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F1 IN SCHOOLS

National Finals of the STEM Competition, 12–13 January

On 12 and 13 January, 11 boys from the Fifth Form and Lower Sixth and two beaks headed to Birmingham for the National Finals of the STEM Competition, F1 in Schools. The quickest track time of the cars came top five nationally for both teams.



Both teams are to be commended for their excellent work, dedication and commitment to the project for over a year (preparation for the 2022 regional rounds began in September 2021). Members of Vertex Racing team were June Hyun, *West Acre*, Andrew Stratton, *Newlands*, Dylan Kainth, *Bradlys*, Justin Changbencharoen, *Lyon's*, and Vincent Song, *The Head Master's*. Vectorius Racing was made up of Aaron Patel, *The Knoll*, Alex Moore, *Lyon's*, Charlie McDowell, *The Knoll*, Jaden Odofin, *The Grove*, Raulph Lubbe, *The Grove*, and Saarvin Cambatta-Mistry, *Lyon's*. They all showed remarkable levels of skill and teamwork.

The competition was intense as the teams battled it out over two days of gruelling interviews and racing. The NEC arena was a fitting venue for this event, filled with every type of car imaginable. The teams were able to showcase their talents and passion for the sport in front of a live audience and judges.



At the end of a tiring first day, the boys were treated to an evening of bowling, arcade fun, and pizza! However, no mercy was shown by TMK, who constantly hit strikes and ruthlessly shattered any hopes of the boys winning.

Towards the end of the competition, the teams enjoyed a live-action car show, which included drifting, drag racing, and motorcycle backflips. This was a thrilling way to end the competition and set the stage for the awards ceremony.



The awards ceremony did not go the way either teams wanted. But despite this, the boys had a wonderful experience, performed exceptionally, networked with many people and teams, and, most importantly, had a great time! Vectorius Racing was placed sixth of 19 in DEV class, with a nomination for the Star Quality: Verbal Presentation Award. Vertex Racing was placed fifth out of 16 in PRO class, with a nomination for the Star Quality: Sponsorship & Marketing Award. This is a remarkable achievement and the teams should be proud of their hard work and dedication.

The boys returned home in high spirits, ready to re-enter the regionals in March. They have shown that they have what it takes to compete at the highest level and set a great example for future Harrovians wishing to compete in the F1 in Schools competition. Thanks, of course, go to DMD and TMK for registering us for the competition, inspiring and supporting the teams in the process, and organising the trip.

JUNIOR LABORDE SOCIETY

Angus Lao, Moretons, 'Favela Warfare' 17 January

On 17 January, the Junior Laborde Society welcomed Angus Lao, *Moretons*, who delivered a lecture on 'Favela Warfare' in Rio de Janeiro. The lecture began by describing the city of Rio, outlining the various reasons for it being a tourist hotspot, such as its many sandy beaches and Christ the Redeemer, one of the seven modern wonders of the world.

However, Lao soon began to outline the infamous favelas in Rio, which are informal settlements that are home to around 1.4 million people. There are around 1000 favelas in Rio, the largest being Rocinha, all ranging from large cultural communities to small, poverty-stricken areas. Lao then described how many, if not all, favelas are controlled by drug gangs. Although some may see them as a form of protection, their presence brings a lot of violence and crime to the area. Despite this, favelas continue to grow, due to illegal housing being built by those who need shelter. They are not only expanding outwards, but often upwards as well, with buildings stacked on top of each other.

Lao then began to expand on the gangs at large in the favelas, the most prominent of these being the infamous 'Red Command', which was founded in the 1970s in the state prison system and has grown to become one of the most powerful criminal organisations in Brazil. It is involved in a wide range of criminal activities including drug trafficking, extortion and arms trafficking. However, its leaders are currently imprisoned. Despite this, the Red Command still has a strong presence in the favelas of Rio, and it is often in conflict with other criminal groups and the police.

Angus then told us how this conflict has led to major clashes between gangs and the police in the favelas. In 2019, there was a record number of police killings, at 1,814 deaths, including women and children, caught in the crossfire between the police and the gangs. Angus then outlined how the police are trying to resolve problems in the favelas, with major difficulty. Foot patrols are often ambushed by drug gangs, whilst tanks and armoured vehicles deployed by BOPE (the Battalion of Special Operations), make slow progress in the dense favelas, and are often sighted and the gangs desert the area. Although this may seem like an issue resolved, Angus suggested that the local cartels actually played a central role in keeping the peace, as no crime would take place without the gang's consent. In this way, the favelas are self-policed, and the actual police are viewed as unwelcome.

Angus then described how the government has tried to take control of the favelas and take down the gangs. One example of this was the operation 'Pacification' in 2008, which aimed to improve security and quality of life for the favela residents. It was an operation taken up by the police and the military to reclaim areas of favelas from drug gangs. Operations such as these, however, have had mixed results, and are often criticized for human rights violations, due to many innocent killings.

Finally, Angus explained the consequences of favela warfare. It has increased violence and crime rates, affecting the daily life of favela residents. It also leads to human rights violations, often due to police brutality. Favela warfare has serious effects on the lives of the many favela residents. It is a complex and serious issue with no easy solutions.

CAREERS TALK

Laurie Morgan, Business Growth Expert, Partner in OxfordSM 'Helping Businesses Brands Grow and Survive in Competitive Markets', 17 January

Laurie Morgan joined us in the OH room to talk about her life managing and consulting with big brands and businesses in both the UK and US. She worked with the giant firm Proctor and Gamble, where she had the power to change Pringles' packaging, colour and flavours. She even launched salt and vinegar in the US and it did not do well as it is only popular in Britain, showing that understanding the consumer is paramount for a product to go down well. Laurie Morgan also helped launch "Pringles light" which were marketed to have 30% less fat. At 30% less fat they did not taste as good as the original pringles, resulting in the 30% fat Pringles needing to have more fat in; demonstrating that businesses will do anything to meet the standards and goals they create for themselves.

Pepsi was her next destination where she worked with KFC which, after 15 years of vegetarianism, turned her into a meat eater which is no surprise. At KFC she introduced meals like popcorn chicken and she conveyed just how much advertising mattered for KFC's sales.

In the UK, Laurie Morgan helped Pizza Hut become the giant it is now, by focusing on delivery so sales got off the ground. She worked on renovating the gloomy restaurants and then advertising using celebrities such as Gareth Southgate,

which all helped increase sales drastically. Costa Coffee was her next task under Whitbread's wing. Though getting with the tea drinking UK to take a liking to coffee was no mean feat, her work clearly paid off as she ran Costa's marketing and renovated the stores all whilst starbucks was starting their campaign too. She told us that businesses "take what works, and amplify it".

But it's not all pretty, Morgan told us about a part of her journey in business that was not very lucrative; a chain of pubs ran by an Etonian, Noble House. It was a venture capital nightmare as the returns were not coming in and the business quickly failed soon after she left. And for her it was all part of a learning process that helped her gain a better understanding for business.



McDonald's created a lot of work for her, the fast food giant took her on just as the film "supersize me" came out (showing the shocking realities of their food at the time), and this attacked sales by 10%, with Jamie Oliver's ordeal further lowering sales by 5%. To combat this, Laurie Morgan helped make items of the menu healthier such as the nuggets, lowering fat levels substantially and adding salads and fruit to the happy meals. She was also involved in the start-up of McDonald's Monopoly and McCafé.

This talk demonstrated how large the business world is, and that you don't have to be tied down to one company for your whole career; you can change and travel and learn new things with new businesses.

CRICKET TOUR

Christmas Holidays, India 2022

The Harrow School cricket tour took place in the Christmas holidays, as 30 boys and five beaks jetted off to Delhi for an action-packed 12 days of cricket matches, sightseeing, immersion in Indian culture and cuisine, and lots of posing for photos! From the start, everyone knew this was going to be 12 days never to be forgotten.

Delhi

Trudging off the plane and into Delhi Airport after nine hours, with no visa troubles and a decently smooth baggage collection, we were ready to go.

The first part of our tour was based in Delhi. Our two Harrow sides played two games each, with brilliant team performances throughout. One Harrow side was lucky enough to be playing at the Arun Jaitley stadium, which has a maximum capacity of 41,842. Alongside these great cricket fixtures, we started our experiments the local cuisine, with heaps of butter chicken, paneer, naan bread, rice and our trusty Western favourite: ice cream for dessert. The capital also offered some outstanding tourist sites such as the India Gate, the Red Fort, Humayun's Tomb and Raj Ghat (where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated).



Special thanks must go to our tour guide, Pramod, who was brilliant at describing and explaining the significance of the amazing locations we visited. In addition, we attended the first of our functions in Delhi, which was hosted by His Highness Raninder Singh at his home. With polo shirts tucked in and sporting brand-new chinos, it was time for us to let off some steam and enjoy a wonderful evening, topped off by His Highness getting stuck into JM, which made everyone chuckle. Delhi was an incredible city that Harrovians embraced; whether it was the cricket, culture or new experiences, there was something for everyone.

Jaipur

After five days in Delhi, it was time for the 152-mile drive through rural India to Jaipur. The much longer than expected journey was rather frustrating for the squad, but everyone was eager for what was to come that evening... a visit to the Maharaja's City Palace. Founded in 1727, this huge complex with its outstanding traditional features, majestic architecture and extensive, perfect gardens, topped off with a stunning view of the Pink City from the rooftop of the palace, made us feel like royalty. It was magical. During the rest of the Jaipur leg of the trip, Harrow played four more games across two teams. Tougher opponents in the Rajasthan region only encouraged the Harrow boys to improve their game, as more great performances were ground out. Many players had really started to grasp the best of themselves out on the field and this made for some really high standards of cricket, especially in the field. Unfortunately, after what was an astonishing but too short experience, our stay in Jaipur ended as we headed for our third and final destination: Agra.



Agra

Agra, in the region of Uttar Pradesh, is home to some extremely exciting cricket prospects. Some perhaps less enthusiastic feelings about another long journey were apparent after the marathon of the first one, but a toll road came to our rescue and this journey turned out to be less chaotic and more peaceful. Our first halt came after about two hours when we stopped to see Chand Baori, which is an impressive 30m-deep stairwell, with

around 3,500 steps. Live entertainment was provided for the boys as an Indian civet (similar to a cat or ferret) pursued us up and down the many steps. We hopped back on the bus and, pressing on towards Agra, after another two hours we reached the striking courtyard of the town Fatehpur Sikri. On the way, the Harrow boys (clearly superbly coached by Pramod and the beaks) were able to resist the many persuasive sellers offering chess sets for thousands of rupees, and cigarettes.

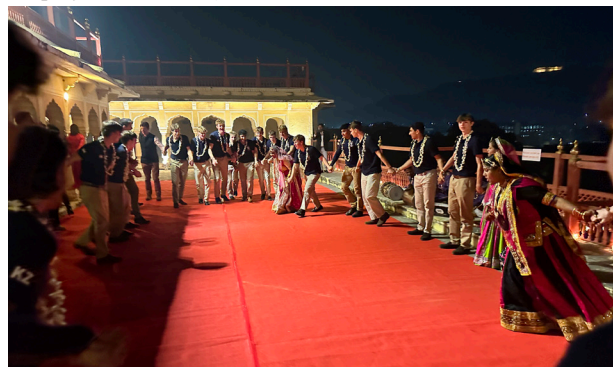
The next day was perhaps one of those the boys had been most looking forward to: it was time for the Taj Mahal. The Taj Mahal was nowhere near as special as we expected; it way surpassed it. The bright, white marble of the symmetrical domes glistened against the blue sky: truly a sight to remember for the rest of our lives. The interior of the Taj was equally as interesting. In the afternoon, we visited the Agra Fort, which, although overshadowed by the Taj, was also exceptional. The evening saw the awards dinner and a celebration of our final night together.



Following this brilliant experience came our last day, with the teams playing their fifth game on the way back to Delhi. After two T20s, the boys were exhausted and in need of a good night's sleep before the flight back to Heathrow. A trouble-free journey saw everyone back home in one piece in time for Christmas.

Awards and thanks

There were many great individual performances throughout the trip. We had a ton from Kalan Niyarepola, three fifties from Charlie Nelson, *Bradlys*, further fifties from Henry Macdonald, *The Park*, Veer Patel, *The Knoll*, Jay Madan, *The Park*, Karan Zaveri, *Elmfield*, Brij Sheopuri, *Lyons*, Henry Snow, *Rendalls*, and Kit Keey, *Durries*. We also had five wicket hauls from Charlie Hope, *Rendalls*, and Henry Macdonald, with a 4-for from Gabriel Harrington-Myers, *Bradlys*, as well. As well as these cricketing achievements, there were some awards for the tour in general, which were presented on our final night: Charlie Hope (best tourist), Gus Stanhope, *Moretons*, (most culturally embracing), Adi Gupte, *West Acre*, (least culturally embracing), James Lester, *West Acre*, (tour shambles), Tom Campbell-Johnston, *Durries*, (most surprising tourist), Henry Macdonald (2nd XI player of the tour) and Charlie Nelson (1st XI player of the tour).



Importantly, thanks must go to DAE, Mr Ramprakash, JLM, Dr Barke and Mrs Marsden, along with the families of boys who came out to India with us, for making this experience as amazing as it was. However, our final and greatest thanks should be dedicated to JLM. Having been told a mere few months before the trip that we were not able to go to Sri Lanka and that we would instead be going to India, he put in an unbelievable amount of effort and work to arrange a tour of which every single minute was enjoyable, as well as safe. It was an impeccable trip that we will remember for the rest of our lives.

METROPOLITAN

CHURCHILL ESSAY

Arturo Saville-Mascioni, Rendalls

Gendered toys harm everyone, not just girls.

As a society, we still gender toys. Partly, since not much changes in parenting because adults are nostalgic and want to repeat their own childhood, and partly because toy companies believe that gender-specific toys make more sales. However, both notions are changing rapidly.

There is too much nostalgia in parenting. Parents read their children the same, lightly racist, poems that their parents read to them; give them similar clothes to the ones that they wore; fathers will buy their sons the same toys that they played with; and mothers will do the same for their daughters. Usually, things change because people die, but childhood nostalgia never dies. Without realising it, parents encourage boys to show strength and hide their emotions. The same occurs for girls and feminine traits, but not at the same level.

We often presume that it is girls who are most negatively affected at an early age by being taught traditional gender 'roles' through toys, advertisements, and the media. It is true that traditionally feminine values are pushed onto girls at a young age. I know, from my own experience, that girls may start out liking toys that are traditionally for boys but move to more 'femi-nine' toys later – though, this is usually when they begin school and experience peer pressure. These girls will be taught, by using traditional girls toys (such as model kitchens, barbies, and baby dolls), that women are expected to be accommodating, understanding, domestic, and less assertive – all qualities that, though important, do not pay well. However, we rarely talk about the flipside. We often presume that traditionally male traits are and will always be instilled in boys, and that boys have the upper hand when it comes to stereotyping. This could not be further from the truth.

The truth is that in the West, over the past 50 years, the meanings of masculinity and femininity have been totally redefined. This means that much of the toy market is entirely out of place. Today, young girls are quite rightly told that they can strive to achieve anything, become anyone. Women now make up a vast majority of university attendees, and they outperform boys on every educational level. When it comes to work, 48% of business have a woman as their highest paid employee, whilst women only make up 14% of the lowest paid employees. These divides are increasing in size every year. Girls are no longer told to be housewives. This is good news.

We often think about how our gender-based decisions are harming women in society, but never think about how they are harming men. To be a girl today is to be a beneficiary of decades of conversations about the complexity of womanhood in its many forms and expressions. These conversations simply do not happen about men. The boys have been left behind. There is no movement to help navigate young men towards becoming

healthy adults. Whilst progress in guiding girls through a modern childhood has been substantial, there has been no change in how we treat boys. Though, the expectations for a man in the adult world have totally transformed.

In the current West, movements that look to empower men are often shunned (including by myself). Immediately once someone starts to speak about male disadvantage, we disregard their arguments and connote them with the extremist and misogynistic 'male power' movements of the past.

The statistics show that this absence of guidance is taking its toll. 78% of suicides are male, men make up 96% of new prisoners, young men report far lower levels of life satisfaction and higher levels of depression than women do, yet only 36% of referrals to NHS therapy are for men.

Men feel isolated, confused, and conflicted about their place in the world. Many feel that the very qualities that they were brought up to show – their strength, aggression, and competitiveness – are no longer needed or wanted. Their childhood has made them ill-prepared. Men do not know what to do and they are terrified. So, young men now have two options: detachment or rebellion. There have been clearer and clearer warning signs becoming known. Many men who feel increasingly isolated have turned to misogynistic agitators – the likes of Andrew Tate. We, as a society, must remember what will happen if we continue to ignore the plight of young men. It has already been shown that vast amounts of men will simply turn to hating women, or 'woke' thinking, embracing toxic masculinity as a form of liberation.

The cause of this problem is clear. Whilst we have hugely changed the way that we raise our girls – traditional girl's toys like Barbie dolls now include pilots, astronauts, and sports stars – there have been no changes in how we raise boys. Parents and toy manufacturers teach boys to exemplify the same 'male' qualities – qualities that are now frowned upon in boys but championed in girls. This change in societal opinion derives from the concept of 'positive discrimination' – but when should that discrimination stop? If society continually appears to constantly discriminate against men to 'level the playing field,' men will detach from the system entirely. Many men have already begun that process. Yet, the very real notion of a man, depressively disassociating with society, 'living in their mother's basement,' and becoming radicalised, is laughed at. A woman doing the same thing because of misogyny is not disregarded in the same way. This shows the hypocrisy of the whole new order.

The only way in which we change all this, is by removing gender from the equation. It is always better to have a mixture of masculine and feminine traits. We, in the West, are close to instilling this in most girls. Most boys, on the other hand, now have neither trait.

Once an impressionable young boy is taught that 'these' traits are for him, it is impossible to take that away notion from him. He will always believe that showing strength and never weakness is what makes a strong man. So, once men come of age and realise that these traits are no longer wanted, they dissociate and rebel, they lose their confidence in themselves, and could resort to extremism and misogyny to get that confidence back. The same is not true for young women today, who are taught with both feminine and masculine traits, and are much healthier. They are strong and confident, but also willing to ask for help. We are raising a generation of men who no longer feel valued for what they can offer, but also are ill equipped to deal with that or have the kinds of strengths that make them competitive.

If we raise children in the same way – because, before puberty, they are the same – we will raise generations of healthier and more stable people. Women will not have to deal with insecurity and a lack of confidence in adulthood (which are associated with a traditional female upbringing) and men will not have the kinds of mental health problems that most are experiencing today – or at least they will be able to ask for help.

Gendered toys harm everyone, not just girls. If we remove gender from the equation, and stop stigmatising men who are confident, or vulnerable, only then will we create an equal, and sustainably equal, future for our world.

ALONELINESS

i used to think that you could be alone, but not lonely. i thought that, even if physically you weren't next to someone, you would still know there were people there for you. but now i don't know if that statement still stands.

now i'm faced with the reality of another year at Harrow School, and although i don't know where this adventure will take me, i'm still excited because i will not be the same person i am now at the end of it. i will have become enriched with knowledge, empowered by my friends and strengthened by the sports.

but, now that we are back here, i'm starting to realise just how much i miss being alone. just to honestly enjoy myself.

i think i really miss it. being in my own presence without anyone else. it is difficult to do at Harrow. there are so many people to say, things to do, it is easy to get lost amongst it all. all that i ask is that you do not forget that we all need time alone, to gather our thoughts and feelings. sometimes we know when that moment is, but even if it is an inconvenient time, understand that taking time away from people is important.

if you are alone, you have no distractions. a lot of the time that can lead to some sort of creativity, you have all this time, with no distractions and you can go and pursue projects and things that you thought you would have no time for. i didn't expect to find time to write so much, but by just taking some time alone, i found something to write about and some time in which to write it. i feel that this is where the personal growth lies.

so i reckon that you can be alone but not lonely. sometimes that can be a satisfying thought, but at other times it can make you feel that you cannot ever truly have some time alone, truly alone.

so try to find some time to be alone. who knows, perhaps you could find something you would never have done before

A MUSICIAN'S DIARY

12:13. Harmony. Nature's jealousy towards me made my life rather difficult, I always thought. Nature is a force of beauty, but the sound of my trombone beats it and excels it. Most simple-minded fools do not hear it. They interpret the heavenly symphonies, which I improvise as cacophonies, as "terrible walls of sound", but their feeble brains are too miniscule and pea-like to appreciate my genius.

12:17. It was Leonidas of Sparta from whom I learned the valuable lesson—I like to take my inspiration from people of historical significance. The king taught me never to surrender and to fight 'till the last drop. I did. I shouted at the reception lady who worked in the music hall for not allowing me to go backstage. I got out my trombone and prepared to play. I had deceived the lady using my superior cognitive abilities. She would later comment in a police interview "He ran through the door screaming 'You cannot see me; I sneak past you. You cannot stop me' and I called security."

12:21 I burst onto the stage. The non-talented musicians were playing some old and tired composer – Bach or Beethoven or something. I, giving them the honour of honesty, told them to stop playing that second, and hurting everyone's ears because frankly, they were terrible.

And there I was, seeing my distorted face in the reflection of my beautiful instrument, Narcissus to my mirror. My beautiful weapon of peace. My trombone. I preformed not for the audience, they were not worthy, I performed for the muses and angels, for demons and saints, for the whole universe. yet now I fear that even they were not worthy of hearing my genius.

12:22 Just as I was getting ready to expel a majestic symphony, the tasteless fool of a security guard tackled me to the floor from the stage.

12:22:30 "You fool!" I proclaimed honestly. "I was going to enlighten you with my magic!". I saw no more purpose in entertaining myself with him, so I pushed him off, kicked him, and got ready to play.

12:23. A magnificent, impenetrable, almost solid vibrating air had filled the room. The audience considered the prophecy of the apocalypse to be coming true in this moment.

12:27 I was tackled once again and then arrested. Three people went to hospital for severe damage to the auditory system and 7 reported PTSD from my performance.

THE DREAM

A solitary flame dancing brazenly in the prison of a gas lantern. The wanderer ached onwards, their boots scuffing the smooth cobblestone beneath them. They wore a large sailor's coat, a captains hat and a tasseled blanket, its ends like frayed rigging. He was aimless and alone.

An owl hooted warnings of the end of the world.

Faintly, the wanderer recognized a distant tick-tocking. They pressed on. As the shadows separated the clock emerged, its great dark wood body and intricate paneling like tattoos on pristine flesh.

Its analogue face read 13:01.

Branches overhead shifted and swayed in a scalding wind. A storm brewed. The wanderer was resolute. The flame in the lantern continued to sway. The wanderer held the cage of metal and glass to thier face and the flame stared back longingly, twisting and flailing in the light in the darkness. The lantern returned to their side and the wanderer gazed back to the face of the clock.

The face read 13:02.

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The wanderer was face-up in a field when the tapping of hooves and grinding of metal plates brought them to thier feet. The rider was of bone but his gaze was empty and imprisoning. It settled on the wanderer, waist-high in the waving grass. He stopped dead.

"Who are you?" they spoke in unison.

For a while nobody spoke. The wind whispered sweet nothings in the wanderer's ears.

"I am The Fourth," said the rider. Without lips his words were lifeless and unnerving.

"The Fourth?" asked the wanderer.

"I am The Fourth – there were three before me and now there is me." He paused. "Tell me traveler" he said, "what do you know of death?"

"Death?"

The wanderer thought awhile. "Am I dead? How did you know I was a traveler?" they asked.

The skeleton didn't answer. He looked off to the place where the sky met the land. He looked behind him to find the same distant horizon. His armor began to sing as rain descended like stray teardrops.

"It's raining," said the wanderer.

'Yes,' said the rider 'it is – there's a storm coming.'

He dug his spurs into his mount, equally skeletal and equally animated. The undead horse shook its head, snorted, and began to canter. The wanderer stood in place and watched them leave, their eyes following them as they passed.

'Where are you going?' they called.

'The end of the world,' said the rider as he rode off into the distance.

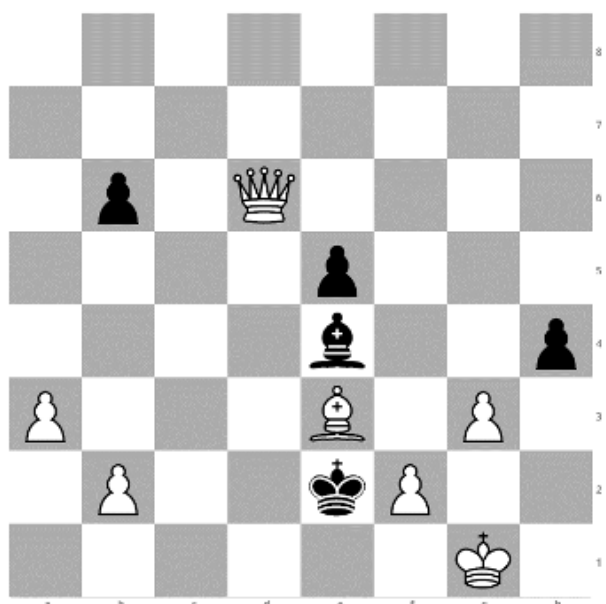
Eventually, only the rain and the wanderer remained. It was heavier now but still faint. The wanderer put on their hat.

OPINION

CHESS

The weekly puzzle set by JPBH. Submit your solution by email (jpbh@) to enter the termly competition.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.



Last week's answer: 1. Ra8+ Kxa8 2. Qa5+ Kb8 3. Qa7#.

Interested in chess? Come along to Chess Club, 4:30-6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays in MS 5. All abilities welcome!

SPORT

FENCING

1st away v Abingdon School Won, 19 January

On Thursday, the fencing team had a fixture against Abingdon. Foil A won 45-28, with special mention to captain F.N.D.M.J.A. de Robert Hautequere, *Lyon's*, for his great performance, with members B.C.K. Chang, *Druries*, and N.S. Goff, *Lyon's*, playing well. Epee A sadly lost 45-23, although team members J.H.W. Herschel, *The Grove*, B.C.K. Chang, *Druries*, and N.S. Goff, *Lyon's* fought valiantly. Epee B won 45-40 in a tight match with great performances from team members C.C.Y. Chang, *Druries*, H.L. So, *Newlands*, and A.T.G. Cullinane, *The Head Master's*.

*1st away v Tonbridge School, Won
Triangular, 21 January*

On 21 January, the Fencing team travelled to Tonbridge for the annual Triangular against Tonbridge and Westminster. All three blades were represented by their respective A teams. Having arrived slightly late Harrow was thrown straight into the thick of it without a warm-up. The Foil A team consisting of F.N.D.M.J.A. de Robert Hautequere, *Lyon's*, H.W.J. Barker, *The Park*, and N.S. Goff, *Lyon's*, had a good showing winning their match 78-48-65 (Harrow, Westminster, Tonbridge), with an exceptional performance by de Robert Hautequere as the only undefeated Harrovian. The Epee A team consisting of D.E. Eldridge, *The Grove*, J.R.E.K.W. Cullinane, *Newlands*, and C.C.Y. Chang, *Druries*, had a strong win with their score being 75-55-65. Chang stepped in last minute and debuted in the A team, achieving a high score. Lastly, the Sabre A team of B.C.K. Chang, *Druries*, A.J.M. Lee, *The Head Master's*, and L.A. Pain, *The Head Master's*, won the overall highest points, finishing 81-28-77. They displayed great perseverance throughout each of their six matches. Overall, it was a very strong performance from the Harrow Fencing Team, and as there are many juniors on the teams with lots of room for improvement, we will hopefully also stand a good chance next year.

SKI TRIP TO CANADA

Christmas Holidays, 2022

Before Christmas, an intrepid group of boys and beaks led by Capt Robson made their way to Heathrow to depart for the slopes of Canada. The first challenge, however, was checking in. Indeed, the inhabitants of Terminal 2 looked mortified when about 90 people descended upon them at once, asking to check in as a group. Understandably, this took quite a long time. The next stop was security, where a certain French beak managed to lose her passport (albeit briefly). Despite some initial adversity, everyone made it onboard the plane and settled in for a long flight. Alas, the flight was uneventful, as was the coach journey afterwards, mainly as most boys were asleep. After many hours, we arrived at Chateau Jasper, our hotel, and got to our rooms.



Breakfast the next morning was a sullen affair, mainly due to the incredibly early start. However, a humongous quantity of maple syrup and French toast quickly dispelled any blues, and we headed onto the buses to make our way to the slopes. Upon arrival, we fitted boots and skis and hit the slopes. The snow was immaculate, and the skiing was good. Added to this were the excellent instructors from the Marmot Basin who looked after us.

For some boys, however, there was much more going on than just recreational skiing, as they embarked on a three-day instructor's course to allow them to gain level one certificates. The process was gruelling, requiring us to learn to teach the most basic parts of skiing, such as the snowplough and putting on skis. On top of this were the extremely pedantic criteria of

the Canadian Ski Instructors Association that we were required to fulfil to pass. However, most boys managed to overcome this initial adversity and pass.



The cold did eventually catch up with us, however, and due to temperatures of -42 centigrades, there was one day on which we could not ski. The silver lining was that it was the day of the World Cup final, making the lack of skiing far more palatable. The trip was overall amazing and credit must go to Capt Robson for organising it.

A Racer's Perspective

The 2022 Canada ski trip was the first Harrow trip abroad since the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite all the challenges, the trip was a success for all those who attended. No trip I have ever been on has been as enjoyable, exciting or dynamic as the one I was fortunate enough to embark in over the Christmas break. That was thanks to Capt Robson, the beaks and the boys. Despite the extreme weather conditions (including temperatures plummeting well below freezing), everyone remained in high spirits. On the racing side, we started the week strong. We were the first to arrive on the hill, take in the view, and get the ball rolling. Adjusting to the snow took a few runs, but we were soon ready. We hoped to be the best-prepared team for the weekend race, and Coach Steffen helped us do exactly that. However, the conditions for the race ultimately took a turn for the worse. As we got to the slopes, -35 degree weather greeted us. At the top of the hill, temperatures reached as low as -53 degrees due to the wind chill. Nevertheless, the racers got kitted up and marched out in the frost and snow and onto the racecourse. Some of us, myself included, were brave enough (or possibly stupid enough) to go out in catsuits. Although the weather caused a complete cancellation of the event, bar one run, we took home the Under-14, Under-16 and Under-18 team trophies. Unfortunately, we did not win the Canada Cup but were placed a commendable third thanks to a great effort from the team, the boys and all the staff who helped us along the way. We hope to see more success in Switzerland later this month and back in Canada next year when U.U. Zampa, *The Head Master's*, takes on the captaincy role.

HARROW FOOTBALL

1st XI v Louis Kunzig XI, School Won 5-1, 21 January

The XI played an enjoyable match against Louis Kunzig's XI, winning 5-1. Amongst the scorers were Toby Ferneyhough, *Elmfield*, Emmanuel Olowe, *The Grove*, Captain Baba Obatoyinbo, *The Knoll*, and Jimmy Turner, *Elmfield*. James Felton, *The Park*, graciously offered to play for Kunzig's XI, who only had 10 men and ended up scoring for both teams via a well taken yards kick and an unfortunate own goal. Overall, both sides enjoyed a classic, fun, good-natured match of footer. It was a match unusually played on the Sheepecotes, which was due to frozen ground on the Hemstalls! The grassy pitch made for a speedy game, and, was, therefore, a disadvantage for the OHs. But the School XI bounced back from their unfortunate loss

in their first match and hopes to continue their winning form.

The Princes v The Will Landale XI, School Won 4-3

Stafford Proctor's XI v The Princes, 14 January

At the start of Term, 3 OH teams nervously arrived on the Hill for the opening fixtures of the 2023 season. Prior to kick off, we shared a respectful minute's silence for OHs and Beaks departed in 2022.

The boys generously played up the slope for the duration and with the match underway the Princes seized the initiative from a well taken yards by Boegh-Nielsen, *The Headmaster's*.

However, the OHs were gathering momentum, as the fog of the off season cleared, and footer rules were remembered. Wells (Newlands 1979) the senior player on the pitch opened the scoring for the OHs, surprising the boys with his distance.



Again, the school took the lead but the OHs responded after a probing run on the left by Wright (Bradby's 1984) and taken on and beautifully scored by Taylor, *The Knoll*, who agreed to play for the OHs. Taylor proved a constant thorn for the Princes and proved to be one of the best selection decisions made by the OHs captain. Wickham, *The Headmaster's*, battled through numerous tackles and set up another Princes base on the stroke of half time.

All agreed that no further soccer bases would be permitted.

The game ebbed and flowed, but mainly ebbed as we know footer is not a spectator sport! Although two hardy spectators braved the elements.

Kunzig (Druries 1983) lead a memorable turtle and promptly took yards and scored a base as did Stabb (HMs 1987) to his captain's surprise and joy!

Gurney (Druries 1981), his field positioning razor sharp, accurately fed Chetwode (*The Grove* 1982) who had a bullocking run down the right wing and slotted a memorable base.

de Broë-Ferguson (*The Grove* 1981) put in a combative forwards performance, ably supported by Thornton (*The Grove* 1981) who, despite his unusual technique of playing prone in the mud, combined to put away Proctor (*The Grove* 1981) for a 'Follow up' base.

Time was up and the Princes graciously conceded the match 6-4, with all players, umpires and spectators jointly celebrating the first rule of Harrow Football, namely that it is a game for Gentlemen!

FOOTBALL

Junior Colts A v Dulwich College, Lost 2-5, ISFA Qtr Final

1st XI away v Tonbridge School, Lost 1-2

The 1st XI never really got going off the coach and, despite a fine goal from Luke Walton, *West Acre*, didn't show enough game intelligence to outwit their opponents here. A disappointing result and performance that demands a reaction from the boys.

2nd XI away v Tonbridge School, Lost 0-1

Harrow travelled to Kent to take in the positively balmy weather on a blue bird day. Tonbridge started well with some energetic and direct football, their left winger causing acute pressure with his skill and pace. As Harrow adjusted to this, Zain Ayoub, *The Knoll*, was able to largely mitigate this threat with some clever positioning. Nikolai Hanbury, *Rendalls*, and Josh Owens, *Rendalls*, were stout at the back looking to break Tonbridge's well organised line. As the half continued, Harrow was able to escape some dicey moments but placed increasing pressure on Tonbridge resulting in some close chances. We were perhaps lucky to see out the half 0-0, but with a chance to regroup we had it all to play for.

Harrow got back to basics in the second half with a focus on quick movement and simple football. Charles Edu, *Lyon's*, was particularly impactful at the base of the midfield giving Kanta Morishige, *Newlands*, and Max Baygual-Nespatti, *Elmfield*, the freedom to play. At this point Harrow looked like they could nab a win as they made the running in the last twenty minutes. Unfortunately, Harrow conceded a free kick in a dangerous area with five minutes to play. It was swung dangerously into the back post and bundled in by Tonbridge. A disappointing end to a good match of football, in which both teams played composed and disciplined matches. Onto Haileybury midweek where we once again search for the W.

3rd XI away v Tonbridge School, Lost 1-2

3rd XI started slowly but withstood Tonbridge's pressing game, and went into half-time with a 1-0 lead. The second half saw chances at both ends but Tonbridge scored twice to edge a close and physical contest.

4th XI v Tonbridge School, Drew 2-2

The second match of the season for the 4th XI was against a very strong Tonbridge team. Fin Smith, *The Knoll*, continued his scoring run with a quick-fire goal on the counter attack. Tonbridge then put Harrow under tremendous pressure but an excellent performance from Bode Kolawole, *Newlands*, Louis-Parry-George, *The Park*, Joseph Mclean, *Druries*, and Rahul Ponniah, *Newlands*, helped to maintain an early 1-0 lead. Smith was then played through on goal and certain to find the net when he was dragged down by the last Tonbridge player. A free kick was awarded to Harrow on the edge of the box and a red card was given to the Tonbridge captain. The resulting free-kick was taken with great composure as Sam Pound, *Rendalls*, found the bottom corner to make it 2-0. Despite the numerical advantage, Tonbridge in fact played better with 10 than 11 and continued to put pressure on the Harrow back line. Playing his first fixture of the season, Andrew Arthur, *The Knoll*, then put in an excellent scooping tackle as the pressure mounted from Tonbridge. Very quickly in the second half, Tonbridge then pegged Harrow back to make it 2-1 and then soon after it was 2-2. There were chances for both teams in the last 10 minutes, but the game ended in an entertaining 2-2 draw.

5th XI v Tonbridge School, Lost 1-3

A fair result. Despite the fact that two of Tonbridge's goals came from a penalty conceded in the first 2 minutes and a quite

spectacular own goal early in the second half, their superior passing ability allowed them to dominate possession despite the 5th's efforts. This was one of the toughest fixtures of the season and the boys showed enough grit, determination, and tactical awareness to indicate that they will be successful against a slightly less accomplished opposition.

6th XI v Tonbridge School, Lost 1-7

Colts A v Tonbridge School, Won 3-0 Colts

Goals: Jonah Esposito, *Newlands*, Leo Polese, *The Head Master's*, Sam Amissah, *Druries*. It was an accomplished display with excellent workrate. There was an outstanding individual goal from Jonah Esposito and a great team goal finished by Sam Amissah.

Colts B v Tonbridge School, Lost 1-3

The 2nd match of the season for the Colts B team took place on a brisk Saturday afternoon on Redding 3 against Tonbridge. The match started off with an early goal by Tonbridge, which woke up the Colts B team. Good play down the right wing by Tochi led to an equalizing goal for the Colts B team, making the score 1-1 at halftime.

The second half was a strong showing from both teams, with a fierce battle in midfield. However, a lucky shot by Tonbridge halfway through the second half put them back in the lead. Despite the setback, the Colts B team showed resilience and fought hard to try and score another goal. Unfortunately, Tonbridge managed to steal a third goal, securing their victory at 3-1 by full time. The Colts B team will look to bounce back in their next match.

Colts C v Tonbridge School, Won 6-2

A strong second-half performance saw Harrow comfortably beat their opponents 6-2. The counter-attacking speed of the front three was too much for Tonbridge to contain. Edmund O'Callaghan, *Elmfield*, curled home a beauty of a free kick for the pick of the goals.

Colts D v Tonbridge School, Lost 2-3

Junior Colts A away v Tonbridge School, Won 3-0

The JCAs dominated with control and quality, outclassing their opponent in every department. Two goals from Lase Akindele, *Newlands*, and one from Alex Edu, *Lyon's*, sealed the win.

Junior Colts B away v Tonbridge School, Won 3-0

A dominant Harrow team consistently created opportunities to score, but struggled to convert for large swathes of the game. Happily, a flurry of activity around the Tonbridge goal yielded a representative score for the balance of the match.

Junior Colts C away v Tonbridge School, Drew 2-2

A fair scoreline given the balance of play overall with Ben Allard, *The Grove*, and Rocco Desai, *Elmfield*, both scoring from individual long range efforts

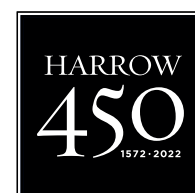
Junior Colts D away v Tonbridge School, Won 8-1

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