's*. Gould quickly fed Agostinelli, whose rasping cross-field pass was expertly brought

down by Boland on his chest, before he absolutely smashed a volley from the corner of the penalty box past the Epsom keeper and into the far corner.

Harrow grabbed two more goals before half-time. The third goal came after great interplay from Boland and Agostinelli. They played a one-two before Boland jinked between the last two defenders and finished from close range. Harrow's fourth came on the break again when Gould played a great through-ball to Oliver Johnson, *Rendalls*, who ran off the shoulder of the last defender and hit a curling left-footed strike around the onrushing keeper.

Epsom came out for the second half pumped up and eager to get back into the game. Harrow deflated them quickly by a two-minute blitz in the 44th and 45th minute. The first, and Harrow's fifth, came after a great passing move that started from the back line, switched play and the ball eventually came to Gould, who showed excellent pace to streak past the Epsom defender and chip over the keeper and into the back of the net. The second, and Harrow's sixth, came straight from the resulting kick off with Gould pressing Epsom and winning the ball back before releasing Agostinelli, who rounded the keeper and finished from a tight angle.

There was time for a seventh goal, again the result of a beautiful passing move from the 1st XI. This time Gould found himself breaking through the Epsom defence before finishing. Harrow could have extended their lead further as twice Andrew Holmes, *The Grove*, broke through the defensive line, but both of his efforts were straight at the Epsom goalkeeper.

It was another outstanding performance and win from the 1st XI and a great way to finish this half of the term.

### 2nd XI Won 2-1

Scorers: Josh Davis, *Moretons*, Sam Allen, *Newlands*

Man of the match: Arthur Leney, *The Knoll*

The 2nd XI got their season up and running at last with a merited win which, with more clinical finishing, should have been more comprehensive.

### 3rd XI Won 3-1

Scorers: Ajibade, *The Grove*, x 2, Wiggan, *Bradbys*,

A gritty, determined display from the 3rd XI led to a valuable league win in difficult conditions away at Epsom College. On a very small, narrow pitch with a significant slope, Harrow had to switch from their favoured 3-5-2 formation to a 4-3-3 at half-time. This allowed the team to play more directly, putting the Epsom defence under more pressure and yielding far more chances in the second period. This was certainly not one for the purists, but Harrow escaped with the two points and remain in a strong position to challenge for the league title.

### 4th XI Won 2-1

Scorers: Joe Debiase, *Moretons*, Sam Smith, *The Head Master's*  
 This was a well deserved win for the boys, whose technical ability and patience shone through on an awful pitch, against an Epsom side loaded with rugby players and very much up for a ruck. It seems there is no stopping the irresistible rise of the still unbeaten 4th XI.

### 5th XI Won 2-0

Scorers: Chua, Sherlock, both *The Knoll*

For the first five minutes, the game was end-to-end and somewhat resembled a game of pinball more than a game of soccer. The ball was bouncing off bodies more than being kicked. This worked well for our massive midfield, who switched on their "tactical barge" method. The referee had instructed our boys before the match that he would "let the game flow unless someone loses a leg". Dhaliwal, Sherlock, both *The Knoll*, and Rogers took full advantage and guarded the ball like their lucky spotted egg. Chua, *The Knoll*, had a delightful floating cross served up by Lance Corporal Josserand, *Newlands*, the boy in charge of

delicious crosses, and if the goal was six feet taller and wider it may just have snuck into the top corner.

Whispers around the Hill had suggested that we would lose our defensive rock Hathorn, *Newlands*, to the mighty 4th XI, but the team almost broke down with happiness when he appeared before the start of the game to offer his services, and boy did he serve the defence with some incredible blocks a concrete wall would have been proud of. Behan-Woodall, *The Grove*, also provided some tactical ‘blocky-leggy’ manoeuvres to prevent their strikers from accessing chateau Lintott, *The Grove*. Master-of-ballet Wood, *Drurries*, was on top form and gracefully pirouetted around the ball to confuse the defence, before threading a silky ball through to Davies, and we almost snuck into their home barracks.

The second half saw more focus on Ian Rush-style silky through balls, and Chua displayed some incredible skill. While running behind an Epsom striker he took a running jump with his leg out, hooked it between the Epsom player’s feet like a Shell sliding his late prep under a form room door, and tapped the ball into touch with the grace of a hippo on ice skates. In any other match he’d have been sent off, but luckily our referee was a rugby player and rightly saw nothing wrong. “Play on” was the thought for the day, so play on we did.

Harrison and Linares, *The Knoll*, took charge in defence and played some long floating balls up to Chua. He ran through a narrow gap only half the pitch in width and again stuck his foot out, collided with the keeper, but the ball rolled forward into the goal with the pace of an asthmatic ant with heavy shopping. 1-0. Ten minutes later, we earned a corner that was swept into the box delightfully. Thankfully, Sherlock was a few feet taller than any other man on the pitch and nodded it into the top corner. A fine way to end a fine match. We ran up to the door, carefully inserted the key, turned it softly, took a step back and charged the door down to ensure we came home with pride.

#### 6th XI Draw 1-1

It was a scrappy match against Epsom, but evenly matched. In the first half, an unlucky tackle conceded a free kick to Epsom, who managed to slot a fine goal just in the back of the net to take the lead 1-0 at the end of the first half. But very soon into the second half, Harrow answered with a quick-fire goal by Shivaan Mohinani, *The Park*, to even it at 1-1. Both sides had lots of opportunities to take the lead in the last ten minutes of play, but the sides were too evenly matched for either to get the upperhand, and the whistle blew at full time with an even score of 1-1.

#### Colts A Won 3-0

#### Colts B Won 1-0

Scorer: Harry Swanson, *Drurries*.

Harrow took an early lead with a piece of footballing brilliance by Harry Swanson, *Drurries*, who beat his man and then slotted the ball into the top right corner. Harrow enjoyed the majority of possession and were unlucky not to score a few more, but did well to close out a well deserved 1-0 win.

#### Colts C Won 6-3

Scorers: Joe Smith, *Bradbys*, x 3; Thomas Cheah, *The Head Master's*, x 2.; Ed De Bray, *The Knoll*

The Colts Cs overcame a spirited Epsom side in an end-to-end encounter. There were several highlights to pick from in this high-scoring affair, Ed De Bray's, *The Knoll*, spectacular effort from just inside Epsom's half was the standout moment.

#### Colts D Won 6-0

Junior Colts A Draw 3-3

Junior Colts B Won 5-0

Junior Colts C Won 2-1

Junior Colts D Won 5-2

Yearlings A Won 4-0

Scorers: Tito Edjua, *Lyon's*; Henry Woodcock, *The Head Master's*; Elliott Taylor, *West Acre*, Cameron Ellis, *Rendalls* The Yearlings produced their finest team performance of the term so far in a domineering display against Epsom. In a tight first half, Harrow dealt with the physicality of Epsom well and fully deserved to take the lead just before half-time, even if it arrived from a slightly fortuitous poacher's effort from the outstanding Tito Edjua, *Lyon's*. Elliott Taylor and Luke Walton, both *West Acre*, ran the show from the centre of the park in the second half as Harrow settled into a slightly different team shape, playing some excellent attacking football that pinned Epsom in their own half. Henry Woodcock, *The Head Master's*, was marshalling the back three superbly but, in truth, they never looked threatened so he decided to pop up the other end to finish brilliantly from a good cross to put Harrow two up. Captain Taylor then finished a penalty before Cameron Ellis, *Rendalls*, nearly broke the net with a powerful strike which delighted the onlooking crowd. Man of the match goes to Tito Edjua, *Lyon's*, for a bright attacking performance despite his mediocre throw-ins.

#### Yearlings B Won 3-1

Scorers: Keey, *Drurries*, x 2, De Hemptinne, *Bradbys*

The standout performance of the term so far for the Bs. Despite a nervy start, Harrow's defence created the foundation from which to play counter-attacking football. De Hemptinne's, *Bradbys*, cool finish for the third goal topped-off what could be the team goal of the season.

#### Yearlings C, Lost 0-1

#### Yearlings D, Lost 1-2

#### Yearlings E, Won 4-1

## FIVES

*The School v St Olave's Grammar School, Kent*

Colts, Won 2-1

Junior Colts, Won 2-1

Yearlings, Lost 1-2

## POLO

*Away at Stowe, 10 February*

On Sunday, Harrow played Stowe in the first match of the season. The A team, captained by Hugo Taylor, *Drurries*, played in blizzard conditions. The final chukka started 10-all and, even with horizontal sleet, Harrow managed to win 12-10, with Hugo scoring all 12 goals.



The sun came out for the B team in a closely fought match. Shrey Rawal, *Rendalls*, scored a hat-trick and Henry Empson, *The Grove*, scored four goals, winning in the last ten seconds of the match with a final score of 7-6. The C team played outstandingly well, captained by Louis Yeh, *Lyon's*. Orlando Hill, The Head Master's, in his first match for Harrow, scored two goals, while Florian Hull, *Drurries*, scored four times to win comfortably 6-1.

## RUGBY UNION

*Junior Colts A v Wellington College  
National Cup Quarter Final, Lost 19-26*

Harrow battled courageously in this tightly fought National Cup quarter-final against Wellington, eventually losing 26-19 on the last play of the game. The Harrovians should be extremely proud of their efforts. In defeat, they exhibited the School's four Values with aplomb and deserve great sporting success in future years.

## CROSS COUNTRY

*King Henry VIII Relays, 6 February*

After a quick train ride last Wednesday, Harrow's six fastest runners took part in the prestigious annual King Henry VIII Relay competition in the War Memorial Park in Coventry, which is now in its 48th year and is run over a mostly paved and slightly undulating 2.25-mile course, which allows for some fast times. Competition was tough, with 56 teams from across the country taking part in the boys' race. Harrow managed to finish 16th in a total time of 77:54 which, though slightly down on last



year, was a solid result considering the national competition.

Carlos Ohler, *The Knoll*, ran a fast first lap, which was followed by fantastic performances from Matthys du Toit, *Newlands*, and Tom Emery, *Moretons*, who, as a Shell running alongside Sixth Formers, deserves a special mention. Fourth- and fifth-leg runners Graham Lambert, *Lyon's*, and Eddie Jodrell, *Elmfield*, gained many places and did very well to run times of 12:52 and 12:46 respectively; captain Monty Powell, *The Grove*, brought the team home in a time of 12:27. Well done in particular to RCHA who managed to run no fewer than 10 miles as he raced around the course in support: we would all like to thank him for taking us to Coventry for the event.

## FOUNDER'S DAY WATER POLO

*The School v OH Water Polo, Won 6-5*

The Old Boys: Tom Asprey, *Drurries* 2013<sup>3</sup>, Fraser Barr, *Newlands* 2007<sup>3</sup>, Euan Barr, *Newlands* 2011<sup>3</sup>, Michael Camerea, *Newlands* 2011<sup>3</sup>, Rory Jack, *Newlands* 2012<sup>3</sup>, Jake Speed, *Newlands* 2011<sup>3</sup>

Harrow senior team welcomed OH water polo players back to the pool. The disciplined Harrow side took advantage of the rusty OHs, scoring five early goals, before conceding five to bring the game level in the final quarter. In the final seconds of the game, Harrow won with a late goal from Archie Hogben, *Newlands*.

## FOUNDER'S DAY HARROW FOOTBALL

### *The House 4 v The Old Boys 5*

The Old Boys: Alexander Wheeler, *The Knoll* 1999<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Keen, *Bradbys* 1968<sup>3</sup>, Nicolas Kingsley, *Bradbys* 1969<sup>1</sup>



A hugely enjoyable game was played out on Sheepcote 4 that ended up in a narrow 5-4 victory for the Old Bradbeians (plus a few Sixth Formers). The game featured some colossal hits from Wheeler, spirited defensive work from Keen and tactical astuteness from Kingsley. The speed of Coates was a constant problem for the Old Bradbeians and Glimmerveen had two glorious chances to tie the game up near the end, but sadly his kicks at the base were shanked well wide. Great fun had by all.

### *Drurries*

### *The House 3 v The Old Boys 3*

The Old Boys: A Wendleken-Dickson 2012<sup>3</sup>, T O'Connor 1982<sup>3</sup>, Giles Peel 1977<sup>3</sup>, J Hamwee 2012<sup>3</sup>, H Whitrow 2008<sup>3</sup>, George Ing, 2012<sup>3</sup>, C Cadogan 2012<sup>3</sup>, S Hardy 2008<sup>3</sup>, D Levy 1974<sup>3</sup>, A Tapp, 1972<sup>3</sup>, T Tapp, 2012<sup>3</sup>, L Pembroke 2012<sup>3</sup>.



There was a very heartening turnout of Old Drurieans for MJMR's final Founder's Day match, and while the standard of play might have left something to be desired, there was no shortage of good humour and camaraderie. As is the tradition, the ODs were awarded the privilege of playing down Hill in both halves; an advantage they were doubtless pleased to exploit. They quickly took the advantage by going 1-0 up. The game was ultimately (and fortunately) going to end three-a-piece. The ODs team consisted of a several Upper Sixth fathers who are to be congratulated on making the most of this opportunity to play, including honorary OD DRW, who was joined by son Alex in their attempts to get one over Rafe. Toby O'Connor, who may be back in three years, was also keen to show son Hal just how the game should be played (albeit in slow-motion), whilst Giles Peel defended well. Stopping the ball with one's face isn't to be recommended, but at least he gave himself a free mud-pack. Mark Hamwee made excuses, leaving his son, Josh, on the pitch to do battle with Cosmo. Other ODs who made the trip to the Hill included Hector Whitrow, George Ing,

Hon. Charles Cadogan, Sam Hardy, Daniel Levy, and especially good to see father and son reunited on the same team with Andrew and Tom Tapp. Meanwhile, Leo Pembroke, off ecer following (he claims) a sober encounter with a chain link fence, cheered from the side lines.

*Elmfield*  
*Sleeves Down 9 v Sleeves Up 4*

*The Old Boys:* James Garwood 2011<sup>3</sup>, Theodore Leung 2011<sup>3</sup>, Oliver Wilson 2011<sup>3</sup>



As has probably been the case for the last 50 odd years, the weather was cold and spiritless for Founder's Day, as Elmfieldians gambolled around on Harrow turf. A relatively small bunch of Old Boys turned up to play the game; Theo Leung, James Garwood, and Oliver Wilson. With them, however, came a good deal of pride and reckless abandon - an essential component of any great Harrow football match. They stormed the sloping pitch and gave the likes of Kinnaird and Orr-Ewing real reason to keep their wits firmly wrapped about them. We managed to split the House for teams through a relatively successful sleeve scheme. The game was well played and showcased why Elmfield is undoubtedly the best House on the Hill.

After a proper number of bases had been scored, Theo Leung initiated a crawling manoeuvre, on top of which we all flung ourselves. After this muddy play, we spied The Head Master's making an early retreat and then decided to follow for a delicious curry and drink.

*The Grove*  
*The House 3 v The Old Boys 4*

*The House:* W.G. Brounger, D.P. Cook, C.D. Du Sautoy (Capt.), K. Korobkov, D.M. Kotecha, W.H. Lintott, C.R. Mahal, M.T. Powell, A.H.T. Read, A. Shishkarev, W.L. Vestbirk,  
*Old Grovites and Lower Sixth:* J.E. de Broe-Ferguson (1981<sup>3</sup>), M.A.N. de Nahlik (2001<sup>3</sup>), A.C. Du Sautoy (2012<sup>3</sup>), S.J.A. Proctor (1981<sup>3</sup>), I.J. Ajibade, J.C.B. Behan-Woodall, Y.C.



Chiang, B.D.T. Davies, T.R.G. Gianasso, G.L. Herron, A.C. Holmes, C.D. Powell, N. Shishkarev, T.W.C. Tang  
The only appropriate place to start is by thanking all the OHs who retuned to give us a run for our money. Although the turnout itself was on the smaller end of the spectrum, the spirit of the game was more than enough to cover that and so I thank them for making it such a great occasion.

It was a game of two halves really; the OHs and Lower Sixth took the early advantage, slotting home three consecutive bases and ending the first half in a ruthless fashion. The House team was in a rut, nowhere to turn, falling into one of Stephen Hawking's black holes. But, alas, up stepped a hero to guide them from the depths of defeat. His persona like Caesar, a roar like a lion and a right foot on par with Pele in his prime, I'm talking of course about the footer captain Charlie Du Sautoy. The second half began and immediately he set off. He glided past four defenders in an instant and sent two more to the mud. The connection was sweeter than a Hershey's chocolate bar and the ball whistled through the posts. The crowd went berserk. They had never seen anything like this before; he was unstoppable. Even the one OH that remained was dumbfounded by this man who had clearly been carved from obsidian by Greek gods. The score was now 3-1. Hope was blossoming once more for the House team, like Mandela guiding his people on the long walk to freedom. Then the House lost 4-3. Overall, this was a truly cracking day to be a part of on all accounts. I would like to take a minute in particular to thank James De Broe-Ferguson and Stafford Proctor, who sacrificed a half against their sons to represent The Grove and to them I tip my fez. A special recognition should also be made to the devilish sweeper that was Max de Nahlik, with the agility to pounce on the ball like a leopard on a gazelle. It is the OHs that make this day so special and hope we do the same on our return.

*The Head Master's*  
*The Old Boys 6 v The House 3*

*The Old Boys:* C.E.G. Bailey (2002<sup>3</sup>), A.M. Hanif (2006<sup>3</sup>), R.R. McMahon (2007<sup>3</sup>), O.J. Mason (2010<sup>3</sup>), W.J. Travis (2013<sup>3</sup>), Stafford Proctor, *The Grove* 1981<sup>3</sup>, K. Akinluyi, F.X.E. Anton-Smith, L.K. Malhamé, C.P.H. Mason, G.M. O'Brien, T.J. Seely, S.C.P. Smith.

*The House:* A.T.S. Proctor, A.D. Adebayo, C.C.R. Agostinelli, W.A. Collins, D.H.T. Kassler, E.W.R. Molloy, C.E.P. Paice, S.W. Park, J.T.C. Griffin, S.T. Hargraves, W.T.G. Holyoake, C.H. MacLeod.

*Spectator:* R.S. Wijeratne (2010<sup>3</sup>).



The Head Master's assembled on a Harrow football pitch for one of the most memorable days of the calendar. As is customary, the OHs were given the downhill advantage, but, after a snappy series of four bases, it became clear that the OHs had not lost their flair for the game, with current beaks CEGB and RRM providing a solid boost for the Old Boys' side. Finding themselves 4-1 down at half-time, the boys demanded to play downhill in the second half. Despite this, the House XI were unable to keep their opponents at bay and, after scoring two quick bases, they quickly conceded two. In a bid to make a come-back, the House XI changed tactics and decided to advance in the 'turtle' and 'scrum' formation – which, to the surprise of supporters, quickly became a brawl where the ball had simply become an accessory, with all members of each team battled it out in the mud. When time was called, the score stood at 6-3 to the Old Boys. One highlight of the day was Sam Smith's return to the Harrow football pitch for the first time since the Shells; it seemed like he had never been

gone, dazingly scissor-kicking a ‘yards’ from an OH to score the most phenomenal base of the day. Many thanks must go to CDLM for umpiring the game.

### *The Knoll*

#### *The House 3 v 5 The Old Boys*

*The Old Boys:* Fabian Dobree 2012<sup>3</sup>, William Hey-wood 2012<sup>3</sup>, Alex Smith 2012<sup>3</sup>, Henry Webb 2012<sup>3</sup>, William Gillham 2012<sup>3</sup>



The wet but not so muddy H3 had the pleasure of hosting a rather exhausting game between the Old Knollites and the current Knollites. Five boys, all leavers of 2017, returned to give the current boys a run for their money, and sure they did. After balancing the numbers to make the teams ‘fair’, through which the OHs somehow had more numbers than the School, we cracked on. Two early bases from W. Keith gave the boys an early lead. However, in the spirit of the game, one does not simply give up.

With the likes of Heywood and Webb on the charge, and the quick feet of A Smith and F Dobree, it was soon to be fate for the current Knollites. After two storming runs from the OHs, with yards from H. Webb, the scores became level. With three more bases scored in the second half, the OHs went up 5-2. A final fight, in the hope that the tables might be turned, saw A Saunders score the final base, leaving the scores 5-3 in favour of the OHs.

A match enjoyed by everyone, except Obatoyinbo, who continued to find himself in the mud, with the helping hand of H Saunders. As an annual event, I am sure that The Knoll will have success in the future.

### *Lyon’s*

#### *The Old Boys 2 v The House 5*

*Old Boys:* Nicolas Blinoff 2013<sup>3</sup>, Jasper Chia-Croft 2010<sup>3</sup>, Ed Chia-Croft 2013<sup>3</sup>, Cameron Chritchley 2010<sup>3</sup>, Ollie Evans 2010<sup>3</sup>, Louis Martine 2010<sup>3</sup>, Louis Molloy 2011<sup>3</sup>, William Ogden 2010<sup>3</sup>, Hendrick Robyns 2010<sup>3</sup>, Matthew Rushton 2010<sup>3</sup>, Bridger Ryland 2013<sup>3</sup>, Toluwalase Seriki 2013<sup>3</sup>, Johnny Shanahan 2013<sup>3</sup>

*The House:* A Leung, A Martine, H Bell, H Cleeve, H Zumbika, W Tallentire, Z Johnson-Watts, T Gould, A Llewellen Palmer, F Bertelsen, H Chia-Croft, N Sharma, C Stewart, Y Koshiba



There was a strong turnout this year from the Old Boys, with 11 keen and enthusiastic players on the pitch. The boys quickly got ahead by a few, even though they were going uphill, and it looked as though it might be very one-sided. The Old Boys found their groove though and pulled two back before half time. With the hill now in their favour the boys struggled to

take advantage and only added a single base to that total until the final moment of the match when it dribbled over the line to make it 5-2 to the House.

We had been allocated the 1st XI pitch so it was a true mudfest, which all the players and spectators seemed to enjoy.

### *Moretons*

#### *The House Upper Sixth 5 v 4 The Lower Sixth*

*The House:* Abdulla-Zada, Cowley, Davis, Debiase, Desmond, Downing, Gaffey, Murjani, Neal, Posner-Kane, Schell, Wang, Acar, Akbulut, Ali, Baker, Ballingal, Berry, Falco, Ma, Melser, Moore, Owston G, Paschalides, Potter, Ricketts



The great clash between the Moretons Upper Sixth and Moretons Lower Sixth may only have been witnessed by a single spectator (Nick Berry) but what a game it was. A lack of Old Harrovians meant that there were no changes to the Lower Sixth lineup. However, there were a few for the Upper Sixth team with Clement Paschalides and Carlos Falco making their debut for the team due to James Middlemass being injured (yet again) and Julian Owston being tied up elsewhere in the School. The lack of Owston did not affect the Upper Sixth side, with three quick bases, two coming from Alex Ballingal and one from G Owston. But the Lower Sixth were not going down without a fight and scored two in reply through quick counter-attacks initiated by Debiase. At half time, the score stood at 3-2 to the Upper Sixth. Early in the second half, the Lower Sixth scored, giving them a taste of a possible win. However, the Upper Sixth had other ideas, scoring one to move ahead. In the final few seconds of regular time, the Lower Sixth managed to get another base to bring them level and could have taken the win if it weren’t for some superb umpiring decisions. Therefore, at the end of normal time, the scores were tied at 4-4. Now the tension was rising. As extra time began, the ball travelled from end to end with the Lower Sixth seeing glimpses of hope and possibly a light at the end of the tunnel. However, these were quickly shattered by Owston who, after some confusion from the Lower Sixth defence, was able to take yards in acres of space. He then proceeded to calmly score, ending the match 5-4 and crushing the dreams of the Lower Sixth.

### *Newlands*

#### *Old Newlanders 7 v The House 5*

*Old Newlanders:* DH Jenkins 2008, CHL Clarke 2008, R Van Aeken 2011, BMJT Horgan 2010, JAI French 2008, JQ Henriques 2007, FB Barr 2007, SMN Karim 2011, E Ho 2014, JA Herholdt 2012, J Perez Pera 2013, K St Jenkins 2013, GO Adebiyi 2013, A Vdovin 2011, OR James 2010, BA Plumb 2010, JM Thacker 2012, MB Barr 2008, ARG Turner 2008, EB Barr 2011, JH Speed 2011, RW Jack 2012, OJL Roberts 2012, M Camereia 2011, SNK Dickson Tetteh 2012, HT Scott Lyon 2008, EWO Corswarem 2008, TB Speed 2008, MJ Salgado 2012, EJ Clarke 2007.

*Newlands:* MM du Toit, DD Shortt, SJW Allen, CS Boland, BB Coldicott, JFM Larard, DTR Barr, MC Grogan, HTP Hathorn, GB St Jenkins, HJ Rowse, PK Benigni, CBO Christie, JAM

Donohugh, WHR Dutton, AM Hogben, CW Jago, EPA Josserand, RAL Litton, LH Ng, WEC Pattle

Newlands arrived at the Boyer Webb in a typically early fashion to gain a prime position for the photo, and looking forward to the Harrow football game. The game did not fail to disappoint; with so many Old Newlanders turning up it was looking more like a 30-sided team. Despite their gain in weight, they were none the less a force to be reckoned with, scoring almost immediately after the first play. We were frightened that it could turn into a thrashing. The game was full of laughs, big hits and sibling rivalries. Dougal Barr walked off the pitch by far the most bruised and battered man after several collisions with his three older brothers. EWH walked off the pitch soaking wet after an “accidental” splashing from the boys. The game ended with a score of 7-5 to the ONs.



Shivering, cold and caked in mud, Hugo Rowse enjoyed sharing a rather awkward conversation with the Head Master while jogging back in his underpants. The House could not have been looking forward to a nice curry more, and the Shepard Churchill pulled through. A bottle of Heineken, two poppadoms and a divine bhuna curry were shared by and satisfied the House. Conversation flowed and jokes from over the years were shared. Some of the ONs then waddled down to the Sports Centre pool (home venue for the School (Newlands) water polo team). There, the ONs took on the current first team in which some swam, some floated, and some sank. The final score was 6-5 to the School team.

The Six Nations game could not have finished the day in a better kind of way. England's triumphant victory over the France was relished. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day.

### Rendalls

*The House 6-7 Old Rendallians, the match was decided on a golden base*

**The House:** Arora S.S., Cullimore J.J., Dunning F.M., Foladale O.J., Sch., Grundy C.G.A., Sch., Johnson O., Sch.(OT), Lee S.M.A., Sch., Sch.(Art), Lewis E.N.H., Patron J.T., Shirazi A.G., Sch., Taylor O.S.

**The Old Rendallians:** Edward Beecham 2007<sup>3</sup>, James Furlonger 1998<sup>3</sup>, Marcus Goodman 2013<sup>3</sup>, Klaus Krause 2013<sup>3</sup>, Alexander Masri 2013<sup>3</sup>, Jack Millar 2007<sup>3</sup>, Alexander Peers 2007<sup>3</sup>, plus the House: Chan V. Hollington J.S., Sch.(OT), Yin K., Chen J.Z., Sch.(Art), Davidson C.P.T.

Preparation for this annual fixture began hours before kick-off when the likes of Yin and Reed had to be dragged from their beds for their annual service to House footer. Once this feat had been achieved, the match began in earnest. The Old Rendallians opted to begin by playing downhill - a wise decision as the gradient on Hemstel 4 was similar to that of the north face of Everest. James Cullimore kicked off for the House and was instantly steam rolled by the mammoth Peers. The Old Boys, along with the help of some Lower Sixth, stunned the current boys with two very quick (but frowned upon) soccer bases. The House then demonstrated how yards should be given, and bases were scored. The Old Boys soon got the hang of this

and Goodman scored next. By the half-time break, the score was 5-4 to the Old Boys. In the spirit of the game, the Old Boys allowed the House to play down the slope for a quarter. The House was quick to capitalise on this good fortune, with some bone-breaking runs from the omnipotent beast that was Patron. After what seemed to be a very short quarter, the Old Boys took to the high ground once more.



This did not faze the boys, who had just about recovered from the previous night's tutor trip. Following a majestic run from Johnson, Taylor flicked the ball up to Cullimore, who scored to make the score up to 6-5 to the Old Boys. Once more, the School charged up the hill, resulting in Arora equalising with moments to go. SNT announced that a Golden Goal policy was now in force. With this ringing in the air, Peers once again gained momentum down the hill. A mix up in communication resulted in Davidson betraying his House, sliding in one more base to make the final score 7-6 to the Old Rendallians. A great end to a great match.

### The Park Old Parkites 3-2 The Park

**The House:** Johnny Marsh (Capt.), Alex de Broe-Ferguson, Alfie Farr, Josh Gibbs, David Gibbons, Iggy Betolaza, Shivaan Mohinani, Toby Farr, Sui Ittipakorn, Archie Mackenzie-Smith, Hamish McCreanor, Julien Robson, Seb Rugge-Price

**The Old Boys:** Michael Ansell 1984<sup>3</sup>, Tim Farr 1971<sup>1</sup>, David Gibbons 1973<sup>3</sup>, John Gibbons 2003<sup>3</sup>, Simon Marsh 1976<sup>1</sup>, Huw Power 2007<sup>3</sup>, Louis de La Pasture 2009<sup>3</sup>, Harry Marsh 2009<sup>3</sup>, Peter Marsh 2010<sup>3</sup>, Hugh Rowan 2010<sup>3</sup>, Oliver Tippett 2012<sup>3</sup>, Edoardo Bergamo Andreis 2012<sup>3</sup>, Alexander Byrne 2012<sup>3</sup>, Harry McCullagh 2012<sup>3</sup>, Olly Santini 2012<sup>3</sup>, Thomas Winter 2012<sup>3</sup>, Sumer Singh 2015<sup>3</sup>, James de Broë-Ferguson 1984<sup>3</sup>, Lorenzo Bergamo Andreis 2009<sup>3</sup>, Sebastian Cator 2012<sup>3</sup>

**Umpires:** Adrian Wilson, BJDS



With an excellent turn out of Old Parkites, 16 in total, and many of them from the 2016 vintage, who were (surprisingly) fit, this was a tough workout for the House team, two days before their semi-final against Bradbys. There were three clans well-represented: the Marshes (Simon, and sons Harry, Peter, who captained The Park to victory in the House competition in 2015, and Johnny, the current Park skipper), the Farris (Alfie and Toby facing up to uncle Tim) and the Gibbons (David, current Head of House, facing his father and cousin John, himself a former Park Head of House). With Oliver Tippett doing much of the hustling, the Old Boys (who played both halves downhill)

made a fine start, with Peter Marsh scoring an early (soccer) base. Alex de Broe-Ferguson countered with a soccer base of his own, before Huw Power (son of JEP), athletic as ever, put the Old Boys back in front. The House struck back through Shivaan Mohinani, before Olly Santini scored the winner.

The game was played in excellent spirit by both sides. All were delighted to see PDH back on the Hill, too. BJDS was delighted again to have the astute support of co-umpire Adrian Wilson.

### West Acre

*The House:* N Amaning, A Rowlins, A Chowdhury, M White, F Stephenson, J Shepherd, E Kim, E Clark, T Khan, R Doshi, W Bird, H Stephenson, L Palazzo, C Jones, I Norat, L Leekie, J Leung, M Ilomuanya, M Gill

*The Old Boys:* Julian Epping 2006<sup>2</sup>, Alexander Gill 2013<sup>3</sup>, Mahir Mukadam 2004<sup>3</sup>, Oliver Quilter 2013<sup>3</sup>, Charlie Stevenson 2003<sup>3</sup>



On a warm and wet day (superb for Harrow football) the Old West Acrians and a mix of Lower Sixth came together to take on the Upper Sixth. There was a good turnout of OHs, coming from all over, with notable mentions to Ollie Quilter and Alex Gill who, having only left last year, felt like they had already recovered from their scars picked up as a boy in West Acre and were both ready for another footer match. The match was played with a ferocious intensity. Nonetheless, the OHs went into half time 1-0 up, having enjoyed the downhill advantage, so serious action was required from the School XI to avoid an embarrassing loss. Cometh the hour, cometh the man: Matt Ilomounya bagged a second-half hat-trick and Ludo Palazzo buried a soccer base against the human colossus that is Eddie Clark, and the School opened up a 4-1 lead. Two conciliation bases followed during the dying embers of the game, with Ollie Quilter rolling back the years to score a long-distance base, whilst Alex Gill finished the game scoring a brilliant soccer base from a very tight angle. The Shepherd Churchill laid on an excellent curry, which was washed down with some beer to cap off a thoroughly enjoyable day. Many thanks should go to Matron for bringing down the half-time supplies, to JLR for umpiring the game well and fairly, and of course all the lads who either came down to play or watch.

### JUDO

*Winchester v Harrow (match and training) at Pinewood Judo Club, 7 February*

Of 12 competitive matches, Harrow won ten, and Winchester one, with one match drawn. There was some excellent technical judo, with Harrow dominating both in standing techniques and on the ground, two matches going by submission to armlock and strangle. George Biles, *Bradbys*, won with his trademark Tomenage (somersault throw), which was very well executed. Winchester's star, Michael Pan, was a brown belt, senior to all Harrow grades, but only narrowly beat Casper Gurney, *Drurries*, and was beaten by Will Collins, *The Head Master's*, in very hard-fought bouts. This was an excellent warm-up for the team in their preparation for the British Schools bouts to come. Harrow's judoka also showed superior strength and fitness to the opposition, showing the importance of training off the mat.

1. Michael Pan v George Davies, *The Head Master's*: Harrow win uchimata
2. Shugo Kitahara v Jake McDermid, *Rendalls*: Harrow win (armlock)
3. Iain Duncan v George Biles, *Bradbys*: Harrow win tomenage
4. Gorn Namchittai v Phillip Truscott, *Elmfield* (draw)
5. Hugh Travis v Ostap Stefak, *Newlands*: Harrow win (ouchi)
6. Hugh Travis v McDermid: Harrow win jujui
7. Teddy Wilmot-Sitwell v Jan Kryca, *Moretons*: Harrow win (uranaage)
8. Teddy Wilmot-Sitwell v Truscott : Harrow win (uranaage)
9. Michael Pan v Casper Gurney, *Drurries*: Winchester win (uchimata 2 waxari)
10. Michael Pan v Will Collins, *The Head Master's*: Harrow win (osoto x 2 wazaris)
11. Iain Duncan v Vladimir Skorobogatko: Harrow win (ippon)
12. Michael Pan v Hugh Pearson: Harrow win (ippon)

### FENCING

*2 February*

Harrow recorded their first win of the term with a well-deserved victory over RGS High Wycombe.

Playing in pool format, the Foil B team took first blood, winning their pool narrowly by five victories to four. Sadly, the Foil A team lost their pool 3-6, levelling the match for RGS.

This meant it all came down to the Epée team and they didn't disappoint, winning their pool 6-3, revenging the Foil A team defeat and meaning that Harrow won the match overall by 2 blades to 1.

Well done to all involved but special mention must also go to the Foil C team, who fenced for the first time this year and won all their bouts bar one (although this did not count towards the overall result). Indi Abrams, *The Grove*, and Hadrian Ho, *The Head Master's*, played particularly well, winning all their bouts in their very first School match!

### WATER POLO

*10 February, 1st team v Stowe, Won 6-1*

After conceding an early goal, Harrow dominated the remainder of the match, scoring six goals. Special mention should go to Ben Woolhouse, *Drurries*, who scored a brace, and Charlie Chrisite, *Newlands*, for his excellent keeping. William Tallentire, *Lyon's*, was nominated as man of the match for scoring and for excellent playmaking on the wing.

### BADMINTON

*The School v Abingdon, 9 February*

Our top four badminton pairs faced stiff competition from Abingdon at home on Saturday. After 16 matches, it was an 8-8 draw, with the win awarded to Harrow on games difference (12-11) thanks to top pair Victor Chan, *Rendalls*, and Kingston Lee, *Elmfield*, who didn't drop a game in the fixture.

## SWIMMING

*Gala vs Hampton School, 7 February*

Senior, Won 165-99

Harrow had perhaps their best gala of the school calendar, with 18 boys swimming at least one personal best time. Early on in the gala, Aidan Wong, *The Park*, managed to beat a Shell School record in the 100m breaststroke event by over a second, recording a time of 1.11.21. This seemed to spur on the rest of the team to swim faster than ever. Boys who shaved more than a second from their personal best time were: Ahsab Chowdury, *West Acre*, William Pattle, Hanno Sie, both *Newlands*, Tommy Nguyen, *The Grove*, Anton Shashenkov, *The Knoll*, and Archie Smith, *Rendalls*.

## SQUASH

*The School v Epsom College, 7 February*

1st Team, Lost 3-2

The first team lost 3-2 in an exciting match with Epsom. Brando Sodi, *West Acre*, and David Gibbons, *The Park*, had straightforward 3-0 wins, but the key match was perhaps that of Kareem Jafree, *Elmfield*, who lost 3-2 in an encounter that could have gone either way.

Senior 2nd, Won 5-0

There was an encouraging 5-0 win for the 2nd team. The most impressive performance came from Humza Qureshi, *The Park*, who came back from 7-3 down in the fifth game to win the match 3-2. Fred Murley, *The Park*, Tiger Powell, *The Grove*, Will Orr-Ewing, *Elmfield*, and Sasha Sebag-Montefiore, *The Knoll*, also had hard-fought wins.

*Yearlings v Bancroft's School  
National Cup, Round 2, Won 3-2*

The Under-14s beat Bancrofts 3-2 in their first of three group matches in the National Schools Competition on Thursday. All three matches took place at John Hampden School.

*Yearlings v Aylesbury Grammar School  
National Cup, Round 2, Lost 2-3*

The Under-14s lost narrowly 3-2 in their second group match in the National Schools Competition.

*Yearlings v John Hampden Grammar School  
National Cup Round 2, Lost 0-5*

This 5-0 loss to a strong John Hampden team meant that Harrow finished third in their group of four in the National Schools Competition and so did not qualify for the finals. The most successful Harrow player was Arnaud Du Roy De Blicquy with 2 wins.

## RACKETS

*The School v Cheltenham College, 7 February*

Senior 1st Pair, Lost 1-3

A fine effort in a tight 1-3 loss for Julian Owston, *Moretons*, and Rishi Wijeratne, *The Head Master's*.

Senior 2nd Pair, Lost 2-3

A hard fought 2-3 loss for Henry Wilson, *Elmfield*, and Luke Harrington-Myers, *Bradbys*.

Colts 1st Pair, Won 3-1

Some excellent attacking rackets in a 3-1 win for Jude Brankin-Frisby, *Newlands*, and Ben Hope, *Rendalls*.

## HARROW FOOTBALL

*The XI vs G.F.J. Yarrow's XI, Draw 4-4*

The Yarrox XI: Charles Allman-Brown, *Drurries* 1996<sup>3</sup>, Charlie Barrell, *Moretons* 1998<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan Best, *The Grove* 2000<sup>3</sup>, Paddy Boyle, *Drurries* 2002<sup>3</sup>, Alastair Dean, *Elmfield* 2002<sup>3</sup>, Luka Gakic, *Moretons* 1998<sup>3</sup>, Archibald Herries, *The Grove* 2000<sup>3</sup>, Patrick Massey, *The Knoll* 1996<sup>3</sup>, Charles Owen, *The Head Master's* 2003<sup>3</sup>, Paul Theo, *The Grove* 2000<sup>3</sup>, Alastair Yarrow, *Drurries* 1997<sup>3</sup>, Guy Yarrow *Drurries* 1998<sup>3</sup>



It is usual for the boys to immediately smell the famous beery-breath scent that OHs have as they come on to the footer pitch, each with a tinny in hand. But this weekend, the unexpected occurred. Instead of John Smiths, the Yarrow XI (a strong team of big lads in their mid-thirties) came down to the swamp that is Hemstel 6 with a bag of energy drinks and gels. Straight away the boys knew they were in for a tough game and that the Yarrow XI was not a side to be messed with.

The School began uphill and began the intense battle with the OHs' centres who were stronger and most definitely more aggressive in the first half. For the first time this season, Hemstel 6 was very much in the right conditions to play and so Harrow struggled to move it fast and utilise their main strength: pace on the counter attack. For much of the first half, Harrow were on the defensive, consistently playing with fire as corner after corner was conceded. The OHs, at first, won every corner as they executed a clearly well-practised technique of directly throwing it to the front man who would consequently flick it back up to the thrower as he ran in behind him. However, it was not long until 'the Soldier' (Alex De Broe) caught on to the trick and blocked the yards. This gave the boys an advantage, which led to a quick soccer base from Michael Keith. This fuelled some of the OHs' fire, especially Allman-Brown who led the OHs to their first base. This was then followed by a quality base from Christie.

The second half kicked off and it was evident that some of the OH players' legs were giving way. With the help of the downhill and consistent attacks down the line, an opening was made for Charlie Christie to take yards. After having quickly taken a few steps, Charlie put his boot through the flooded ball and sent it flying to score a colossal base. The largest the OHs had ever seen. The game seemed to be in Harrow's hands. What followed was a perfectly performed half by the OHs. The sheer determination and will led to three bases. The boys' heads dropped with pity. However, the game was not yet over. Thank God to CEGB who, luckily for the boys, couldn't keep track of the time. An extra ten gruelling minutes was played and, in the last play of the game, Barr stole a base from the face of defeat. The game ended in a well-deserved draw and both teams had given their all. Man of the match: Charlie Christie, *Newlands*.

## HARROW FOOTBALL

*The School XI v R P Malhamé's XI, The School lost 2-3*

R P Malhamé's XI: Ed Ashwell, *The Knoll* 2011<sup>3</sup>, Euan Barr, *Newlands* 2011<sup>3</sup>, George Chichester, *Rendalls* 2011<sup>3</sup>, Freddie Denison-Smith, *Elmfield* 2011<sup>3</sup>, Angus Edwards, *The Park* 2011<sup>3</sup>, Toby Hignett, *The Park* 2011<sup>3</sup>, Charlie Horlick, *The Grove* 2011<sup>3</sup>, Theodore Leung, *Elmfield* 2011<sup>3</sup>, Robert Malhamé, *The Head Master's* 2011<sup>3</sup>, Harry Mingay, *The Park* 2011<sup>3</sup>, Theo Seely, *The Head Master's* 2011<sup>3</sup>



Last Saturday, R P Malhamé brought back a very capable team of OHs who left the School three years ago. Conditions were beginning to turn from the dry ground we have had so far to much wetter, thicker mud in which the game thrives. The standard of footer being played was the highest yet displayed by the XI this season but, crucially, as a team, not enough yards were successfully converted and missed opportunities piled up. Unlike the XI, the OH side were much more on the ball when it came to taking their chances and struck with two bases in the first half while coming downhill. The bases came from Theodore Seely, *The Head Master's*, who calmly slotted a base over from the left-hand side of the base and the second first-half base came from Dougal Barr, *Newlands*, who caught the School XI off guard and managed to swiftly craft a header off a quickly taken corner to score his base.

Going into half time at 2-0 down, the School XI took advantage of the downhill early doors with a much more positive style of play, taking a lot more yards in dangerous positions in the OHs'

half and, with this, two bases came through the accuracy of Charlie Christie and Kyran Jenkins, both *Newlands*. However, due to the OHs' brilliant knack for giving yards despite the School's best efforts, Karim slotted a base straight in front of the base to put the OHs out in front 3-2.

The OHs must also be highly commended for their 'mind games', as some members of the XI put it, as some boys couldn't quite resist it: when Romeo Ravagnan, *Bradbys*, was within a comfortable scoring distance to the base he sadly sent the ball slightly to the left. Unfortunately, the School couldn't claw back another base despite excellent attempts from far out from Michael Keith, *The Grove*, and Alex Saunders, *The Knoll*. A very competitive and well-fought match ended in defeat for the School XI with the OHs winning 3 bases to 2.

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