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FROM THE HEAD MASTER



Integral to a Harrow education are our core values of Courage, Honour, Humility and Fellowship, and we have seen these demonstrated in many activities this term, some of which you can read about here.

We saw Courage and Fellowship in the challenging Ansell Bowl Competition; Honour and Humility as we toured the world beyond the Hill in our Festival of Culture, in our successes on the sports fields and our work with Shaftesbury Enterprise; and Courage in musical competitions and dramatic performances. I am proud of our young men, who are keen to seize every opportunity to grow together as Harrovians and establish bonds of fellowship that will last a lifetime.

We are very much focused, of course, on helping our boys secure the best opportunities in life and, as part of this, we were pleased to host our annual

Careers Convention. We are also delighted to report that, this year, Upper Sixth Harrovians have received a record number of university offers from the world's best universities, including 74 offers from QS Top Ten ranked universities, among them 18 offers from Ivy League colleges, nine from Cambridge University and six from the University of Oxford.

It all begins, of course, in the Shell and we were delighted to welcome 40 boys to our Experience Harrow day, where they were given a taste of life at the School. We look forward to them joining us in September and, in the meantime, I hope this newsletter will give you a sense of what it means to be a Harrovian.

Alan Law

NEW APPOINTMENTS

With the appointment of Mr Nick Page as Founding Principal of Harrow International School New York, Dr Stephen Harrison will be taking up the post of Deputy Head Master of Harrow in September 2023. Stephen, who is currently Harrow's Director of Pastoral Care, graduated from The Queen's University of Belfast with a first in Pure and Applied Mathematics and a PhD in Theoretical Physics. After completing his doctorate, he continued to work in academic research before taking up a post in the defence industry. He then joined the Mathematics Department at Harrow. Stephen has also held the posts of House Master of The Head Master's and Assistant House Master of The Park.

Mr Simon Taylor will be replacing Stephen as Director of Pastoral Care. Simon is currently House Master of Rendalls. He studied Fine Art at Kingston University before becoming Artist in Residence at Christ's Hospital School and then taking up teaching full time. He joined Harrow as Director of Art in 2009 before becoming House Master of Rendalls in 2012.



Dr Stephen Harrison



Mr Simon Taylor

THE XV WIN THE DAILY MAIL TROPHY

After a superb season of rugby over the course of the Autumn term, the Harrow XV won the Daily Mail Trophy for the first time in the history of the School. The Daily Mail Trophy is a merit league competition, open to all schools in the UK and based on a combination of wins, tries scored and opposition played – the tougher your opposition, the more points you gain per win.

The XV achieved seven trophy wins from seven games against the best schools in the country. Harrow's final league score of 6.51 points put them ahead of traditional rugby powerhouses Clifton College in second place, Trinity, Croydon, in third place and Sedbergh School in fourth. The XV have also become Harrow's fifth unbeaten side for regular season matches in 96 years of rugby at Harrow, claiming both the trophy and this accolade with notable victories against Wellington College, Epsom College, Whitgift School and Berkhamsted School.



LOOKING FORWARD TO LIFE AFTER HARROW

Harrow's year-round programme of advice and support for boys as they consider their options for life after they leave Harrow continued with the annual Careers Convention. Over 70 representatives from at least 20 industries provided boys from the Remove to the Upper Sixth with information about a wide variety of careers and how they can achieve their dream job. In the latest series of Careers Talks, boys heard from experts from a range of industries discuss everything from careers in law, finance, engineering, design and consultancy to degree apprenticeships and how to ensure business brands grow.

For boys deciding which university and degree course will best help them onto the path to their chosen career, there were talks from admissions officers from universities around the world. These included representatives from a number of US universities, which are increasingly popular with Harrovians who this year received offers from colleges including Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, UPenn and Brown. A European Universities Fair gave boys an even wider range of destinations to consider, such as IE Madrid, Bocconi in Milan and the EHL Lausanne Business School. They also heard from representatives from some of the best universities in Europe. "The best talk I've heard at my time at Harrow," was one Lower Sixth



Careers Convention

boy's reaction to a talk by Professor Nir Hindi from IE Business School, Madrid, on the importance of art in business, technology and innovation. Professor Hindi was equally complimentary about Harrovians, commenting, "The excitement, passion and curiosity of the students, as demonstrated by their questions, reaffirmed the value of art in their lives and, hopefully, in their future."

EXPERIENCE HARROW DAY

Boys joining the Shell in September 2024 were invited to spend a day at Harrow to enjoy some of the many activities and lessons they will experience when they arrive at the School. After hearing a talk from the Head Master and meeting their future House Masters and some of the current Shell boys, in the morning, they took part in chemistry experiments, tried out the machinery and equipment in the Design Technology & Engineering Department, had a go at Eton fives, and visited the Modern Languages Department to find out about some of the new languages they will have the chance to learn. In the afternoon, they tried their hand at art and their acting skills in drama sessions, had an opportunity to look into space at the Rayleigh Observatory, and discovered more about the history of the School. The day ended with music and the rousing experience of Harrow Songs in Chapel.



FESTIVAL OF CULTURE

Harrow's Festival of Culture is an event that celebrates the wide range of cultures and nations from which Harrovians come. This year's four-day festival featured meetings of the Perceval Society for African and Caribbean culture and history, the Jewish Society, the German Society, the Nehru Society for matters relating to the Indian sub-continent, the Hindu Society, and the Slavonic and Caspian Societies for everything concerning Russian-speaking countries and the countries surrounding the Caspian Sea.

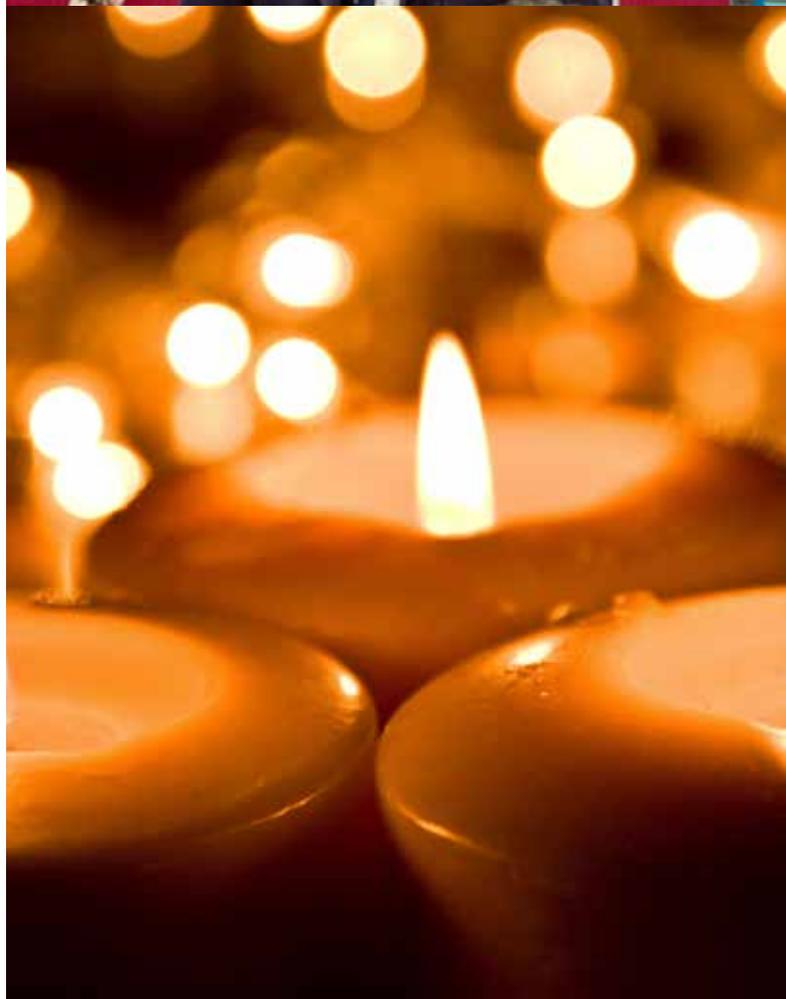
The festival included a cultural sports event, where everyone could try sports such as sumo wrestling, spike ball, ju-jitsu, kabbadi, zorb football and bossaball. Food from around the world was also on offer, including samosas, sushi, fried plantain, stroopwafels and many other delicacies.

In the Vaughan Library, a day combining literature, art, music, drama and photography showcased all the cultures represented at Harrow and more, and included participation by members of Harrow Youth Club. The day started with a creative-writing workshop presented by novelist Louisa Young. This was followed by dramatic scenes performed by members of Harrow's elite cultural society, The Guild. Boys studying Music Technology then played a range of tracks from different cultures including modern Afro beats, traditional tribal West African calls, jungle and pop music. Photographs by Harrovians illustrating cultures from around the world were also on display.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

The whole School gathered on Holocaust Memorial Day to hear Holocaust survivor Manfred Goldberg describe his family's experience of the Nazi persecution of the Jews. Although his father escaped to England before the start of the war, Manfred and his mother and younger brother were deported to the Riga Ghetto in Latvia, and then to a labour camp where his brother was murdered. Manfred and his mother were later sent to a concentration camp, forced to work as slaves, and, at the end of the war, were loaded with thousands of other prisoners on to barges and launched, without food or water, into the Baltic Sea. Although they managed to escape, they were recaptured by the SS and sent on a forced march across Germany until they were eventually met by a column of British tanks. Having been reunited with his father who had fought in the British Army, Manfred and his mother moved to London, where Manfred became an engineer and a British citizen.

Other events to mark Holocaust Memorial Day were a talk to the Trevelyan Society for history by Mr Freddy Naftel on 'The history of antisemitism from medieval times to the present day - a personal viewpoint', in which he described his life and experiences of antisemitism and explained how his family came to terms with a violent and tragic past. The Peel Society for Lower School history held a screening of the short documentary *Ordinary People*, after which there was an opportunity for discussion and questions.





Vectorious Racing team

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

After a year of hard work, two teams of boys from the Fifth Form and Lower Sixth took part in the national finals of the 2022/23 F1 in Schools competition to design and build a racing car. Members of Vertex Racing were June Hyun, Andrew Stratton, Dylan Kainth, Justin Changbencharoen and Vincent Song. Vectorious Racing was made up of Aaron Patel, Alex Moore, Charlie McDowell, Jaden Odofin, Raulph Lubbe and Saarvin Cambatta-Mistry. The competition was intense as the teams battled it out over two days of gruelling interviews and racing

in front of a live audience and judges. Vectorious Racing was placed sixth of 19 in the Development class, with a nomination for the Star Quality: Verbal Presentation Award. Vertex Racing was placed fifth of 16 in the Professional class, with a nomination for the Star Quality: Sponsorship & Marketing Award.

Later in the term, two more teams from Harrow took part in the regional stage of the 2023/24 F1 in Schools competition. Aconitum Racing, in the Development class, was represented by Sharan Hinduja,

Thomas Kelsey, Josh Mather, Alex Garawal and Rupert Lam; Justin Changbencharoen, Andrew Stratton and Luca Stubinski-Aldridge represented Vertex Racing in the Professional class. Both teams came second in their races, with Aconitum also winning the award for Best Pit Display and Fastest Reaction Time, and Vertex winning the prize for Best Portfolio. When the overall results were announced, both teams were awarded second place in their respective classes, thus qualifying for the national finals next year.





Winners of the Lady Bouchier Reading Prize with adjudicator Brittany Ashworth

ENGLISH

The Lady Bouchier Reading Prize continued its 145-year tradition of rewarding the finest orators in the School for their reading in front of an audience. Competitors have to read both a poem and a prose piece. They are judged on clarity of voice, engaging style and ability to capture the audience. Sixth Form boys read excerpts from *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro and poems from a collection by Jemma Borg. Junior competitors read extracts from the novel *The Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry, and recited poems by William Blake. This year's judge was actress and orator Brittany Ashworth. She awarded the junior prize to Filip Wiszniewski for his accomplished reading from *The Essex Serpent* and of Blake's poem 'A Poison Tree'. Joshua Soyemi was winner of the senior prize, choosing 'A Song of Hunger' from Borg's collection of poems along with the extract from the Ishiguro novel.

This year's Winston Churchill Essay Prize was on the topic of gender and upbringing. The question was 'Blue for a boy? Should boys and girls be raised differently?' The winners were:

Shell

Winner: Paul Olusegun
Highly commended: Sean Tiernan and Timi Aiyeola

Removes

Winner: Ben Shailer
Highly commended: Jonathan Ford and Toni Shi

Fifth Form

Winner: Arturo Saville-Mascioni
Highly commended: Seun Doherty and Rohan Ragoowansi

Sixth Form

Winner: Hadrian Ho
Highly commended: Jack He

HISTORY

'The Napoleonic Empire: Behind the Façade', was the subject of this year's Lo Lecture in History, delivered by Professor Michael Broers of the University of Oxford. In this stimulating talk, Professor Broers revealed the structure behind the Napoleonic Empire, and its core purpose and function.

A second history lecture was given by Dr Ambrogio Caiani of the University of Kent. In his talk 'To Kidnap the Pope: Napoleon and Pius VII', Dr Caiani explored Napoleon's abduction of Pope Pius VII, a controversial event that left a lasting impact on European history.

HISTORY OF ART

This year's ARTiculation competition for delivering a speech on a subject related to art or architecture had a distinctly scientific flavour as the Heads of Chemistry, Physics and Biology were invited to adjudicate the three heats of the School competition, with the Head Master, a Biology beak, choosing the best overall speaker. Paintings from every era, photography and even animation were all the subject of talks. The eventual winner was James Amihyia-Marsden for his discussion of a photograph from the 2018 Landscape Photographer Prize: Vegard Lodoen's *The Midnight Passage*. James went on to represent Harrow at the regional heats at the Courtauld Institute in London.

Dida Tait and Ally Bennett of the Contemporary Art Society gave a talk on the subject of 'What is Modern Art?'. They discussed the lucrative but opaque world of the modern and contemporary art markets and gave accounts of the routes they took in order to break into the art world. They also described the Contemporary Art Society's strategies to develop public collections of contemporary art in the UK, working with museums and galleries to help them acquire new works of art, and providing support and funding to emerging artists.



Napoleon Crossing the Alps by Jacques-Louis David



ARTiculation competition



Team Euclid

PHYSICS

Fifty boys in the Lower and Upper Sixth tackled the Physics Challenge paper. Based on their scores, 11 high-achieving physicists were selected to tackle Round 1 of the British Physics Olympiad. Of these, two gained a Bronze award and six a Silver award. Vincent Song achieved a Gold award, while Liron Chan and Shawn Shen were awarded Top Golds – placing them in the top 200 in the country and giving them places in Round 2.

Lower Sixth Formers Henry Webster and Michel Quist were awarded first and second prize respectively in the Lincoln Physics Challenge 2022. The panel of assessors from the University of Lincoln commented that both Henry and Michel's answers were "very impressive for such a difficult set of exercises."

Ten Harrovians – Team Euclid – won two trophies (winning team and best coding) at the regional finals of the FIRST Tech Challenge robotics competition. They will now prepare for the National Championships later in the year.

Vincent Song's submission to the AI essay competition run by Lab 42, a global AI research lab, was ranked in the top seven entries globally. Vincent addressed the question 'Which fundamental principles of intelligence must be considered in the successful design of artificial intelligence?' His achievement is particularly impressive as this competition is intended for professionals working in the AI sector. Vincent also won the Bank of England's Innovation Competition for his five-minute video exploring how AI can shape the mission of the bank. The prize was a six-week paid internship at the Bank of England.

MATHS

It was an excellent year for Harrow in the Intermediate Maths Challenge, in which 205 Harrovians in the Lower School took part, with 182 boys receiving certificates, including 45 bronze, 71 silver and 66 gold, earned by the top 10% of entrants nationally. The top scorers in the School were Kevin Zhu and Andy Li, who each achieved a very impressive 130 out of 135 (the second-highest possible score). A total of 59 boys have qualified for Round 2.

Forty-three boys qualified for the Senior Mathematical Kangaroo. Of these, 17 earned certificates of Merit – the highest award available. Particular congratulations are due to David Liu who achieved the highest score in the School with 60 points.

Twenty-two boys sat the first round of the British Mathematical Olympiad. Collectively, they performed very well, with 12 earning certificates of Merit and a further six certificates of Distinction. Andy Li produced the standout individual performance, earning the highest mark in the School.

SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION

Harrow entered four teams in this year's inaugural Makyth Ventures Ignite competition, in partnership with Winchester College's entrepreneurship and innovation hub. The competition saw over 100 students from 12 schools tackle a challenge to end waste in schools. Following a month of hard work, student teams pitched their 'Case to End Waste' to both crowd assessors and expert judges. Harrow's team Fish Tank emerged victorious with an innovative solution for addressing school uniform waste, with their proposal for hemp uniform that is 100% recyclable and carbon negative. Harrow's Remove team, Novalux, were placed second in a remarkable performance as they were by two years the youngest team in the competition. Their proposal was to create a sustainable market and circular economy from uniform waste by creating a five-step system of acquiring, categorising, storing, marketing and reselling school uniforms, something that Harrow hopes to achieve next year.

The winners of the Lower Sixth Sustainability competition were Veeraj Puri, Justin Changbencharoen and Sam Gordon for their work on food waste.



Harrow teams explored solutions to address school uniform waste



Harrow's Top of the Bench team

CHEMISTRY

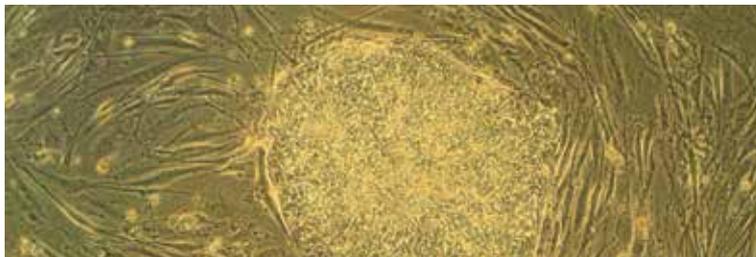
The Royal Society of Chemistry's Top of the Bench Competition is a national competition for teams of students aged 14-16. Harrow team members Michael Lee, Jeff Hu (both Shells), Tony Shi (Remove) and Andy Law (Fifth Form) successfully navigated six rounds of challenging chemistry, displaying excellent knowledge and problem-solving ability to become South-East Region champions and qualifying for the national final, at which they secured third place.

Sixth Formers Liron Chan, Shawn Shen, Henry Webster, June Hyun and Michel Quist participated in the Cambridge Chemistry Race. The competition involved answering as many chemistry questions as possible in two hours, with the questions getting progressively more challenging. Harrow came fourth out of over 60 schools.

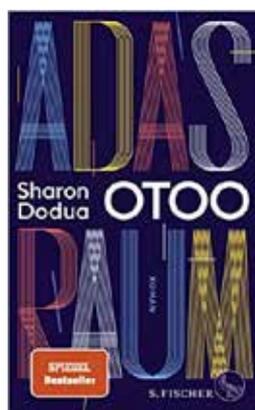
BIOLOGY

Dr Tim Weil of Cambridge University delivered the Coutts Lecture in Biology. His talk, 'How to build a body', explored one of the greatest phenomena in biology - how a single, symmetric cell can divide, differentiate and develop into a highly organised and fully functioning organism.

Seventeen Sixth Form biologists entered the Biology Olympiad, along with 13,000 other students from across the country. The Harrovians performed very well, with two-thirds achieving a bronze, silver, or gold award. Gold award winners June Hyun and Ollie Proctor performed particularly well as they are both still in the Lower Sixth.



Human stem cell



MODERN LANGUAGES

In the Sheffield University Translation Competition, first prizes were won by Tamir Zolboo and Danial Aspandiiarov for their translations from the Russian novel *Rif* by Aleksei Polyarinov, and by Danial Aspandiiarov and Melvin Ackah for their translations from the German work *Adas Raum* (Ada's Realm) by Sharon Dodua Otoo.

Danial Aspandiiarov became only the second Harrovian in the last six years to achieve a gold award in the Advanced category of the UK Linguistics Olympiad, thus qualifying for the second round, which is reserved for elite competitors trying to gain selection for the British Linguistics Team. One boy achieved a silver award and four received bronze awards.

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY

A busy term saw an exhibition by Old Harrovian artist Ben Maxwell, who works across all media but predominantly as a painter. His most recent work is a series of world maps made from faux fur stuck on an amalgamation of found objects.

Adjudicator of the House Art Competition was Mr Paul Deller of Christ's Hospital School. He complimented the Houses on the very high standard of exhibits and awarded the overall prize to Lyon's for the combined effect of all the work in the display, with individual prizes going to the best artist in each year group, along with awards for drawing and innovation.

An exhibition of work by students of A-level Photography showcased an array of large-scale experimental photographs that pushed the boundaries of traditional photographic techniques.

Tim Flach is a photographer renowned throughout the world for his thought-provoking images of animals and their behaviour. His work is driven by a desire to better communicate stories of our disappearing natural world. Harrow's Pasmore Gallery was the venue for an exhibition, titled 'Endangered', of 19 of his portraits of some of the world's most endangered species, including the pied tamarin, the shoebill and the hyacinth macaw. Mr Flach also gave a talk describing his career, his approach to photography, and the techniques he uses.



House Art Competition winners

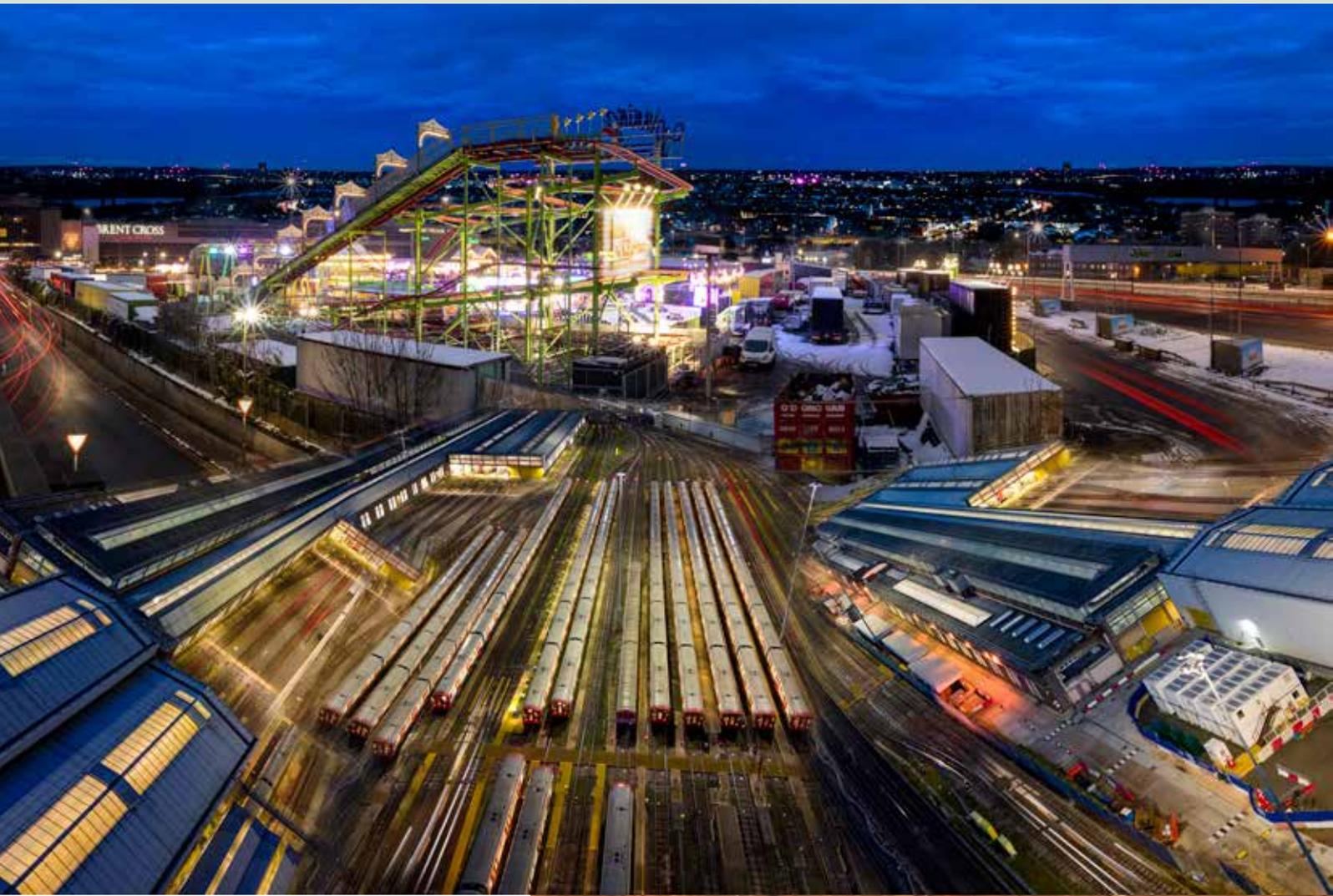


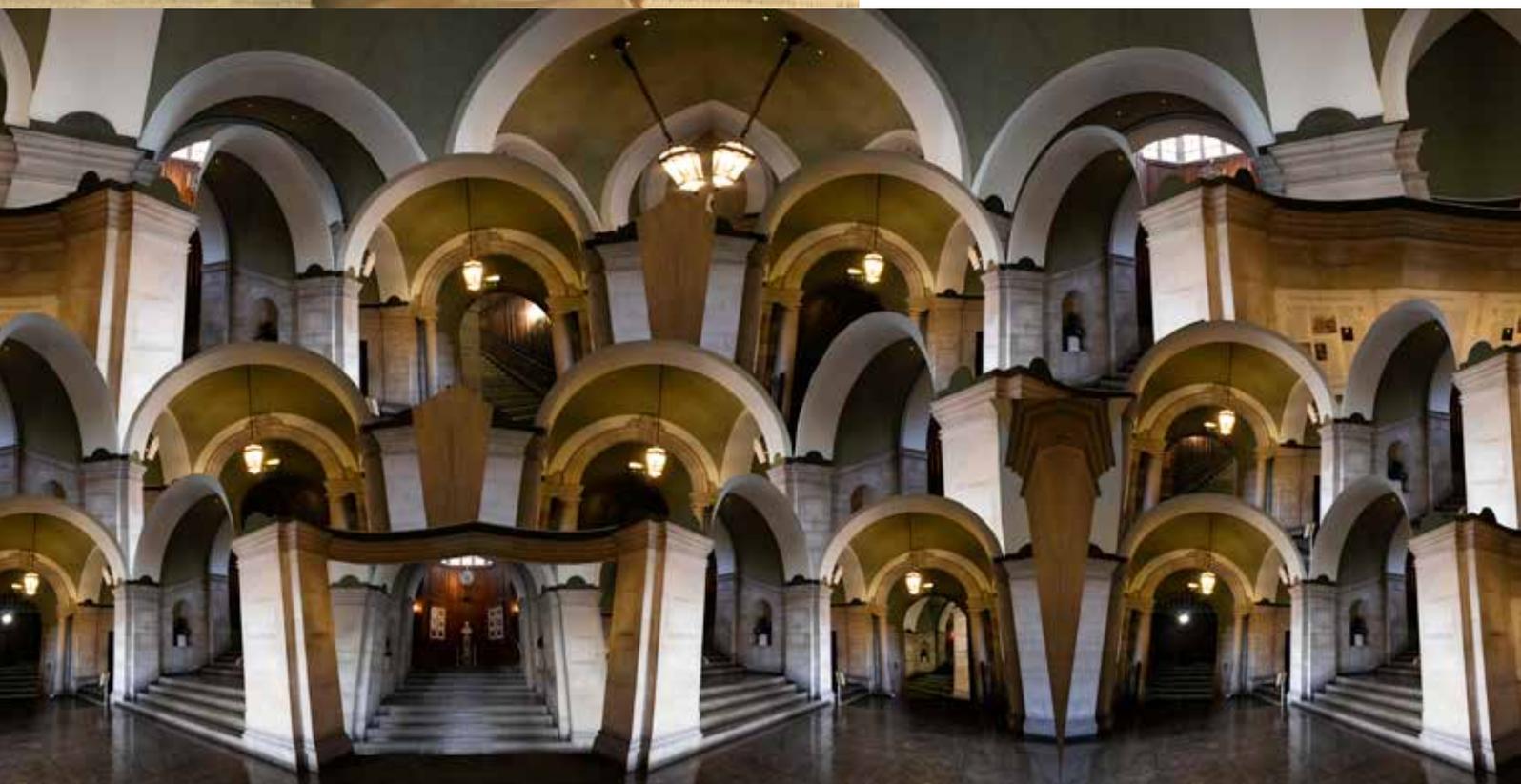
Ben Maxwell



Photographer Tim Flach exhibited some of his thought-provoking images of endangered animals







MUSIC

A musical highlight of the term was the Coutts Lecture in Music given by Andrew Scheps, an American mix engineer who has worked with artists such as Adele, Beyoncé and Jay-Z. He is well known for his work with the Red Hot Chili Peppers on their album *Stadium Arcadium*, which won him his first of three Grammy Awards. His fascinating talk covered the history of music recording, his own career, and what is important in creating and promoting music.

There were two School music competitions during the Spring term. A record number of boys competed for the 2023 Singing Prizes under the watchful eyes of adjudicator Mr Giles Underwood, a singing professor at the Royal Academy of Music and Director of Music at University College, Oxford. The standard of singing across all three classes was extremely

high and Mr Underwood did a wonderful job in delivering detailed, encouraging and honest comments on every boy's performance. He awarded first prizes to Inigo Cleeve in the Treble class, Jake Turner in the Intermediate class and Fergus McKie in the Senior class.

The House Instrumental Competition consists of three sections: Solo, Small Ensemble and Large Ensemble. First place in the Solo competition went to pianist Anson Ching, playing Glinka's transcription of *The Lark* with tenderness and excellent technique. Three musicians from The Head Master's took first prize in the Small Ensemble category with a very talented and technical performance of a trio for piano, flute and violin by Bonis. The opening performance of the Large Ensemble competition was given by the eventual winners Moretons, who performed

Pixar Movie Favourites, arranged by Michael Brown.

The Harrow School Choral Society, which is made up of Harrow boys, beaks, staff and friends of the School along with girls and staff from Francis Holland School and professional singers and musicians, this year gave an impressive and moving performance of Mendelssohn's *Symphony No 2 'Lobgesang' (Hymn of Praise)*.

The annual Spring Concert had the theme of Music for the Screen and featured performances from most of the School's major ensembles, opening with the *20th Century Fox Fanfare* from the Symphonic Winds.

Harrow's senior piano trio of Mark Liu, Kieran Leung and Hadrian Ho were placed second in the finals of the South East Schools' Chamber Music Competition.



Choral Society Concert



Andrew Scheps gave the Coutts Lecture in Music



SE Schools Chamber Music Festival finals



Orchestral Concert



Spring Concert



Singing Prizes

DRAMA

Shakespeare in Love was the annual production by members of the Rattigan Society, the School's senior drama society. For three nights in February, a large ensemble made up of the School's most experienced actors, joined by girls from local schools, transported audiences back to Shakespeare's London – teeming with vibrant characters, comedy, music and life – in a stage version of Tom Stoppard's Oscar-winning screenplay.

The youngest members of the School took part in the Shell Monologues competition. Shell Drama divisions hosted internal preliminary rounds for all boys and the 15 finalists came together to perform their pieces on the stage of the Ryan Theatre before a small audience and adjudicator Miss Bethan Davies from John Lyon School. The winner, Maxi Jones, performed *About a Goth* by Tom Wells.

Towards the end of the Spring term, a double bill of House plays saw members of Druries and Elmfield perform a version of John Chambers' *The Life of King Arthur*, with Bradbys and The Knoll performing the sequel, *The Death of King Arthur*, on alternate nights. The actors brought to life this timeless tale of adventure, romance and heroism with pomp, circumstance and plenty of demonic tussles.



Shakespeare in Love



Shakespeare in Love



The Death of King Arthur



The Life of King Arthur

SHAFTESBURY ENTERPRISE

ONLINE PROBLEM SOLVING - A NEW SHAFTESBURY ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE

Professor Rama was asked how old he was. He replied, "If you divide my age by two, three, four or six, there is always one left over, but if you divide it by seven, there is no remainder." How old is Professor Rama? This question kickstarted the newly established Online Problem Solving programme. This Shaftesbury Enterprise initiative is spearheaded by SCL Education in collaboration with renowned author and mathematician Dr Simon Singh and *Countdown* champion Dr Junaid Mubeen from Parallel Circles. In the programme, 52 Year 6 and 7 tutees from across the country joined a group of 16 mathematicians from Harrow's Lower Sixth to explore mathematical puzzles in five 45-minute sessions. The topics in each session ranged from number theory to geometry to coin puzzles. The programme was a huge success. By making the sessions investigative rather than instructive, tutees engaged with proofs, alternatives and generalisations, often stumbling across new ideas, which gave them a genuine sense of achievement and excitement and allowed a greater appreciation for the beauty and ingenuity of maths.



Dr Simon Singh with Harrovians



LONG DUCKER DONATIONS RISE AGAIN

Long Ducker is Harrow's annual fundraising sports festival. Funds raised since November have reached £225,000; last year the total was £216,000. Fundraising activities included the Longest Bike Ride from the most northerly tip of Europe to the most southerly point by Harrow Modern Languages beaks Mark and Rima Tremlett, the Jam Sandwich concert, the Long Ducker Bike Ride, the main Long Ducker event, which includes running, swimming, rowing and climbing, and several other activities. Of the money raised, 50% will go to the Harrow Club in West London, 25% will go to Young Harrow Foundation, and the remaining 25% will be distributed to local partner schools and organisations.

LONDON'S COMMUNITY KITCHEN

The recently established Shaftesbury Enterprise activity in which Lower Sixth boys volunteer at London's Community Kitchen (LCK) really took off in the Spring term. LCK provides food for vulnerable people in London, and, each week, three teams visited the LCK centre to assist with a variety of tasks. Jobs included making up food bags to be distributed as a part of LCK's Help Harrow programme, which delivers groceries to schools, care homes and individuals. Boys also helped restock all the fresh and ambient foods that are provided in the bags and for LCK's Free Surplus Food Market, which is open once a week and offers free fresh vegetables, basic packaged provisions, ready meals, bread, meat and any other food items that have been donated to the kitchen.





HARROW RIFLE CORPS

ANSELL BOWL

Each year, Harrow Rifle Corps House teams compete for the annual Ansell Bowl trophy, for which they must demonstrate leadership and teamwork, courage and resilience through demanding physical tasks. This year, they began the day with a parade and were judged on their turnout by Captain Edge from the Honorable Artillery Company and on their drill by Sergeant Anderson, formerly of the Yorkshire Regiment. The afternoon saw smaller teams take part in the Endurance Event, comprising a race across a series of obstacles including a 10-foot-high wall, a gruelling log race and a shooting competition. This year, an unstoppable Moretons squad swept up not only The Geoffrey Ansell Bowl trophy but also the HSOTC Drill trophy, Drill Section, Best Drill Cadet (Charlie Allday) and Endurance trophies.

ROYAL NAVY APPOINTMENT

Fifth Former Freddie Williams was appointed cadet to the First Sea Lord for the next year. This is an immense honour that will see him representing the Harrow Rifle Corps, and cadets generally, on a national stage with the Royal Navy.





CROSS-COUNTRY

The cross-country squad made their annual trip to Sevenoaks for the 48th Knole Run. Tom Emery was first Harrovian home and fifth overall, followed closely by Cameron Elliott. At the annual King Henry VIII relays, Harrow's team of Tom Emery, Thomas Hobbs, Cameron Elliott, Julian Abass, Henry Barker and Otis Farrer-Brown were placed an impressive eighth overall. As a group, they ran the fastest time in Harrow's 25-year history of attending the event. At Winchester College's iconic hilly course, Harrow runners came home in the top ten of their races. In the final away fixture at Marlborough College, squad captain Tom Emery won the Senior race in commanding fashion. The final home fixture of the term saw 200 runners from across the region tackling a muddy and tiring course. In the Intermediate Boys race, Henry Barker came a powerful first, and Tom Emery achieved the silver medal in the Senior Boys event.

Harrow hosted more than 600 runners in the annual Middlesex County Championships. No fewer than four Harrovian were placed in the top ten for their age group, which guarantees selection for the National Championships. Otis Farrer-Brown came fourth in the Junior race, while Henry Barker was third in the Intermediates, despite being a year young for this category. Tom Emery clinched a tightly fought first place in the Senior race.

Tom Emery, Cameron Elliott, Zach Elliott and Otis Farrer-Brown competed in the English Schools National Cross-Country Championships in Nottingham, where they were all placed highly among the best runners in the country.



JUDO

Harrow was one of over 200 schools represented at the British Schools Judo Championships. In the Intermediate category, Ben Allard and Mac McDowell won a silver and a bronze medal respectively. In the Senior Under-90kg category, Giancarlo Urselli finished fifth and Emmanuel Olowe won a decisive battle in the final to win gold, earning him the title of British Schools Champion in the category for a second year.

Giancarlo Urselli entered a national judo black belt examination. In his preliminaries, he beat two opponents with a powerful throw-and-pinning combination. These two wins qualified him for a *batsugan* attempt – a traditional Japanese system of promotion that allows belts to be awarded on the spot if three opponents can be defeated consecutively, without rest, with the maximum possible score. This is the quickest and hardest way to earn the black belt, requiring great skill and composure, which Giancarlo successfully achieved.

FENCING

A fixture at Winchester College saw the Épée A, Foil A and Foil B teams all win their matches, with a particularly impressive performance from Luke Pain in Foil B who was only hit four times. They also had an impressive clean sweep at a fixture against Royal Grammar School at which team captain François de Robert Hautequere achieved a personal record of positive 15. They also won at Eton 124-122 in a closely contested fixture, and against St Benedict's, Ealing. The A teams in all three blades fenced at a fixture against Latymer Upper School Mixed Under-18s and were again triumphant, with several boys only being hit twice. At the last match of the season, the team took on Bradfield College, where they won 90-52, with François de Robert Hautequere achieving a positive score of 17.

At the Public Schools' Fencing Championships, standout performances came from Aidan Lee and Luke Pain in Sabre, who won gold and bronze medals respectively, and Arthur Cullinane, who won bronze in Épée. Jonny Cullinane, François de Robert Hautequere, Nathan Goff and Brian Chang all made it into the top 15% of their age category and blade.





Victorious Under-18 sevens team

RUGBY SEVENS

It was a magnificent season for the Rugby Club. The Under-18 sevens team not only won the Middlesex Sevens competition but also emerged as victors in the National Rugby Sevens Competition at Rosslyn Park, having fought through some extremely difficult matches and a final against a very strong Brighton College side. At the same competition, the Colts A team, who had been unbeaten for ten fixtures, also eventually emerged victorious in the final against Bromsgrove School, winning 12-0

and retaining the title they won last year. The successive victories make Harrow only the second team in the competition's 80-year history to achieve this feat. The Yearlings demonstrated excellent heart, ultimately going out just before the quarter-finals on a point difference, despite having had an undefeated season.

At the Queen Elizabeth Barnet annual QEB 7s competition, the Yearlings gave an outstanding performance and saw off

all their opponents, eventually overcoming Berkhamsted School 21-7 in the final.

In rugby union, Lower Sixth Former Kepi Tuipulotu made his debut for the England Under-18 team against France. He and fellow Lower Sixth Former Charlie Griffin went on to represent England Under-18s in a match against Italy.



The winning Colts A team at Rosslyn Park

RACKETS

To cap an extremely successful season for Harrow's rackets players, on a thrilling final day at the National Schools' Rackets Championships at The Queen's Club, Stephan Baranov won the Renny Cup in a dominant display of control and consistency. After just 15 months of rackets this is a remarkable achievement, and a testament to focus and the ability to make dramatic improvements. In the Foster Cup featuring the top 16 boys in the country, after three conclusive wins, Tarquin Sotir overcame the number one seed from St Paul's in a very close and exciting final to win the cup.

In the National Schools' Doubles Championships, Veer Patel and Stephan Baranov came through a tense final game to beat Tonbridge 3-2 in the 2nd Pair final at The Queen's Club. Veer's calm temperament allied to Stephan's clean ball striking provided a potent combination in an absorbing match full of twists and turns. Harrow also won the Mark Faber Cup for the most successful overall school for the first time since 2000.

**SQUASH**

The First V team of Jat Tse, Tarquin Sotir, Darren Chiu, Sam Blumberg, and Tim Yu finished as runners up for the second year in a row at the Roehampton Invitational competition. Their consistency during the season was remarkable, winning almost all their matches including those against Rugby, St Paul's and Eton. The Under-16 squash team reached the National Finals to cap a very successful season. Jat Tse reached round 2 of the Junior British Open competition, where he played a very tightly contested game against the US Number 1, losing by the narrowest of margins at 12-10 in the fifth game. Sam Blumberg competed in the English Junior Squash Championships and was placed in the top 20 for his age group.

SWIMMING

The Spring term saw continuing success for the Harrow swimming team. They won galas against Abingdon, Charterhouse and Royal Hospital School and were overall winners in the Tonbridge Cup.

At the national Bath Cup competition for independent schools, Harrow's elite swimmers won two relay titles: James Rates, Seb Moscoso, Mark Zeng, Nick Finch and Henry Gray won the 4x100m freestyle final by over ten seconds while setting a new event record. During this final, Nick Finch set a new lifetime best that now ranks him first in the country for his age group, followed by Henry Gray who set a personal best in the 100m freestyle. During the 4x50m medley heats, Nick Finch, Adam Wong, Henry Gray and Joe Storey broke a record that had stood for six years and won the medley final to become champions.





POLO

The A and B polo teams attended the National Arena Championships. There were five divisions and 30 teams from 18 schools competing. The A team of Hector Rogberg, Ulysses Hu and Rishya Rawal took an early lead in the tournament, beating Rugby School 1-0. In the semi-finals, they played Stowe, last year's champions, winning 3-2, with two goals from Rishya Rawal and one from Hector Rogberg. In the final against Cheltenham College, Ulysses Hu scored the only goal to make Harrow the National Arena Champions for 2023. The B team achieved second place in the second division.

SKIING

At the International British School Championship 2023 at Wengen in Switzerland, the Harrow ski race team enjoyed a stellar week on the slopes. It was the first International British School Boys' race since Covid and only the second ski race overseas in two years. The team faced over a dozen rival schools, including Wellington College, Dulwich College and Reeds, and raced alongside 120 other competitors over the course of two days. They came home with the best medal haul that Harrow has ever seen, with individual successes including:

- Max Nardo – bronze medal in the Under-14 slalom
- Timmy De Hemptinne – bronze in the Under-16 slalom and silver in the Under-16 combined individual
- Ulrico Zampa – gold in the Under-18 slalom, silver Under-18 grand slalom, gold in the Under-18 combined individual
- Louis Parry-George – silver in the Under-18 combined individual
- Ferdinand Klitsch – gold in the Under-14 combined individual

In the Sunday Times Cup, the Harrow A team (Louis Parry-George, Ulrico Zampa, Timmy De Hemptinne and Lucas Wong) won silver.





JUDO AND CROSS-COUNTRY TRAINING IN LANZAROTE

Harrow's Judo Club and the cross-country team took part in a joint training camp at Club La Santa in Lanzarote, which is one of the most popular sports resorts in Europe and the training ground for numerous world-class athletes. As well as taking part in a variety of daily training sessions, the boys enjoyed numerous other activities such as mountain biking, go-karting, swimming, tennis, paddle tennis, beach volleyball, cycling and Pilates, and took full advantage of all the facilities on offer at the resort.



SNOWSPORTS IN CANADA

Experienced and novice skiers all enjoyed the annual snowsports trip to Jasper in Canada. Those boys who were there principally to enjoy recreational skiing and snowboarding took to the slopes to improve their skills. Fifteen boys successfully passed their Ski or Snowboard Instructor courses, and 19 of the most serious skiers represented Harrow in the Canada Cup. Captained by Louis Parry-George and Ulrico Zampa the race team competed against 14 other schools and some 200 racers. Harrow won the Under-14, Under-16 and Under-18 Giant Slalom races. The whole group enjoyed a variety of recreational expeditions including dogsledding and ice-caving.



ART TRIP TO ST IVES

Fifth Form artists visited St Ives in Cornwall to take advantage of the town's magnificent light and beautiful coastline, as well as its unique artistic connections. The first activity was a visit and sketching session at Tate St Ives, with its many important works of modern art. The group also visited the home and studio of sculptor Barbara Hepworth, and some of the town's galleries and museums. The boys met local artists for landscape sketching and a session on looking at the abstract relationships between colours. The group explored a tin mine, the famous St Michael's Mount and a magnificent sculpture trail and garden. They also had the opportunity to observe many professional artists, photographers and craftspeople at work in a studio complex.



CRICKET IN INDIA

Thirty boys and five beaks jetted off to Delhi for an action-packed 12 days of cricket matches, sightseeing, and immersion in Indian culture and cuisine. The first part of the tour was based in Delhi, where the two Harrow sides played two games each. One team was lucky enough to be playing at the Arun Jaitley stadium, which has a maximum capacity of 41,842. 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), and enjoyed an evening at the home of His Highness Raninder Singh. After five days in Delhi, the boys moved onto to Jaipur, where their first experience was a visit to the magnificent Maharaja's City Palace with its magical view of the Pink City. During the Jaipur leg of the trip, the two teams again played two games each. The squad's third and final destination was Agra in the region of Uttar Pradesh. On the long trip to the city, they visited Chand Baori, an impressive 30m-deep stairwell with around 3,500 steps, as well as the town Fatehpur Sikri. In Agra, the main cultural attraction was the Taj Mahal. They also visited the impressive Agra Fort before an awards dinner and a celebration of their final night together.

CULTURAL TRIP TO THE BALTIC STATES

Nineteen Harrovians travelled to the Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia on an exciting cultural and linguistic excursion. Their first destination was Lithuania's capital city Vilnius, where they visited the city's most significant sites. The next country was Latvia and its capital Riga. After a walking tour of the city sites and a visit to the Riga KGB Museum, the group were taken around the Latvian Parliament, the Saeima. The next day, they travelled to Tallinn in Estonia, visiting on the way a fully functional Soviet nuclear bunker. In Tallinn, they toured the city and met Lagle Parek, the first Minister of the Interior of an independent Estonia. The following day they visited the King's Royal Hussars' NATO base in Estonia, where they heard about the British role there. On their final day, the group were guests of a Russian-speaking school in Estonia, where some of the boys delivered a presentation about Harrow in Russian.

OLD HARROVIAN NEWS

Hugo Trotter (*The Head Master's 1937*) received the Legion d'Honneur as a part of the French government's recognition of veterans of the Battle of Normandy. He was invited to visit his old RAF Squadron, No 12, and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight in May.

Harry Stone (*The Knoll 1942*) and Jim Horne started a hostel in Battersea for eight alcoholic vagrants in 1969. Now St Mungo's helps and accommodates 31,500 homeless men and women each night, as well as providing extensive rehabilitation facilities.

Mark Peel (*Druries 1970*) released his latest book *Gilly: The Turbulent Life of Roy Gilchrist*, and will soon be releasing *Yorkshire Grit: The Life of Ray Illingworth*. Mark is currently working on a biography of Donald Dewar, Scotland's first First Minister.

Robert Fairer-Smith (*Newlands 1979*) was invited to exhibit 100 of his backstage fashion images in a solo exhibition at SCAD FASH in Atlanta, Georgia. He was also invited to exhibit 40 images as part of the 'Alexander McQueen: Mind, Mythos, Muse' exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria, Australia.

Alexander Trotter (*The Head Master's 1980*) co-founded a fast-food restaurant business in Nigeria in 2018. This has now grown to 30 stores and the business has received private equity investment from a fund backed by the IFC and UK governments.

Jock Bowes Lyon (*Bradlys 2002*) and **Benjy Busk** (*Druries 2002*) walked the 180-mile Offa's Dyke Path over the course of 14 days. They are completing the challenge to raise money for a cancer care charity.

Arthur Blount (*Elmfield 2007*) began a 4,000-mile solo cycle across the USA from LA to New York. Arthur is raising money for Only a Pavement Away, a charity supporting prison leavers, veterans and people facing homelessness to find careers in hospitality.

Alexander Olesen (*Rendalls 2008*) featured in the Forbes 30 Under 30 for 2023 for Social Impact. He serves as CEO of Babylon Micro-Farms Inc., a company he founded in 2017 at the age of 22, which has grown into one of the world's leading providers of distributed vertical farming technology. The company was awarded Emerging Technology Startup of the Year in 2022 and they also featured in the Emmy-award-winning documentary *Made in Virginia*.



Alexander Olesen (left)

Henry Smith (*Lyon's 2011*) founded and developed Sentium, a cutting-edge tech company that designs and builds powerful AI-driven data systems, particularly in the finance, pharmaceutical and technology sectors.

Joshua Simoes (*The Head Master's 2012*) is an organist studying at the Royal Academy of Music. He has released a critically acclaimed CD with Delphian Records of the choral and organ music of Edward Nesbit. His recording was *Gramophone* magazine Editor's Choice.

Shubh Malde (*Elmfield 2016*) and **Jan Kryca** (*Moretons 2016*) founded Arda, a software for drone delivery startup during their freshmen years at the University of Chicago and Harvard respectively. The company was born out of a series of conversations and initial research while Shubh and Jan were in the Upper Sixth at Harrow. They will be visiting West Africa this summer, enabling critical medical supply deliveries by drone with the Gambian government, Red Cross Society and Medical Research Council.



Shubh Malde (right) and Jan Kryca

David Levinson (*Bradlys 1967*) completed a 1,000km charity walk in aid of Diabetes NSW in Australia, walking 20km a day for 50 consecutive days. He is planning to walk the Via Francigena, 2,000km pilgrimage from Canterbury to Rome, taking three or four months and camping and hostelling along the way.



David Levinson and his wife Ena

Dylan Winward (*Lyon's 2017*) competed in the US Novice National Debating Competition and received a speaking trophy, ranking as the third-best freshman in the United States.

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