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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

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Harrow has a wide variety of clubs and societies that run throughout the academic year and which you will find listed in the Bill Book. There are so many that there really is something for everyone. You are encouraged to engage with these societies as much as possible.

Some of the societies may seem to have strange names. These usually come from either a famous Old Harrovian or a historical figure who is relevant to the society. While some societies have been running for many years, there is always the opportunity for new societies to be created. Proposals for new societies should be made to the Deputy Head Master.

Some societies are associated with academic subjects, but many cater for wider super-curricular or co-curricular interests. Each society has its own quirks and traditions (although these are always evolving), and there is considerable variation in terms of what they do, where and when they meet and who can attend their meetings. Although a few societies are targeted at specific year groups, most are open to all boys who wish to get involved.

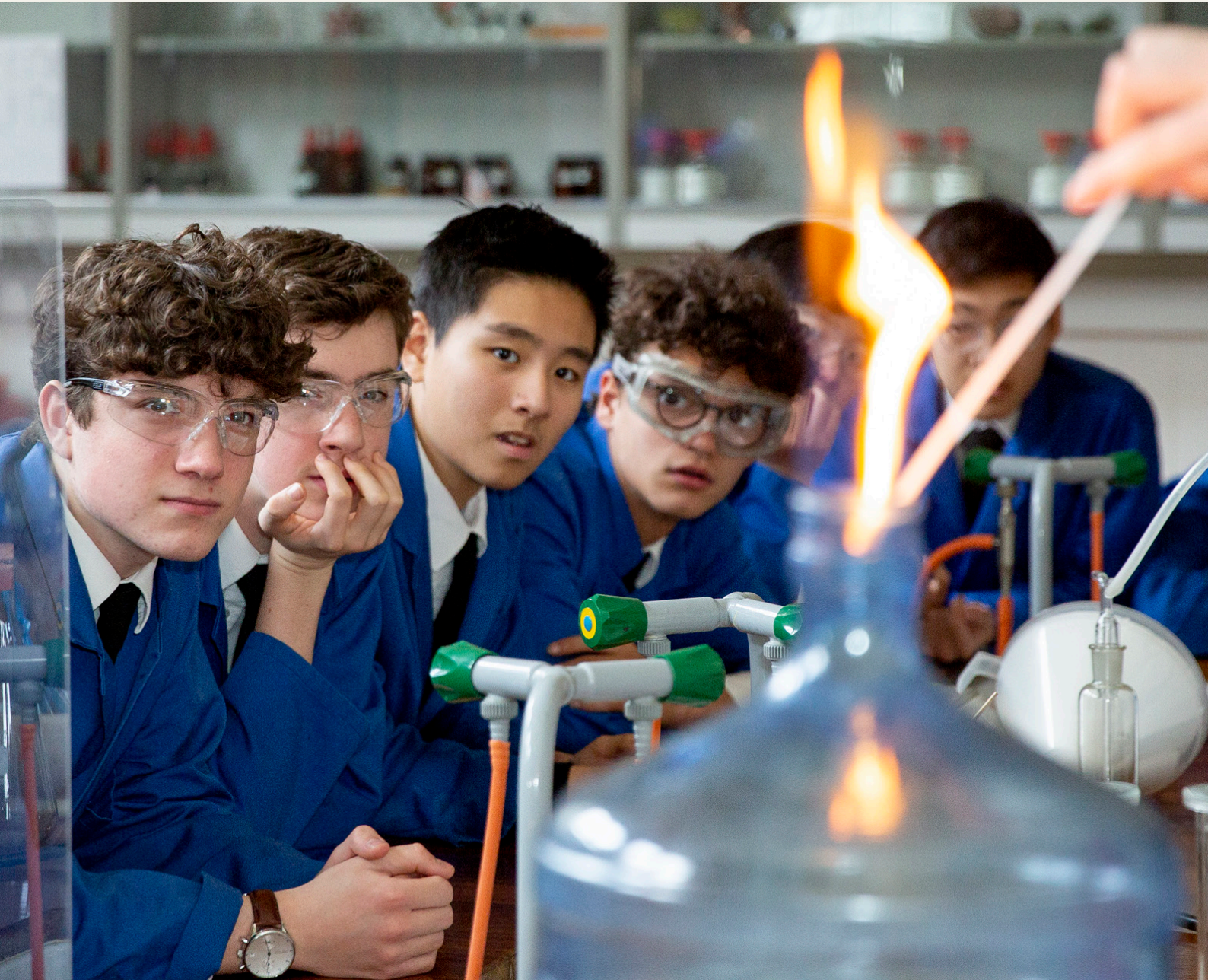
To find out more about a School society, you could contact the boys listed as secretaries in the Bill Book; they have responsibility for running the society under the guidance of a Master-in-Charge, who is also noted in the Bill Book and with whom you can make contact.

Many of the societies have award clothing associated with them, usually in the form of a tie or a bow tie. These are listed in the Awards Directory, which can be found on Firefly. Boys may be awarded their society tie for a variety of reasons, ranging from attending regularly to being actively involved or, in the case of the bow tie, for acting as the secretary. In the Sixth Form, active engagement in a School Society – for example giving a lecture – can you earn you super-curricular credits that count towards the award of the Harrow Diploma.

In this brochure, you will find a brief description of each society along with the details of the boys and beaks who run it.

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Director of the Super-Curriculum



ALEXANDER SOCIETY

Run by Henry Ridley (*The Park*) under the supervision of Dr Finnegan (DF)

The Alexander Society is Harrow's military history society and is named after Field Marshal Harold Alexander (*The Head Master's 1906*). Its purpose is to offer boys the opportunity to speak to their peers on any aspect of military history in which they are interested. We also host visiting speakers from time to time, including military historians and serving and retired officers in the armed forces. The society meets regularly in the Vaughan Library. All boys are welcome to attend any talk at our friendly academic forum.

ARCHITECTURE SOCIETY

Run by Maxi Gardner (*The Grove*) and Gabriel Lam (*Moretons*) under the supervision of Ms Murray (CRM)

The Architecture Society is dedicated to the appreciation and study of architecture in all its manifestations. Guest speakers are invited to give seminars and lectures about their particular area of expertise, and in recent years the society has hosted many distinguished speakers, some of whom have their own established architectural practices. Boys also give regular lectures and seminars and there are visits to Architecture degree exhibitions including at UCL's Bartlett School of Architecture and the University of Cambridge.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Run by Aaron Patel (*The Knoll*) and Omar Ait El Caid (*Druries*) under the supervision of Dr Crowe (CMC)

The Astronomical Society allows boys to connect with the cosmos in a variety of ways: lively discussion of the latest astronomical advances; lectures by boys and by prominent scholars in the field; and observations from our very own Rayleigh Observatory. The society meets bi-weekly, with monthly viewing sessions for the observation of planets, galaxies and a variety of other astronomical phenomena.

ATHENAEUM SOCIETY

Run by Tony Shi (*The Grove*), Viren Bhaika (*Lyon's*) and Ben Shailer (*Rendalls*) under the supervision of Dr Cooper (JDC)

Targeted especially at academic scholars in the Lower School, the Athenaeum is the society for the sharing of knowledge and wisdom, and a forum for scholarly discussion and debate. Scholars in the Lower Sixth give talks on a diverse range of subjects, aiming to communicate thought-provoking ideas that the audience may not have encountered before, and this is followed by a critical response from a specialist beak, who expands on the most important themes raised. Questions and discussion are always encouraged.

ATLANTIC SOCIETY

Run by Tomiwa Oyegade (*Moretons*) under the supervision of Dr Kennedy (SMK)

The Atlantic Society's purpose is to discuss American and Canadian politics, culture, history and society, and the relationship that these countries have with the United Kingdom. In addition to lectures, we hold an annual Thanksgiving Dinner and mock Presidential debates. The society also organises visits to cultural attractions related to North America.

BOARD GAMES SOCIETY

Run under the supervision of Mr Hammond (IH)

The Board Games Society is way more fun than the Chess Society and, contrary to popular belief, we do not play Monopoly. Instead of relying on blind luck, we strategise and compete using wit, throwing people into volcanoes, constructing rail tracks across the United States and racing to build the Seven Wonders of the World. The Board Games Society provides an opportunity to escape from the everyday pressures of Harrow life – with some games and snacks!

BRABAZON SOCIETY

Run by Danial Aspandiiarov (*Bradlys*) under the supervision of Mr McMahon (RRM)

Named after the aviation pioneer John Moore-Brabazon, 1st Baron Brabazon of Tara (*Elmfield 1898*) the Brabazon Society is dedicated to promoting and furthering interest in aviation and aeronautical matters. The society meets regularly to hear lectures and to participate in practical aviation-related activities, and boys from all year groups are welcome to attend.

BUCK SOCIETY

Run by Henry Woodcock (*The Head Master's*) and Fergus McKie (*The Grove*) under the supervision of Mr Woodock (DNW)

The Buck Society, which is named after the organist and composer Sir Percy Buck (Director of Music at Harrow from 1901 to 1927), is a music appreciation society. Every week, a list goes out with musical recommendations such as concerts and radio broadcasts from the previous week. We also organise visits to concerts and talks on musical topics. Anyone who is interested in music is welcome to attend our meetings.

BUDDHISM SOCIETY

Run by Jerry Qi (*The Park*) under the supervision of Fr Nic Tivey (NT)

The Buddhism Society welcomes those who wish to explore their religion freely within a community of boys who share similar beliefs. Regular events include talks, prayers, meditation and celebrations around days significant to worship. The society also organises trips to Buddhist temples and hosts socials with other schools to celebrate certain religious festivals.

BUTLER SOCIETY

Run by Tom Emery (*Moretons*) under the supervision of Dr Finch (RAJF)

The Butler Society, which is named after Henry Montagu Butler (*The Head Master's 1846³*, Head Master of Harrow 1860–85), meets at least once a term to hear guest speakers or boys talking about an aspect of sport. The aim of the society is to give the boys an insight into as many aspects of the professional sporting world as possible by exposing them to the views of leading players, coaches, sports psychologists and other experts.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

Run by Duncan Wauchope (*The Knoll*) under the supervision of Mr McAleer (JDBM)

The Caledonian Society organises Scottish reeling fixtures with several girls' schools. The black-tie (Highland dress is also welcome) balls run throughout the year, and we encourage boys from across the Sixth Form to participate. No previous experience is required, with rehearsals taking place in the weeks before the ball. The evenings start with dinner and drinks in the Shepherd Churchill Hall, after which the dancing begins in the Old Harrovian Room. In recent years, Harrow has hosted Downe House, Benenden, St Mary's Ascot and Wycombe Abbey.

CASPIAN SOCIETY

Run by Danial Aspandiiarov (*Bradbys*) and Timur Magomedov (*The Knoll*) under the supervision of Mrs Fletcher (KAF)

The Caspian Society aims to enlighten boys about the history, culture and political and economic significance of the countries surrounding the Caspian Sea, and to celebrate their diverse and rich traditions. This is achieved through a range of activities such as lectures (delivered both by external speakers and society members), meals (exploring the culinary specialities of the region) and other cultural events and outings. The society recruits its members from all year groups and welcomes those who originate from this region and those who have no connections with the Caspian but simply wish to learn more about it.

CHESS CLUB

Run by Liron Chan (*The Grove*) under the supervision of Mr Hall (JPBH)

The Chess Club is open to all boys, from complete beginners to more serious players. Its primary meeting times are 4.30–6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays (after the first games session) in Maths Schools 5. Meetings provide an opportunity to play socially, but we also have an external coach who runs training sessions for those interested in improving their game. There are currently two School teams (open to all year groups) with a growing fixture list, and we also enter a junior team in some tournaments.

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Run by Jiho Ro (*The Park*) and Antonio da Silveira Pinheiro (*The Park*) under the supervision of Dr Kennedy (SMK)

The Classical Society is very active and organises both boy-led and external lectures to extend boys' perceptions of the ancient world beyond what they learn in the form room. Recent topics have ranged from the typical Greco-Roman sphere to subjects as niche as the Phoenicians, and are chosen to appeal not only to classicists but also to those interested in politics, philosophy, literature and history. There is also a vibrant junior wing of the society that encourages younger boys to present lectures on classical topics in an informal environment.

COMPUTER SCIENCE SOCIETY

Run by Vincent Song (*The Head Master's*), Dylan Kainth (*Bradbys*) and Maxim Van Aeken (*Newlands*) under the supervision of Dr Crowe (CMC) and Dr Earl (DJE)

The Computer Science Society explores all things computational: from overclocking society-built PCs, via networks, servers and Raspberry Pis, to AI-powered facial recognition and natural language processing, we have it all. Whether you're interested in the future of VR headsets, intrigued by high-performance computing, wish to set up your own virtual network, or just want to learn coding and computing theory, this society is for you. We generally meet weekly on Thursday afternoons, with a range of activities including lectures, workshops, talks and mentoring.

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC SOCIETY

Run by Max Baygual Nespatti (*Elmfield*), Luka Safronov (*Lyon's*) and DJ Banda (*Lyon's*) under the supervision of Mr Down (CJRD)

The Contemporary Music Society is a vibrant and inspiring place for music lovers of all ages and backgrounds. Our mission is to create a safe and welcoming space for everyone to come together, explore their musical interests and build lasting relationships. Our members are encouraged to collaborate, share their knowledge, and appreciate modern music in a positive, non-competitive atmosphere. We have a range of events, workshops and activities that foster creativity and innovation. Through our events we also aim to bridge the gap between generations and cultures, forming bonds that will last beyond our time at Harrow. For those who are musically inclined, we offer some competitive opportunities, such as music-making competitions, but these are designed to be fun and rewarding rather than intimidating. If you're passionate about music, we invite you to join us.

CRAWLEY SOCIETY

Run by Henry Ridley (*The Park*), Danial Aspandiiarov (*Bradbys*), Sean Jarrett (*The Grove*) and Otto Marre (*The Grove*) under the supervision of Mrs Silcott (NCS)

The Crawley Society is the School's current affairs discussion society, named after Aidan Crawley (*The Park, 1921st*), a distinguished Old Harrovian who was a documentary film maker, the founder and first editor-in-chief of Independent Television News (ITN) and Chairman of London Weekend Television. Through lectures (delivered by boys, beaks and external speakers), trips, quizzes, debates and discussions, the society aims to explore contemporary events that are happening around the world.

CULINARY SOCIETY

Run by Jake Posner-Kane (*Moretons*) and Alexander Seely (*The Head Master's*) under the supervision of Dr Kennedy (SMK)

The Culinary Society opens the door to a vast array of global cuisines while staging events for boys as well as the local community and other groups. In this society, you can develop your understanding, talent, passion and palette through discussions, tastings and experiences with leaders and innovators in the culinary field. In addition, Culinary Society participants and volunteers have the opportunity to give back to the Harrow community by getting involved with an annual charity event called Cooking with Compassion. We also organise trips, most recently to the Taste of London festival, the London Chocolate Show and the Great Taste Awards.

CURTIS FILM SOCIETY

Run by Rishaad Bhushan (*The Grove*) and Sam Howes (*The Grove*)

The Curtis Film Society exists for the purpose of allowing boys to view and talk about classic films. These may range from such delights as *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, which came from the pen of Richard Curtis (*Rendalls 1970th*), the writer after whom the society is named, to sci-fi classics including *Flash Gordon* and the original *Star Wars* trilogy. The society is run at the instigation of the boys who give talks on their choice of film, but we aim to meet at least once a term. So, if Terry Thomas's *School for Scoundrels* is your cuppa cha, or if you prefer *Carry On Up The Khyber*, then this society might be right up your alley.

DA VINCI SOCIETY

Run by Jonathan Riddell-Webster (*The Grove*) and Mete Kuner (*West Acre*) under the supervision of Dr Unwin (RRU)

The Da Vinci Society aims to bring the exciting world of engineering to life through innovative talks by both experts and boys on subjects such as 'Engineering in Space,' opening members' minds to new ways of critical thinking and problem solving that can help them in later life (even if they do not intend to study Engineering at university). The society will appeal to any boy who enjoys using mathematics and physics to find technical solutions to real-world problems. It especially suits those studying sciences and Mathematics in all year groups.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Run by Andrew Arthur (*The Knoll*) and Vincent Song (*The Head Master's*) under the supervision of Dr Kennedy (SMK)

The Debating Society hosts regular debates debates in New Schools, which are adjudicated by the senior members of the team. Boys have the chance to debate in a formal setting and receive personalised feedback, preparing them for debating at House and School level. The Debating Society also sends teams to debating competitions, including the Oxford and Cambridge Schools' Union and the English-Speaking Union, as well as inter-school friendlies.

DISSECTION SOCIETY

Run by June Hyun (*West Acre*) and Oliver Jones (*West Acre*) under the supervision of Mr Strang (BAS)

The Dissection Society meets a number of times a term to investigate the anatomy and physiology of a range of organisms. The society is open to all Lower Sixth biologists, and members are welcomed on a first-come first-served basis. Membership of the society is limited, as each meeting involves dissection of a specimen that is not investigated in the IGCSE or A-level syllabuses. Members should demonstrate a curiosity for the natural world and confidence when conducting dissections.

DRONE SOCIETY

Run by Luca Stubinski-Aldridge (*Lyon's*) and Archie Steward (*Rendalls*) under the supervision of Mr McMahon (RRM)

The Drone Society is a place for constructive interaction across year groups. We aim to inspire boys at Harrow to become engineers by introducing them to the incredible field of drones. From meeting to meeting, you can expect a range of activities catering to both the flying side and the building side, with flying, flight simulator and design sessions using Onshape.

ESSAY CLUB

Run under the supervision of Mr Todd (ADT)

The Essay Club is the oldest academic society in the School, having been founded in the 1850s by Charles Vaughan (Head Master of Harrow 1844–59), and it still meets in the library that bears his name. It comprises ten boys in the Upper Sixth, elected by the outgoing members of the previous year's club. They take it in turns to deliver an essay on a subject of their choice, which is then subjected to lively debate and discussion over refreshments.

EVANS SOCIETY

Run by Jerry Qi (*The Park*) and Archie Tait (*The Head Master's*) under the supervision of Mr Melville (JLM)

Named after the famous archaeologist Sir Arthur Evans (*Rendalls 1864th*), the Evans Society is for boys who are interested in ancient history and archaeology. If you would like to lead a society meeting, give a talk or help run the society, don't hesitate to get in touch with the secretaries or talk to your Classics beak.

FITZROY SOCIETY

Run by Matthew Gaffaney (*Bradbys*) under the supervision of Mr Potter (RP)

At the Fitzroy Society we aim to celebrate Australian and Kiwi history, tradition and culture. Whether that be through lectures, presentations, discussions, or even quizzes, we hope that not only trans-Tasmanians attend, but also others around the Hill who are interested in learning a little bit more about our region of the world. We are open to anyone who wants to deliver a lecture or organise an event. The society is named after the Old Harrovians Sir Charles Fitzroy (1805th), aide-de-camp to the Duke of Wellington at the Battle of Waterloo and later Governor of New South Wales, and his half-brother Robert Fitzroy (1817th), the Captain of HMS Beagle during Darwin's famous voyage and later Governor of New Zealand.

FLAMBARDS

Run under the supervision of Mr Marsden (JM)

Flambards is the School's weekly Christian meeting and one of the oldest societies in the School. We gather each week in our traditional venue of the Hill Café to hear external speakers on passages of the Bible, usually with an opportunity to discuss and explore our faith afterwards.

FLY-FISHING CLUB

Run by Michael Samuelson (*The Head Master's*) under the supervision of Mr Ridgway (MJMR)

Fly-fishing is an occasional activity held in the Summer term, with trips to Syon Park or to Theale in Berkshire. The School is able to provide equipment for boys to use, although many prefer to bring their own. The School also has the equipment for tying flies, and if a boy is able to catch a fish on a self-made fly he will be eligible to buy a Fly-fishing Society tie.

FRENCH SOCIETY

Run by Paddy Mulqueen (*Bradbys*) and Ethan McCullagh (*The Park*) under the supervision of Mme Andrieu (MMA)

The French Society aims to educate boys about some of the cultural nuances surrounding France and the Francophone nations, shedding light on the way of life and some of the traditions and philosophies of the people in those countries. All boys in the School with an interest in the French-speaking world are welcome to attend our meetings.

GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY

Run by Connor O’Flaherty (*The Head Master’s*), Tom Haworth (*The Knoll*) and Kyan Simpson (*The Knoll*) under the supervision of Miss Byng (KIB)

We host lectures from both boys and external speakers, run inter-House competitions and organise trips to the Royal Geographical Society. Although geared primarily to those studying the subject at A-level, the society offers a wide range of talks that cater to those with a more general level of interest in geography. The society, mirroring Geography as an academic subject, covers an array of topics from the physical, like volcanoes, to the human, exploring social and cultural aspects of other countries. There is something for everybody who is interested in what takes place on Earth.

GOLLAND SOCIETY

Run under the supervision of Ms Duck

Named after Jim Golland, an English beak and the School Archivist from 1975 to 1985, the Golland Society aims to promote engagement by boys with Harrow’s rich and extensive collection of archives, and generally to raise awareness of the School’s history. Visits to the Archives are arranged under the supervision of the Archivist, and we meet periodically to hear presentations by members of the society or guest speakers.

GORE SOCIETY

Run by Emmanuel Olowe (*The Grove*) and Harry O’Shea (*Druries*) under the supervision of Mr McAleer (JDBM)

The Gore Society is Harrow’s theology and philosophy society, named after the Old Harrovian theologian and Bishop of Oxford Charles Gore (*Bradbys 1866*³). It deals with a wide range of philosophical, ethical and theological issues from moral relativism to sporting philosophy. All are welcome to attend meetings. There is also a Junior Gore Society, which gives boys in the Shells, Removes and Fifth Form the opportunity to deliver short lectures.

THE HARROVIAN

Run by the Editors under the supervision of Dr Kennedy (SMK)

The Harrovian is the official weekly School newspaper. As one of the longest-standing newspapers in continuous print and one of the most frequent newspapers published by an academic institution, *The Harrovian* serves as both a font of information and a source of historical record. All boys are welcome to write for it, while those who wish to join the team of Editors should contact Dr Kennedy.

HARROW NOTES

Run by Arturo Saville-Mascioni (*Rendalls*), Robert Young (*The Grove*), Tom Brocklebank (*Rendalls*) and Rohan Ragoowansi (*Elmfield*) under the supervision of Mr Sugarman-Warner (FSW)

Harrow Notes is a half-termly magazine. This full-colour, illustrated publication consists of short articles and editorials about life on the Hill, and long-form articles and opinion pieces about life off the Hill. All are invited to contribute: we seek long-form journalism, opinion pieces, interviews, lists, reviews and imaginative writing.

HEADLEY GRANGE SOCIETY

Run by James McWilliam (*The Park*) under the supervision of Mr Hedges (LWH)

Named after an old country house which became a famous recording studio used by bands including Led Zeppelin, Fleetwood Mac and Genesis, the Headley Grange Society is a boy-led society devoted to pop culture and the effect it has on our society. There is a particular focus on literature, music, art and history. Through lectures, discussions and other activities, we aim to examine the societal impact of pop culture and to explore its connections with historical events.

HIBERNIAN SOCIETY

Run by Bobby Dunne (*Elmfield*) under the supervision of Mr McAleer (JDBM)

For boys who are interested in Ireland, the Hibernian Society is dedicated to an exploration of the socio-political and cultural influence of Ireland both past and present. We seek to understand and celebrate the Emerald Isle through lectures and meetings. In recent times, we have welcomed influential figures such as the former Leader of the DUP in Parliament, Nigel Dodds, and the Irish Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Adrian O’Neill. This society is a natural home for anyone interested in Ireland – from the Irish diaspora to those with a simple curiosity about the land across the Irish Sea.

HINDU SOCIETY

Run by Veeraj Puri (*The Park*) under the supervision of Fr Nic Tivey (NT)

The Hindu Society meets to celebrate major Hindu festivals, notably hosting a popular annual Diwali dinner. The society also promotes cultural engagement, featuring traditional dress, food and music at meetings.

HISPANIC SOCIETY

Run by Veeraj Puri (*The Park*) and Max Baygual Nespatti (*Elmfield*) under the supervision of Mrs Moseley (LAM)

The Hispanic Society focuses on all aspects of Spanish and Latin American culture and language. Activities include lectures and films, visits to exhibitions and the theatre, restaurant trips, an annual debating competition and participating in the prestigious Hispanic Drama Festival (Sixth Formers only), in which we compete against a number of local schools. The Hispanic Society is open to all with a passion for improving their knowledge of Spanish and Latin American culture.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Run by Bede Stratton (*Elmfield*) and Rei Ishikawa (*Elmfield*) under the supervision of Mr Permain (NEP)

In the Horticultural Society, we explore the boundaries of the natural world within the School grounds, with an emphasis on practical experience. We support the School’s ambitions around sustainability and, in time, we hope to develop gardens that support a wide range of natural produce, which, with incremental growth, can provide some of the food prepared in the dining hall. We collaborate not only with the Culinary Society but also with the Pigou Society, to promote a better understanding of the economics of agriculture.

INNOVATION AND DESIGN SOCIETY

Run by Mete Kuner (*West Acre*), Andrew Stratton (*Newlands*) and Justin Changbencharoen (*Lyon’s*) under the supervision of Mr Knight (TMK)

The Innovation and Design Society is associated with anything related to engineering, with a particular emphasis on the role of design in the creation of products. There are two strands of societal activity: occasional lectures and regular practical activities, such as designing a project as part of a group or using the robotics available in the DTE Schools.

ITALIAN SOCIETY

Run by Antonio da Silveira Pinheiro (*The Park*) under the supervision of Mr Guarniero (AG1)

The Italian Society exists to promote and encourage linguistic and cultural studies concerning Italy. Between 63 million and 85 million people all over the world speak Italian as their first language, but the number of students of all ages studying it as a second language is much bigger, thanks to immense cultural heritage of the *Belpaese*. Topics of talks include literature and art, Italian economy and some of the world’s most recognisable brands and aspects of modern society such as dialects or criminal organisations. Typically, boys give talks to the Italian Society, but we also have guest speakers and organise gastronomic experiences.

JEWISH SOCIETY

Run by Max Leof (*Bradbys*) under the supervision of Fr Nic Tivey (NT)

The Jewish Society holds a weekly prayer service after prep on Friday to welcome the Sabbath, and at least once a term this becomes a full Friday Night Dinner. At least once a month, the Jewish Chaplain, Rabbi Jonny Hughes, runs a ‘lunch and learn’ session. We also hold talks at least one every half-term.

JUNIOR CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Run by Ethan McCullagh (*The Park*), Filip Wiszniewski (*Druries*) and Tony Shi (*The Grove*) under the supervision of Dr Kennedy (SMK)

The vibrant junior wing of the Classical Society encourages younger boys to present lectures on Classical topics in an informal environment. All boys in the Shells, Removes and Fifth Form are invited to attend our events.

JUNIOR LABORDE SOCIETY

Run by Saarvin Cambatta-Mistry (*Lyon’s*) and Arturo Saville-Mascioni (*Rendalls*) under the supervision of Mr Cullen (GJBC)

Dr E D Laborde was a Master at Harrow from 1919 to 1950 and is a Giant of Old. He was responsible for introducing Geography to the Harrow curriculum in 1919. Seventy years after his retirement, his example still inspires young geographers at Harrow. The Junior Laborde Society is Harrow’s geography society for the Lower School. Our purpose is to drive enthusiasm for geography outside the curriculum from Shell to Fifth Form. We typically meet three or four times a term for exciting and informative lectures or debates.

JUNIOR PERCEVAL SOCIETY

Run by Alex Akinluyi (*The Head Master’s*) and Oliver Campbell (*Newlands*) under the supervision of Mrs Silcott (NCS)

This society is the junior branch of the Perceval Society, targeted especially at boys in the Lower School. Like its parent society, it exists to celebrate African and Caribbean culture and to bring to the fore ideas around race, prejudice and international politics

JUNIOR PIGOU SOCIETY

Run by Rishaad Bhushan (*The Grove*) under the supervision of Mr Morgan (DMM)

The Junior Pigou Society is the Lower School economics and business society and it is open to all boys in the Shells, Removes and Fifth Form. The society aims to encourage boys from these years to research topics of their choice and to give presentations on this research to an audience of their peers. In this way, the society enables boys to develop an interest in these subjects and an understanding of them before they go on to study them formally in the Sixth Form.

LINGUISTICS SOCIETY

Run by Henry Ridley (*The Park*) under the supervision of Mr Johnson (HKJ)

The Linguistics Society aims to explore the complex and intriguing concepts behind the creation, formation and uses of all languages, whether it be ancient classics, modern languages, or even computing and sign language. Everything linguistically related, including the UK Linguistics Olympiad, will be discussed in this society in the form of lectures and workshops, given by boys or any other enthusiastic linguists. Anyone with an interest is warmly welcomed.

L P HARTLEY SOCIETY

Run by Joseph McLean (*Druries*) under the supervision of Mrs O’Neill (ACO)

Named after the novelist and short-story writer L P Hartley (*Mr Somervell’s 1910*³), this society exists to encourage boys to write creatively, and to facilitate their writing efforts, whether short stories, poems or plays. It meets a couple of times per term to explore a style of writing before opening discussions on how writers can use that style in their work in the future. At the end of each year, the best pieces are published in the society’s magazine *Metropolitan Lines*. All boys are welcome, regardless of level or experience.

MARMOTS CLUB

Run by Vincent Song (*The Head Master’s*) and Antonio da Silveira Pinheiro (*The Park*) under the supervision of Captain Robson

Marmots is an ancient and exciting club that organises weekly climbing sessions at a world-class indoor climbing gym, with occasional trips and competitions to other climbing centres and outdoor crags in Wales and the Peak District. It is an inclusive society, welcoming climbers of all standards.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Run by Liron Chan (*The Grove*), Hansen Han (*The Grove*) and Chris Liu (*The Head Master’s*) under the supervision of Mr Davison-Reiber (PDR)

The Mathematical Society exists to promote interest in and study of mathematics beyond the scope of the curriculum. Boys research and present talks on mathematical topics of interest. The society is particularly relevant to those studying Further Mathematics at A-level, but younger boys with an enthusiasm for the subject are also very much welcome. Boys intending to read Mathematics at university are strongly encouraged to give a talk to the society during the course of their A-level studies.

MEDICAL SOCIETY

Run by Shrey Rawal (*Rendalls*) and Data Photpipat (*The Head Master’s*) under the supervision of Mr Keylock (NSK)

The Medical Society aims to promote interest in medicine and spread medical knowledge to all its members. With a series of lectures throughout the term, boys have the opportunity both to listen to and deliver talks on medical topics. Lectures by external medical professionals provide invaluable insights into the field, breaking down complicated concepts into assimilable ideas and giving audiences the benefit of years of medical experience. Membership is basically essential for anyone contemplating a medical degree at university.

MIDDLE EASTERN SOCIETY

Run by Walid Nsouli (*The Knoll*) under the supervision of Dr Wendelken (DRW)

The Middle Eastern Society seeks to explore the historical, cultural and political aspects of the Middle East while looking at the area’s global and regional significance, and looks to promote greater understanding of this complex region. We welcome engagement from all members of the School who are interested in the Middle East and its fascinating role in the modern world.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS SOCIETY

Run by Robert Young (*The Grove*)

The Model United Nations Society explores contemporary geopolitical relations by sending delegations to some of the UK’s biggest interscholastic conferences. Through debate, discourse, mock legislation and the representation of different points of view from their own, boys learn more about the world around them and the complex set of rules that govern international relations. In recent times, the society has been particularly successful, winning significant awards at events hosted by the University of Oxford and LSE, which means that selection for the team can be quite competitive.

MOTORSPORT SOCIETY

Run by Omar Ait El Caid (*Bradbys*), Jerry Qi (*The Park*) and Dylan Kainth (*Bradbys*) under the supervision of Mr Dalby (DMD)

The Motorsport Society is devoted to all things motoring. Our primary activities are talks and competitions. Talks are welcomed from all boys about anything with wheels. We also run Harrow’s participation in the Greenpower and F1 in Schools engineering competitions. F1 in Schools is a competition where students design a high-precision F1 car from a 20cm long foam block, while Greenpower involves the construction of an electric car that boys are able to drive and race.

MUSIC PRODUCTION SOCIETY

Run by Tom Pollock (*Druries*) under the supervision of Mr McWilliam (SM)

The Music Production Society meets regularly in the Recording Studio, where boys collaborate on work and aim to produce their own tracks, which are then released to the School community. Meetings cover many aspects of the music industry from recording to production, and boys are encouraged to work together on their projects. We also encourage guests to speak to the society.

NEHRU SOCIETY

Run by Shrey Rawal (*Rendalls*) under the supervision of Mr Stowell (EWS)

Named after the first prime minister of India Jawaharlal Nehru (*The Head Master’s 1905³*), the Nehru Society is concerned with all types of Indian and Hindu culture on the Hill. Many members are from or have links with the Indian Subcontinent, but we welcome anyone with a shared interest in our subcontinental heritage. We have meetings in the form of lectures, discussion groups and the excellent annual Nehru Society dinner.

OLD SPEECH ROOM GALLERY ARTS SOCIETY

Run by Antonio Da Silveira Pinheiro (*The Park*) and June Hyun (*West Acre*) under the supervision of Mrs Walton

Members of the OSRG Arts Society have an opportunity to undertake project work and learn about the School collections and their care, and to visit important exhibitions in and around London. They also assist the Curator as hosts at private view events in the gallery. Many boys who volunteer in the OSRG as part of The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award find that joining the OSRG Arts Society is a good way to develop their experience.

ORIENTAL SOCIETY

Run by Jerry Qi (*The Park*) and Liron Chan (*The Grove*) under the supervision of Mrs Tremlett (RMT)

The Oriental Society is a diverse and welcoming environment for the celebration of the Orient’s culture, cuisine and everything in between. We offer a multitude of activities and events, including talks by boys, beaks and external speakers. There are plenty of opportunities to explore the Orient through trips – locally to places like Asian restaurants, and further afield in the form of School trips to countries in the East. All boys are welcome to participate, whether or not they have any connections with the East.

PALMERSTON SOCIETY

Run by boys, under the supervision of Mr Cook (AGC)

The Palmerston Society, named after the fifth of Harrow’s seven British prime ministers, Henry Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston (*Druries 1795²*), is the School’s politics society. Traditionally, we gather regularly to hear an interesting (and very often highly distinguished) speaker talk about an aspect of politics, usually ending with a ‘question and answer’ session.

PASMORE SOCIETY

Run by Chris Jolker (*The Grove*) and Elliot Taylor (*West Acre*) under the supervision of Mr Hedges (LWH)

Open to members of the Sixth Form, the Pasmore Society, named after Old Harrovian artist Victor Pasmore (*Bradbys 1923⁷*), is dedicated, for the most part, to the appreciation of 20th- and 21st-century art. We are at a considerable advantage at Harrow in terms of easy access to some of the best galleries and museums in the world, and there are regular trips off the Hill to Tate Modern and Britain, the Estorick Collection, the Whitechapel Gallery and White Cube, as well as lots of smaller, privately owned galleries in London. We also arrange lectures and seminars given by guest speakers and boys.

PEEL SOCIETY

Run by Ray Moon (*West Acre*) and Robert Young (*The Grove*) under the supervision of Mr Murrin (JPM)

Named after Old Harrovian prime minister Sir Robert Peel (*Druries 1800³*), the Peel Society is the history and politics society for boys in the Shell, Remove and Fifth Form. The society aims to give boys the opportunity to explore historical and political topics that they are not studying in the form room. Boys are encouraged to present their own research at society meetings. The Peel Society holds a popular termly quiz, as well as an annual symposium to discuss current debates in history and politics. Any boy interested in history and politics is welcome to attend the Peel Society and to propose topics for future talks and debates.

PERCEVAL SOCIETY

Run by Michel Quist (*The Grove*), Kyan Simpson (*The Knoll*) and Bode Kolawole (*Newlands*) under the supervision of Mrs Silcott (NCS)

The Perceval Society celebrates African and Caribbean culture. Its aim is to bring to the fore ideas around race, prejudice and international politics. We also strive to educate members of the wider Harrow community about the highlights and lowlights of African and Caribbean culture, and how they relate to customs and ideas in the wider world. The society is named after prime minister Spencer Perceval, a pupil at Harrow from 1774 to 1779, who was a leading advocate of the abolition of the slave trade.

PICKTHALL SOCIETY

Run by Walid Nsouli (*The Knoll*) and Timur Magomedov (*The Knoll*) under the supervision of Fr Nic Tivey (NT)

The Pickthall Society, named after the Islamic scholar (Muhammad) Marmaduke Pickthall (*Home Boarder 1889¹*), is the Harrow School Islamic society, where boys are welcome to come and practise their religion freely within a community of those who share similar beliefs. Regular events include Friday prayers and celebrations around days significant to worship.

PIGOU SOCIETY

Run by Joshua Soyemi (*The Head Master’s*) under the supervision of Mr Morgan (DMM)

The Pigou Society, named after Old Harrovian economist Arthur Cecil Pigou (*Newlands 1891³*), is the society for economics and business. We hear regular lectures by a wide range of speakers, including boys, beaks, Old Harrovians and employees of top-tier investment banks and asset managers such as J P Morgan and Schroders, and successful entrepreneurs such as former Dragon Theo Paphitis.

PSYCHOLOGY SOCIETY

Run by Louis Lord (*Lyon’s*), Bill Chen (*Lyon’s*) and Aidan Wong (*The Park*) under the supervision of Dr Kennedy (SMK)

This society aims to bring the vast field of psychology to the attention of boys who would otherwise have little opportunity to explore it before university. We cover the breadth of psychology, from neuroscience to sociology, encountering legends (or rather giants) of old like Carl Jung, but also modern-day experts such as Albert Bandura. Subjects covered in our meetings range from broad topics like PTSD and the brain’s reaction to stress to more niche areas such as developments in our understanding of the role of the frontal lobe through the lens of Phineas Gage’s brain injury.

RATTIGAN SOCIETY

Run under the supervision of House representatives and Mr Cross (APC)

The Rattigan Society, named after the dramatist and screenwriter Terence Rattigan (*The Park 1925²*), is the major senior society for drama at Harrow. Based in the Ryan Theatre and the Drama Studios, the Rattigan Society works on a variety of performances in a single year, from small-scale productions that are often directed by boys themselves to larger productions where the cast is taken from across the School. The Rattigan Society is the centre of writing, directing and performing at Harrow.

SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETY

Run by Hector Rogberg (*Druries*) under the supervision of Mr Down (CJRD)

The aim of the Scandinavian Society is to promote greater understanding of and links between the Scandinavian countries (Denmark, Norway and Sweden, plus Iceland and Finland) and Harrow School. Our main areas of focus are current affairs, sustainability, digital development, entrepreneurship and natural resources. Short talks are held in a typically Scandinavian informal style, based around ‘fika’, a Swedish custom where you sit with family, friends or colleagues and take a coffee or tea, with something sweet on the side. The society is open to all boys at Harrow, whether or not they have any Scandinavian connections.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Run by Akachi Anyanwu (*The Grove*), Raulph Lubbe (*The Grove*), Chris Liu (*The Head Master’s*) and June Hyun (*West Acre*) under the supervision of Mr Keylock (NSK)

The Scientific Society’s purpose is to promote an awareness of developments in science. This is achieved through the year-long series of weekly lectures, delivered by boys and expert visiting speakers. The annual Rayleigh Lecture is normally given by an eminent scientist of international standing. Visits to museums, research centres and public lectures are also part of our programme.

SCULPTURE SOCIETY

Run by Joe Storey (*Newlands*) and Enhe Hu (*The Knoll*) under the supervision of Ms Lycett (EHROL)

The Sculpture Society encourages members to think laterally and creatively, and provides opportunities to acquire new skills, create, and exchange ideas. Members will also develop a greater appreciation of sculpture and learn more about careers in this field. Sculpture is multi-disciplinary, so may appeal to an audience whose interests would usually lie elsewhere. The Sculpture Society holds regular lectures, given by boys and guest speakers, and offers practical sessions with the focus on sculpture.

SEAL SOCIETY

Run by Hector Rogberg (*Druries*) and Sam Phillips (*Moretons*) under the supervision of Dr Finnegan (DF)

The Seal Society is dedicated to the production of the School’s historical magazine. A specific theme of focus is announced at the beginning of each term, but all boys are permitted and encouraged to submit papers for publication on any era or aspect of history. The Seal Society will organise launch events for each edition of its magazine. The Seal Society sits alongside the Trevelyan Society as a sub-society to encourage boys in all year groups in their endeavours in history and politics.

SHAFTESBURY ENTERPRISE

Run by Mr Dalton (TMD) with the assistance of Alonso Fontana (*The Grove*) and Femi Adejolu (*West Acre*)

Shaftesbury Enterprise encompasses all Harrow School’s charitable and partnership work in the local community and beyond. Through this initiative, the School engages purposefully with educational projects, designed in collaboration with partner schools and charitable organisations, to make a significant impact both for Harrovians and the local population. Shaftesbury Enterprise is the mechanism by which Harrow School contributes to improving the educational and life outcomes for thousands of young people – particularly in Harrow but also elsewhere in north-west London and further afield – through a combination of partnership projects.

SHERIDAN SOCIETY

Run by Barimah Adomakoh (*Newlands*) and Jude Esposito (*Newlands*) under the supervision of Dr Bentick (ERPB)

The Sheridan Society, named after the playwright Richard Brinsley Sheridan, who was a pupil at Harrow from 1762 to 1768, is for boys who have an enthusiasm for English literature and language. Society events mostly consist of lectures by internal or external speakers, focusing on a wide variety of genres and topics. The society also encompasses plenty of other opportunities to engage with literature, such as theatre trips, reading groups and workshops.

SLAVONIC CULTURAL SOCIETY

Run by Thomas Hobbs (*Newlands*) and Alnur Abuov (*Druries*) under the supervision of Mrs Fletcher (KAF)

The Slavonic Society aims to enlighten boys about the history, culture and political and economic significance of central and eastern European countries, many of which used to be part of the USSR or its satellite states. It also aims to educate boys about the various languages that are spoken in this diverse region. This goal is achieved by activities such as lectures (delivered both by society members and external speakers), theatre, opera, ballet and cinema outings, traditional meals (exploring local culinary specialties) and other events to celebrate the rich cultures in the region. Previously, there have been trips to Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Poland and the Czech Republic. In addition, the society aims to bring together boys representing different countries from the region as well as those interested in exploring it, and provide a platform for mutual dialogue, understanding and respect.

SOMERVELL SOCIETY

Run by James Amihyia-Marsden (*West Acre*), Julian Herschel (*The Grove*) and Zak Banton (*Newlands*) under the supervision of Miss Fox (HRF)

Named after the Old Harrovian barrister and judge Donald Somervell (*Small Houses* and *Elmfield 1901³*), the Somervell Society is the School’s law society. It arranges talks by barristers, solicitors and corporate lawyers to give boys a flavour of what it is like to pursue a career in the legal profession. Talks by boys give aspiring lawyers the chance to research and present on legal matters.

STRATAGEM SOCIETY

Run by Ryan Yeung (*Elmfield*) and Fuad Abualsaud (*Elmfield*) under the supervision of Dr Pateman (ATRP)

The Stratagem Society is devoted to an exploration of historical conspiracy theories. We meet a few times each term to examine explanations for events or situations that assert the existence of a conspiracy or plot, usually orchestrated by powerful or sinister groups, and often with a political motivation, even though other explanations might be more probable. We round the year off with a conspiracy theories quiz night, with pizza and prizes.

SUB-AQUA SOCIETY

Run by Rishaad Bhushan (*The Grove*) under the supervision of Mr Furber (GBF)

The Sub-Aqua Society is a scuba-diving club based around learning about and participating in scuba dives here and around the world, sharing the varied experiences of professional and amateur divers, and teaching members how to dive. We organise diving expeditions overseas, to places like Spain, Egypt, Malta and even the Caribbean, with the aim of complementing the diving with a cultural experience. The Sub-Aqua Society has established strong links with ocean conservation groups devoted to the protection of ocean life and the waters in which we dive.

SUMMERSON SOCIETY

Run by Archie Tait (*The Head Master’s*) and Gus Corsellis (*Elmfield*) under the supervision of Ms Bailey (JESB)

The Summerson Society explores all aspects of art history, within and beyond the exam syllabus. We offer a regular programme of events with internal and external speakers on topics as diverse as pigments, the commercial art world, city planning and the reassessment of overlooked artists. Every other year, we mount an exhibition in collaboration with artists of international acclaim, which is curated by members of the society. John Summerson (*Rendalls 1918³*), after whom the society was named, was an architectural historian with a particular interest in classicalism.

SURF SOCIETY

Run by Maxi Farah (*The Park*) under the supervision of Mr Cullen (GJBC)

There is no feeling like riding a wave and get slammed. Don’t believe me? Come and join us at the Surfing Society where we take trips to places such as The Wave and discuss the beautiful sport. This society provides opportunities like no other: spending time in the ocean with your friends and learning a unique and exhilarating skill.

TEA SOCIETY

Run by Arturo Saville-Mascioni (*Rendalls*) and Robert Young (*The Grove*) under the supervision of Dr Kennedy (SMK)

The Tea Society is dedicated to the appreciation of tea. Do you like tea? If so please keep reading. The purpose of the society is to provide enlightenment and enjoyment for all tea-lovers. We meet regularly, normally on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons, for lectures on the history of tea and tea flavours (complemented by tea and cake), or tasting sessions dedicated to finding your favourite tea. All boys are welcome to attend.

THEATRE PRODUCTION CREW

Run by David Liu (*Bradbys*) under the supervision of Mr Cross (APC) and Mr Kinsella

The Theatre Production Crew plays a vital role in supporting stage productions put on by the Drama Department at Harrow. In fact, all productions staged at Harrow are currently staffed by a full complement of members of the crew on show night. Working closely with the professional practitioners in the Ryan Theatre, boys have the opportunity to learn about lighting engineering, lighting design, sound design, scenic design, costume and properties.

TREVELYAN SOCIETY

Run by Arnaud du Roy de Blicquy (*Elmfield*) under the supervision of Mr Potter (RP)

Named after the eminent Old Harrovian historian G M Trevelyan (*The Grove 1893³*), the Trevelyan Society is Harrow’s main history society. It meets to hear talks on a wide range of historical subjects by boys, beaks and professional historians, covering as wide a range of topics as could be imagined, from ancient times to the 21st century.

TURF CLUB

Run by Victor Grant (*Moretons*) under the supervision of Mr Melville (JLM)

The Turf Club is a horse racing society that welcomes boys from all year groups to attend lectures by both internal and external speakers. We are keen to show the vital role that horse racing plays in our society. This year, we are hoping to organise talks by some of the country’s top horse trainers, as well as by boys who have experience in the horse-racing world.

VIDEO GAME SOCIETY

Run by Henry Barker (*The Park*) under the supervision of Dr Crowe (CMC)

The Video Game Society allows boys to discuss topics such as the design, development, content and marketing of video games through lectures given by boys or guest speakers. The society meets weekly through lectures and occasional quizzes and informal sessions.

WESTWOOD SOCIETY

Run by Chris Jolker (*The Grove*) under the supervision of Ms Bailey (JESB)

The Westwood Society is the School’s fashion society. It allows the designers and stylists of the future to express themselves at Harrow. We put on shows of creative talent, allowing our members to be inspired to follow their creative aspirations.

YOGA SOCIETY

Run by Mackenzie Morgan (*Lyon’s*) and Cameron Childs (*Newlands*) under the supervision of Mr Rosies

The Yoga Society allows boys to practise mindfulness and physical yoga amidst the hectic lifestyle of Harrow. Our aim is to introduce healthy habits into boys’ lives, on and off the Hill. We meet regularly in the Sports Centre where we practise different poses and stretches, targeting muscles suggested by boys, based on sports and gym that have been done earlier in the week. We also hear talks from yoga practitioners and boys with an interest in yoga.



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