

# HARROW NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE HEAD MASTER



Over the Summer term, I have been enthralled by the boys' determination to make the most of their time back on the Hill. From inter-House competitions to cricket, athletics and tennis matches against other schools, from talks and lectures to concerts and plays, it's been a busy and rewarding time – a time that we have all very much appreciated.

This newsletter is packed with information that I hope you and your sons will find entertaining and useful. As we near our 450th anniversary, we look forward with pride to the future: a future that welcomes more boys on bursaries; a future that

ensures boys are real-world ready when they leave Harrow, prepared for a life of service, learning, leadership and personal fulfilment.

Although we are sorry not to have been able to welcome you to the Hill this year, I hope that you have managed to join one of our virtual open events. Like me, you will be pleased to hear that we are very much hoping to open our doors again from September. Government restrictions permitting, so do please book your place on an open morning via our website.

*Albertin Law*

## NEW DIRECTOR OF STUDIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Mr Charles Bailey will take up the post of Director of Studies at Harrow in September, following the appointment of Dr Michael Gray to the headship of Hereford Cathedral School. Charles, who is an Old Harrovian, read Theology at Oxford, where he also completed his PGCE. He started teaching at Forest School, before moving to Harrow in 2014 to teach Theology & Philosophy and History. Charles has been Resident Tutor in The Park, Assistant House Master in The Grove, and has coached rugby, cricket and Harrow football. In 2017, he became the Head of Learning Skills and then Head of Theology & Philosophy a year later. In recent years, Charles has sat as a foundation governor at St John's Church of England School. He also works alongside the International Boys' School Coalition by regularly leading professional development and teacher training courses for teachers across the globe.



## BURSARIES – TRANSFORMING LIVES

Looking ahead to the 450th anniversary of Harrow's foundation in 2022, the Governors have set an ambitious development programme that will celebrate 450 years of Harrow and provide an abiding legacy for decades to come. This Harrow 450 programme will see considerable investment in our bursaries, as well as the preservation of our key historic buildings and innovation in learning and scholarship. In keeping with

the original vision of the School's founder, John Lyon, one of our aims for Harrow 450 is to increase our bursary funding by an extra £20m to so that more boys will be able to benefit from means-tested support. An immediate change to the application process is that boys no longer need to be awarded a scholarship to be considered for a bursary. Bursary support will be considered for strong candidates when they apply to the School. In some

cases, however, candidates will be asked to achieve a scholarship in the school year before entry to Harrow to be eligible for a bursary. Applicants should apply through the standard admission procedure and indicate on the application form that they would need some form of financial support. You can find more information about awards and bursaries on our website.

## OPEN MORNINGS

Harrow's open mornings are an excellent way for prospective parents and their sons to learn about the School and life on the Hill.

Visit [www.harrowschool.org.uk](http://www.harrowschool.org.uk) for forthcoming dates and to book.

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Professor Neil Ferguson

WORLD-LEADING SCIENTIST DELIVERS THE RAYLEIGH LECTURE

The Rayleigh Lecture is an important academic event in the School's calendar. It is traditionally given by a world-leading scientist and this year was delivered by Professor Neil Ferguson, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Imperial College, London, former epidemiologist at the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies, founding director of the Jameel Institute for Disease and Emergency Analytics, and MRC Centre for Global Infectious Disease Analysis. Professor Ferguson is best known for his work on real-time mathematical and statistical modelling

of emerging infectious disease outbreaks, having worked on the SARS and MERS coronaviruses, Ebola, Zika and, more recently, COVID-19. He has also worked on advising bodies such as the World Health Organisation and the British Government and has been at the heart of the UK's strategy for dealing with the coronavirus pandemic. In his lecture on 'How vaccines and variants are shaping epidemiology and policy in the COVID-19 pandemic', in which he showed slides that had only been seen by a number of scientific conferences and governmental audiences, Professor

Ferguson explained what epidemic modelling is, how it is used in a pandemic and how the modelling is used to decide on strategies to limit the spread of a disease, and specifically Covid. He discussed the gravity of the Covid pandemic, describing how it has severely affected the United Kingdom due to a combination of bad luck and delayed intervention. He touched on vaccines and the spectacular work done to develop so many in such a short time, the measures that are needed to prevent any further spread of the virus, and the lessons learned for the future.

RECOGNISING SUCCESS

Upper Sixth Former Harry Swanson has received national recognition in a Special Mention from the Royal Geographical Society as part of their Ron Cooke Award for his excellent coursework titled 'The strong presence of the LGBTQ+ community in Brighton has influenced the place characteristics of Kemptown'. The award recognises students' work towards the independent investigation component of the Geography A level. Harry will be interviewed for the Royal Geographical

Society podcast and will feature on the Awards section of their website. Harrovians gained seven awards across six committees at the recent Model United Nations annual conference, including three in first place. Boys were also praised for displaying confidence, honour, resilience and diplomacy at the event which was hosted by the London School of Economics and Political Sciences and took place online over three days. It is

a flagship event for aspiring diplomats across the nation and Harrow entered a strong team of ten delegates. The committees they sat on included the UN Security Council which was charged with resolving the dispute within the South China Sea and the UN Economic and Social Council where delegates were tasked with finding a solution to the stumbling blocks faced by nations in their pursuit of free trade and multilateralism.





ENGLISH

There were many creative and thought-provoking entries from boys across the year groups in this year's Jonathan Head Barrow Short Story Competition. The theme was 'Food and Drink' and the winners were: Shell – Otto Marre, who wrote about an act of altruism at Christmas time; Remove – Charlie Ni, who explored how food provoked a widower's memories; Fifth Form – Matthew Chin, who presented a dystopian take on government food regulation; and Sixth Form – Aarav Tribhuvan, who wrote of a gourmet dining experience later revealed to be a final meal on death row.

The theme of the Augustus Fleet Poetry Competition was 'Home'. The winners were Jake Henson with his poem *No such other place*, Que Akhavan Zanjani with *Iran // Home*, and Christopher Liu with *Home*.

*No such other place*  
by Jake Henson

There is no such other place which mixes fantasy,  
in a dull cooking-pot,  
No fields of blissful constancy,  
That somehow, we forgot.

No seven-years-soup of thoughtful broth,  
Which over time exceeds  
Its origin of chequered cloth  
To starlight poppy seeds.

You place of rock! You changeling bricks,  
Whose colours seems so indistinct,  
Than that which to a better lens,  
A colour gives that far transcends.

But feeble is that which we see,  
Of greyscale, crippling sanity,  
And greater that, which in its grasp,  
Combines the dreamlike things long passed.

How wretched that on simmering stove,  
The parts are on a one-way road,  
Yet Seven-years-soup won't taste the same,  
When spoiled by tartness of the sane.



BIOLOGY

The winner of this year's Shell Science Lecture Competition was Mungo Law with his talk on 'Ultra-black: the science of the blackest black', in which he lined some very striking instances of ultra-blackness in nature (such as certain birds of paradise, vipers and even black holes) with humanity's efforts to develop ultra-black materials. The other two finalists explored Aurorae and bionic technology. All Shell boys entered the competition, researching and presenting a lecture on a science topic of their own choosing to their Biology beak and division.



Finalists in the Shell Science Lecture

CHEMISTRY

Rishaad Bhushan, Penn Behagg, Henry Webster and Aum Amin demonstrated impeccable problem-solving abilities and knowledge to win the national finals of the Royal Society of Chemistry's Top of the Bench competition. The theme for this year's event was the Periodic Table, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the table in 2019, which was when the initial heats began.

In the Royal Society of Chemistry's Olympiad competition, Harrovians won nine Gold, 14 Silver and 11 Bronze awards. Jason Zeng and Q Sun achieved the highest scores, their Gold awards putting them among the top nine percent of 7,000 entrants. Particular mention should be made of two Lower School boys – Henry Webster and Aum Amin – who narrowly missed Gold in an exam designed by the best Upper Sixth chemists.

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77 Ir Iridium 192.22	78 Pt Platinum 195.08	79 Au Gold 196.967	80 Hg Mercury 200.59	81 Tl Thallium 204.383	82 Pb Lead 207.2	83 Bi Bismuth 208.980	84 Po Polonium [209]	85 At Astatine [210]
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CLASSICS

An unusual and distinctive donation was made to the Deno Leventis Classics Library. The gift of two Winnie-the-Pooh books by A A Milne, both translated into Latin, *Winnie Ille Pu* (Winnie the Pooh) and *Domus Anguli Puensis* (The House at Pooh Corner), was made by two friends of Old Harrovian Terence Bredin, who joined Harrow as a scholar in 1943 at the height of World War II. He later emigrated to Canada where he became a Classics teacher.

Nine Remove academic scholars paired up with nine students from Notting Hill and Ealing High School on a joint project on Ancient Alexandria. Each pair was given a topic to research and a source to get them started. Among the topics explored were the legacy of the mathematician and philosopher Hypatia, the purpose of the city's legendary lighthouse, the great Library of Alexandria, and the cultural, religious and linguistic variety of the city. The project culminated in two online presentation events, with all the essays brought together in a presentation booklet.



Classics beaks with Latin Winnie-the-Pooh books

COMPUTER SCIENCE

A group of Removes and Fifth Form boys created Team Enigma, who have now designed an ecological project aimed at using sensor stations placed around the Hill to collect weather and air pollution data. Data will then be fed into an AI model to make future predictions. The team plan to collect feedback from boys to gauge emotions and feelings throughout the day and investigate any interesting correlations between environment conditions and School-life satisfaction. One member of Team Enigma delivered a brilliant lecture series on AI covering the foundations of deep learning, computer vision techniques and natural language processing.

HISTORY OF ART

In the inaugural ARTiculation Junior competition this year in which participants give a presentation on a work of art or architecture, all the participants showed much enterprise in adapting to the online format. The calibre of the presentations



Rembrandt's *Girl at a Window*

was very high and left the adjudicator of the final in a tough position in deciding the prizes. Joe Mclean gained the second prize for his response to a John Stezaker photograph and joint first prize went to Otto Marre, who introduced us to Rembrandt's *Girl at a Window*, and Charlie McDowell for his entertaining and informative presentation on Battersea Power Station.

PHYSICS

Twenty-nine boys took the British Physics Olympiad's Senior Physics Challenge. They achieved a strong set of results, with ten Gold awards, 13 Silver, five Bronze and one Commendation between them. With 34% of Harrovians achieving Gold and 45% achieving Silver, the boys scored well above the national average for these grades. Of particular note were Brandon Chang, who scored the highest Gold in the School and put himself into the top few hundred physicists in the country, and George Webster and Vincent Song of the Removes, who both achieved Silver awards despite sitting the paper two years early.

THEOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY

In the recent prestigious national HART prize for Human Rights, three boys did exceptionally well. Andrew Arthur was awarded third prize for his essay on education in Nigeria. The entries of Edred Clutton and June Hyun were both highly commended in their respective categories.







Two boys gave a talk on the crisis in Venezuela

PIGOU SOCIETY  
Economics

The Pigou Society heard talks both from external speakers and members of the society. Two boys gave a joint talk on ‘Venezuela: a crisis like no other’, describing the current economic and political difficulties of that troubled country; another Harrovian explained the possibility and difficulties of achieving macroeconomic stability; ‘Redlining: wealth restriction and real estate segregation’ was the subject of a third talk that described how generations of non-white Americans were kept impoverished by a systemically racist system; and another pair of Harrovians told the story behind how retail traders caused significant disruption to the market and billion-dollar hedge funds in the now infamous Reddit short squeeze. The society was also host to Siddharth Prasad, Head of Global Finance at Nomura, who spoke about careers and pathways in investment banking.

PEEL SOCIETY  
History and Politics

The Peel Society heard a series of talks from boys in the Lower School that investigated the powerful and shadowy practices of espionage and subversion throughout history. The series began with a talk on ‘Conquering a state without a single bullet: the history of subversion’. The second, of particular interest to boys taking IGCSE History, was titled ‘Was the USA or the USSR more successful at Cold War espionage?’. The audience learnt that espionage was not the preserve of the 20th century through the third talk of the series: ‘What was the impact of the Culper Ring on the outcome of the American Revolution?’. The final talk in the series was on ‘International espionage in the Spanish Civil War’.



Boys v beaks debating competition

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

The Astronomical Society heard from two Harrovians; one spoke on cryogenics and how it might allow us to travel distances through space that were previously thought impossible, and whether it is possible to wake someone from “cryosleep”. A second talk was entitled: ‘The Multiverse: Where everything that can happen does happen’, in which the speaker argued for the existence of a multiverse and its possible implications.

BUTLER SOCIETY  
Sport

The Butler Society welcomed Mr Chris Marshall, a sport and performance psychologist, for an online two-part question-and-answer session with Harrow’s Director of Cricket, the former international cricketer Mark Ramprakash, and members of the society. Mr Marshall described his work with numerous athletes, including boxer Anthony Joshua and the England cricket team, and explained how it was necessary to work in different ways with different sports and players.

DEBATING

Alexander Newman and Vincent Song, the Harrow debating A Team, beat eight schools including Benenden, Francis Holland, Godolphin & Latymer and Putney High, to win first place in the London Middle Schools open debating competition. Haiwei Li and Ezekiel Akinsanya were runners-up in the Novice category in the Oxford Schools’ Union debating competition, only a few points behind first place.

In May, the Debating Society met for its first exhibition match with a live audience since the COVID-19 pandemic. In what is hoped will become an annual fixture, the Beaks IV took on the Boys IV in a parliamentary-style debate on the motion ‘This house would abolish private schools’. Although the beaks, who proposed the motion, fought gamely to win the audience to their side of the argument, it was the boys who proved successful in the end.

PERCEVAL SOCIETY  
African and Caribbean Culture

Society member Remi Jokosenumi gave an in-depth insight into the history of the culture surrounding Africans and their hair, describing the true significance of braids in Africa and how they are used as a medium for socialising, building relationships, and expressing identity. The talk also explored the meaning of hair in slavery and how hair has been used as an expression of rebellion over the years. A second speaker delivered an online lecture on ‘Frontier and Gateway of Empires: North Africa, a history’ in which he described the history of North Africa from the time of Phoenicia and Carthage to the present day, outlining the importance of expansion and considering how North Africa used to be one of the richest places in the world.



Carthage

PSYCHOLOGY SOCIETY

The infamous Stanford Prison Experiment was the subject of a talk by a Harrovian. He described the aims of the experiment, the methods used and the eventual failure of one of the most controversial social psychological experiments to be conducted. There were also a fascinating and complex talk on Carl Jung and his life studies and findings; an intriguing introduction to the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator system of categorising personalities, during which participants attempted to take some of the tests and discover their personality type; and a talk full of psychological insights, comedy and practical demonstrations on Rorschach inkblots, in which the speaker gave a history of the inkblot test, as well as defining its uses.



SLAVONIC SOCIETY  
Eastern Europe

Lower Sixth Former Blesk Ekpenyong joined forces with his father to deliver a talk entitled ‘Black skin in the red land: does modern-day Russia need a Black Lives Matter movement?’ They began by discussing the history of slavery and segregation in America and the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement. Mr Ekpenyong went on to trace the history of black people in Russia from the 17th century through the Soviet and post-Soviet eras and up to the present day. He concluded that if Russia were to have a BLM movement it would need to be rebranded to prevent Russians from seeing it merely as a Western idea that has no relevance in Russia. ‘Soviet propaganda: the fight for the hearts and minds of Russia’s young people’ was a second talk by a Harrovian. It described how propaganda was the Bolsheviks’ most important tool of governance and how the state used pro-Soviet children’s literature and youth groups to secure the loyalty of the next generation. Members of the society were invited by the Russian Embassy to attend an online lecture given by the Russian cosmonaut Sergey Ryazanskiy to mark the 60th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin’s historic space mission.



Cosmonaut Sergey Ryazanskiy

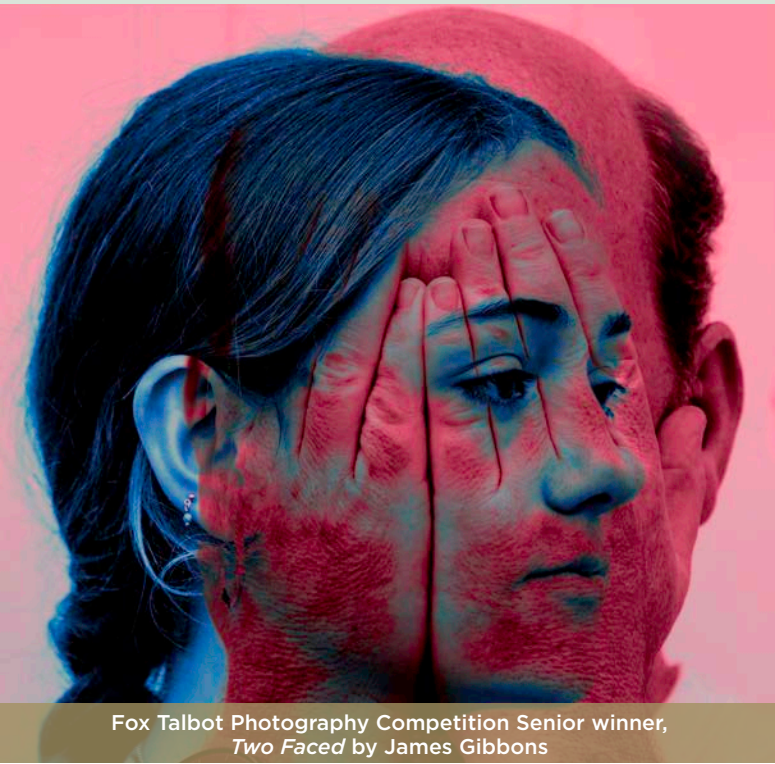
SUMMERSON SOCIETY  
Art History

Mr Timothy Demetris, Renaissance scholar and founder of the Timothyseus Project, addressed the Summerson Society on the topic of ‘Urban Regeneration in Renaissance Rome’. He gave the audience an in-depth look at the rebuilding of Rome through the lens of two popes: Pope Sixtus IV, who built the Sistine Chapel, and his nephew, Pope Julius II, who commissioned Michelangelo to paint the chapel’s interior as well as the extraordinarily ambitious rebuilding of St Peter’s Basilica.



St Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican City





Fox Talbot Photography Competition Senior winner, *Two Faced* by James Gibbons

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY

The annual Fox Talbot Photography Competition is named after Old Harrovian William Henry Fox Talbot, a scientist, inventor and photography pioneer. It is a much-anticipated highlight of the Arts calendar and judges this year were Clive Barda, famous for his work with the Royal Opera House, the RSC and the National Theatre; portrait artist and fine art photographer Clare Park; and Genevieve Stevenson, an artist who has worked with designers such as Halpern and Richard Malone.

Senior winner was James Gibbons, whose portrait of his father and sister, *Two Faced*, was a superb hyper-reality image and a fine example of a successful montage. Runner-up Rufus Hunter was commended for his photo *Looking Out*, a poignant black and white image of his sister sitting on a windowsill, gazing outside. Second runner-up was Harry Tack’s self-portrait montage *Escape*.

In the Junior category, winner St John Smith’s *Evening Sunset* was described by the judges as a ‘visual poem’ that combined the seemingly everyday life with the magical sunset. The first of two runners-up was Daniel Eldridge, whose photograph *A Day in London* conveyed the sheer scale of urban London while simultaneously highlighting the splendour of nature. Second runner-up was Alexandros Aldrich-Blake-Ouzounis for his drone image capturing the glorious landscape of Cornwall.

Every boy in the Shell is given just over three months to research and construct a creation in the fields of art, music, design, drama, technology or digital media. Submissions are accompanied by a presentation board displaying research, development and refinement of the ideas that led to the final piece of work. This year, the winner of the competition was Arturo Saville Mascioni with a stop-motion animation. Arturo explained his work:

“I was very interested in the idea of world building, creating an intricate world for your characters and story to exist in. I came up with a desolate landscape with a house shaped like a giant egg on stilts, sticking out of the sand. To inhabit this house, I created two characters, with light bulbs as heads. I then made a job for them. They were to maintain the cable car which seems to stretch on forever. The film tells the story of the two bulb-people, and their struggles through life, work and death. It focuses on the destruction and renewal of balance, and the replacement of life.”

Winner of the most prestigious award for Art, the Burston Prize, was George Phillips for his installation piece *Cabinet of Curiosity*.



Fox Talbot Photography Competition Senior runner-up, *Escape* by Harry Tack



Fox Talbot Photography Competition Junior runner-up, *Cornwall* by Alexandros Aldrich-Blake Ouzounis



Fox Talbot Photography Competition Junior runner-up, *A Day in London* by Daniel Eldridge







Fox Talbot Photography Competition Junior winner, *Evening Sunset* by St John Smith



Burston Prize winner, *Cabinet of Curiosity* by George Phillips



Winning Shell Project, by Arturo Saville Mascioni



Fox Talbot Photography Competition Senior runner-up, *Looking Out* by Rufus Hunter







DRAMA

The Ryan Theatre opened to an audience for the first time with a spectacular production of Patrick Hamilton's *Rope* (pictured). Directed and performed by a talented company of actors, musicians and technicians from The Knoll, the thriller presented an anatomy of an apparently motiveless murder and a brilliant snapshot of the “roaring twenties”. Every House at Harrow is challenged with staging a play every two years and the performance was eagerly watched by boys from other Houses.

As part of Drama lessons during the Spring term's lockdown, Shell boys enjoyed the National Theatre's production of *Treasure Island* online, sharpening their reviewing skills in the process.







Big Band Concert



The Fugitives – Mortimer Singer Prize winners



Concerto Concert



Winners of the Smouha Competition for Chamber Music

MUSIC

As well as performing in regular Lunchtime Concerts, a Teatime Concert, a Bach Cantata in the Chapel and a Big Band Concert, boys from across the School took to the stage to compete in the annual Mortimer Singer Prizes. The competition was founded in 1995 by Forbes Singer, who was a Governor at the time, and is named after his son Mortimer, who is an Old Harrovian. There are two sections, Solo and Band. Soloists must sing unamplified, accompanying themselves on an acoustic stringed instrument, while bands of any description

can take part. This year's adjudicator Dr Dave Ranyard, CEO of Dream Reality Interactive, awarded first prize in the Solo round to George Gallagher for delivering a polished performance of his own song, *Blue Ivory*. The Fugitives, who won the Band section, were singled out for the energy and excitement they brought to their performance of Tom Pollock's *Mucky Trotters*. Lionel Handy FRAM, an internationally renowned cellist, was adjudicator of the Smouha Competition for Chamber Music, which this year was won by Joseph

Wragg of the Lower Sixth. A few days later, the School's most accomplished musicians were given the opportunity to perform solo with an orchestra made up of boys and professional musicians at the annual Concerto Concert, which this year featured works by composers including Beethoven, Haydn, Shostakovich, Panufnik, Brahms, Elgar and Arnold. The School's ensemble of elite singers, the Byron Consort, performed in front of an audience at St Pancras Church as part of the London Festival of Contemporary Church Music.





The Park Drill Squad

HARROW RIFLE CORPS

The Park was awarded the trophy for Best Drill and Best Turned Out House at the annual Inter-House Drill Competition. Cadets from each of the 12 boarding Houses take part in this much anticipated and closely fought event in which cadets are judged on the precision of their marching and the standard of their

appearance and uniform. The judge this year was Major Davies, Second in Command of the Harrow Rifle Corps. Flight Lieutenant Reuben, Assistant Director of Operations 2nd Space Warning Squadron US Space Force, joined Harrow Rifle Corps cadets from his base at

Buckley Garrison, Colorado, to issue a briefing on the Space Force and space operations as a whole. Space Force, founded in December 2019, is the world's first and only independent space force and is at the leading edge of an exciting and novel area of national defence.

SHAFTESBURY LECTURE

The Shaftesbury Lecture, 'The Rashford Effect', was given by Nabs Suma and Serge Betsen, who provided the audience with an insight into the way their success in rugby gave them the skills to have a positive effect on the lives of others. Nabs Suma, an Old Harrovian, began his rugby career with Wasps and earned numerous accolades. At the end of his ten-year career, he joined InterContinental Exchange as a cocoa trading specialist, which allowed him to create several commodity-based businesses from exporting cocoa to developing wholesale chocolate for Fairtrade chocolate brands. He is currently a Trustee for Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation, which aims to make a positive difference to individuals through the character and collective spirit of the Wasps family. He emphasised how teamwork is vital for

success in sport and business, and how the leadership skills learnt at School will help Harrovians in their endeavours to support other. Serge Betsen is a renowned French rugby player, considered one of the best flankers of his generation. At the end of his rugby career, he established the Serge Betsen Academy, which aims to help underprivileged children, especially in Cameroon. Mr Betsen described how, throughout his rugby career, many people gave him confidence to improve in rugby; in turn, the academy has now helped 80,000 children through education and sport. The principal message from the speakers was that Harrovians, who have every advantage and means to be successful, should try to make these things possible for other people too.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Funds raised by the Shaftesbury Enterprise programme are being used to support Place2Be, a children's charity working in seven schools across Harrow, Hillingdon and Slough to provide bespoke mental health support to pupils and their community. They are currently working with more than 6,000 children across the three boroughs. Place2Be's mental health professionals have been able to return to schools to offer face-to-face support for pupils with common issues such as bereavement, transitions and anxiety, and are making an enormous difference to the lives of hundreds of children who have faced the greatest disadvantage as a result of the pandemic.



Serge Betsen



Nabs Suma





ATHLETICS

With many schools not yet ready to travel to away fixtures, Harrow had only three other teams against which to compete in its first fixture, which was a friendly, non-scoring meeting. Harrow athletes were delighted to be able to compete again and gauge how much work was still needed for the rest of the season.

The Guy Butler Shield is Harrow's biggest athletics meeting of the season in which it competes against six other schools. Harrow managed to edge to victory over Coopers' Company & Coborn School by just one point, to win the trophy for the 11th time in 12 years. Harrow came up against Coopers' Coborn again in a triangular battle with St Alban's and once more managed to clinch the title by a small margin. In their first away fixture of the season at Marlborough College, where they faced their hosts along with Brighton College and St Edwards Oxford, Harrow once again proved their strength and depth, winning all three age groups comfortably and taking 40 of the 75 events contested. Several boys from the middle-distance squad took part in an open fixture organised by Harrow Athletics Club. With seven Harrovians running in either 800m or 1500m events, five ran personal-best times.

CRICKET

In a season of mixed fortunes, Harrow's First XI saw wins against Hampton School, Wellington College, Bedford School and Malvern College. Sadly, they were defeated by Eton at Lord's in the first match to be held at the ground since 2019. Harrow is making available two of its cricket fields for Middlesex Premier Cricket

League (MPCL) clubs to train. The move is designed to address the shortage of pitches in London and has been greatly welcomed by the league. Two MPCL clubs, Friends United CC and Harrow Willow CC, will each play four home matches during the coming season on the School's cricket fields.



POLO

The polo team had a full summer term of training and fixtures. The first grass fixture, and the first large event of its kind since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, was a daunting match against Eton at Guards Polo Club in June. Eton began the match with a half-goal advantage due to Harrow's superior handicap, but the exciting game saw Harrow scoring a winning goal in the last chukka to end the game with a 5-4 victory over their opponents.

The A team played in the Copenhagen Cup, again at Guards Polo Club. The top four polo schools in the country based on handicaps (Harrow, Eton, Millfield and Wellington) battled it out for the top prize. After beating Eton and Millfield, Harrow were up against Wellington in the final, managing to overcome them 6-2 to win the competition.

In a later match against Wellington, the A team again beat their rivals. The season finished with Harrow playing a mini tournament against Millfield School and Marlborough College.



GOLF

A team of Harrovian golfers drew 3-3 with a very strong Wellington side at The Springs in Oxfordshire, and a squad of competition debutantes managed to beat a team from John Lyon in the first-ever meeting between the two schools. They lost narrowly to Old Harrovian members of the OH Golf Society on a gloriously sunny day at Moore Park Golf Club in Hertfordshire. In the Senior Inter-House Golf Competition, the winners were brothers Toby and Max Shirvell from The Head Master's, with Druries the runners-up.





RUGBY

Two Harrow rugby players have been given professional contracts for the 2021/22 season. Henry Arundell is joining the London Irish Senior Academy while Ricky White has been signed by Wasps. Both Ricky and Henry will be combining university studies with their professional rugby commitments. Henry and Ricky have been part of the clubs' respective academies since they were 13 and both boys have been selected for this year's England Under-18 squad.

SWIMMING

In April, all swimmers took part in a sprint gala time trial event at home and an impressive three new School records were set. This was overshadowed by the 15 new records set in an internal House gala featuring 200m and 400m events. The gala was won by Newlands. Harrow swimmers also took part in a virtual gala against Blackrock College in Dublin, with the schools comparing times for each of the races. The Harrow Shells, Intermediates and Seniors all won their categories, with many personal-best times and School records

achieved. June saw a socially distanced meeting with a squad from Dulwich College. This time, Harrow's opponents proved the stronger swimmers, winning both the senior and junior competitions. Henry Gray of the Removes was selected to represent the National Team of Jamaica in the Central American and Caribbean Championships in Puerto Rico. This certifies him as an internationally competitive swimmer and puts him in contention for a place at the next Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in 2022.



TENNIS

Tennis started the season with both home and away fixtures involving Eton and Magdalene College School, Oxford, in which Senior and Colts players all won the majority of their matches. In a tournament with Bradfield College, the Colts and Yearlings players won all their matches, with only the 1st team losing out

to Bradfield. Harrow impressed with some excellent tennis in the RHWM Tournament away at Radley. All players played singles and doubles matches, and every game counted. The team won against all three schools they were competing against: Radley (46-26), Marlborough (50-22) and Wellington (52-20). In the annual House

doubles tournament, The Head Master's beat a spirited pair from The Knoll; in the Torpid competition, The Park defeated Bradbys in a high quality match and the Yearling final was won by Moretons, who overcame the pair from The Knoll.





**Matthew Rice** (*Rendalls 1981*) and **Stephen Cunliffe** (*Rendalls 1994*) are two of Conserve Global's three founding directors. Conserve was established to focus on the critically important but largely neglected niche of African conservation areas outside of national parks. Collectively, these wilderness areas encompass 1.7 million square kilometres or 66% of Sub-Saharan Africa's entire protected area estate.



**Sam Trew** (*The Grove 2012*) co-founded Occam Health while still studying at Imperial College London. Occam Health is a digital health platform for delivering the correct care to everyone, regardless of their language or location. It focuses on providing a universal triage service and connecting you with urgent care services anywhere. Sam recently gave a presentation at Imperial's National Medical Technology Conference.



**Max Menaged** (*Druries 2011*) ran 300km and completed 300 minutes of plank in 30 days in aid of Eden Reforestation Projects, who will plant 3,000 trees in Madagascar with the funds he raises. Last year, Max ran 300km in 30 days to raise money for the same charity. Only 10% of Madagascar's rainforest remains. Eden Reforestation Projects have planted over 400 million trees in Madagascar and created over four million workdays for local communities through their work.

**Peter Hedley** (*West Acre 2008*) recently founded Recycleye, a business in the AI and recycling space that featured in the first Microsoft Sustainability Report in 2020. Recycleye use deep learning and AI advancements with a low cost, rapidly deployable, decentralised and fully automated sorting solution which can be deployed inside waste management facilities.

**Matthew Dryden** (*Bradlys 1972*) specialises in microbiology and infectious diseases and has had a busy year working half the time in Porton Down at the Rare and Imported Pathogens department where the team have been carrying out validation for all new Covid testing technology. He spends the rest of the week on the wards in the Hampshire Hospitals Trust. Matthew also spent a few weeks in Uganda supporting a surgical infection project and delivering Covid testing capacity.

**Roland Walker** (*The Grove 1983*) joined the Queen's Parade in Trooping the Colour 2021.

**Mark Stewart** (*The Head Master's 1991*) is a film producer based in Los Angeles and last year produced *Wash Me in the River* with Robert De Niro and John Malkovich, *Force of Nature* with Mel Gibson, and *Midnight in the Switchgrass* with Bruce Willis and Megan Fox.



**Alec Dent** (*Rendalls 2002*) co-founded the on-demand grocery delivery service Weezy. Operating at first from a small warehouse in Fulham, Weezy now offers ultra-fast grocery deliveries across London, Bristol, Brighton and Manchester, with many more cities to launch nationally and internationally this year.

**Sam Esses** (*The Head Master's 2005*) co-founded an architectural design company called Superficial Studio, which specialises in computational design to achieve progressive and high-quality designs from furniture to buildings. The studio recently featured in leading design publications for their Bio-Hacker's Residence, an award-winning research project into using 3D-printed bio-integrated materials. Sam is also currently a lecturer at the Bartlett School of Architecture at UCL.



**Koyejo Adesanya** (*Newlands 2007*) is celebrating five years of Mojo Kojo, an African-inspired ethical streetwear brand that he launched from his university bedroom. Mojo Kojo produces garments in Lagos, Nigeria, and takes pride in celebrating African culture in their handmade clothing. Their garments have been stocked in Urban Outfitters in the UK, EU and USA, and in stores in Japan and Australia. They have also collaborated with K Swiss on a limited collection.

