

HARROW NEWSLETTER

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HARROW
SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
OF THE OLD SPEECH
ROOM GALLERY

HIGHLIGHTS FROM
THE ARTS

SPORTS NEWS
ROUND-UP





Writing against the backdrop of an agitated world, the importance of a values-based education is clear. The Harrow Values of Fellowship, Courage, Honour and Humility develop in Harrovians the instinct to react in the right way – to do what is right – in every situation. On a day-to-day basis, as boys grow together in the security of the Hill, we see them act out this instinct in everything they do.

As you browse this newsletter, I hope you will get a sense of how, at Harrow, the extraordinary becomes the ordinary. The courage to have a go, to try, and to celebrate together in fellowship is evident in our daily lives, with boys busy planning and delivering talks to their peers at various society meetings and in the numerous House competitions that take place. You'll read of their eclectic interests and wide horizons and how we've welcomed so many diverse and thought-provoking speakers. The hours spent perfecting drill, ironing uniforms and polishing shoes – and the cheers of every boy from every House – at the annual Ansell Bowl competition encapsulates entirely Harrow's esprit de corps, the fellowship of friendships that start at the age of 13 and last a lifetime.

Humility teaches us to be kind: generous in spirit towards each other and to our wider community. Close to 300 Harrovians are taking part in weekly Shaftesbury Enterprise programmes, and many Harrovians undertake their own fund-raising activities for causes close to their heart. You'll read of several of these over the coming pages and, in particular, of the remarkable generosity of the Harrow community as they came together to support a day of challenges to raise funds for our planned sports centre.

These qualities are fundamental to the lives of Harrovians, and we see daily how they infuse the boys' academic, cultural and sporting education. This newsletter is packed with examples, but allow me to highlight just a few. Several records have been broken by boys applying to US and Canadian universities this year, with 31 offers from Ivy League schools and the highest number of offers from US universities in one application cycle. This is an incredible achievement and very well deserved, with special thanks to those beaks who form our dedicated Universities Team, offering unparalleled support to our boys as they consider their higher education options.

We have celebrated so many achievements in academic competitions and challenges, and outstanding individual sporting successes and teamwork too. We challenge ourselves to build resilience and confidence through wins and losses. Competition teaches composure, resilience, the ability to look after one another during hardship and the key principles of routine, discipline and self-control. It creates leaders, allows the shy to flourish and gives boys the best memories of connection and confidence.

All these opportunities, and many others besides, are available every day to Harrovians. I hope this newsletter will give you a sense of the holistic education on the Hill.

Anthony Lewis

HARROVIAN WINS THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY COMMUNICATORS' CHALLENGE

Upper Sixth Former Tony S won 1st place in the Royal Society of Chemistry's Communicators' Challenge 2026, a competition to show the vital role that chemistry plays in protecting our health, food and environment. As this national competition is aimed at teachers, technicians, undergraduates, PhD students and early-career researchers, Tony's victory with his presentation on 'Revealing the secret to a gut life: the hidden chemistry of our gut microbiome' was truly impressive. Tony was presented with his prize at Burlington House in London, the home of the Royal Society of Chemistry. Second place went to Old Harrovian William Wang (*The Head Master's* 2019), making it a Harrow podium sweep.



THE OLD SPEECH ROOM GALLERY AT 50

The Old Speech Room Gallery lies at the heart of Harrow. Situated in the oldest part of the School, it not only contains Harrow's most valued treasures but also represents the continuing Harrow spirit that drives our School onward. To celebrate 50 years of the gallery, which opened in 1976, *The Old Speech Room Gallery: A Collection Revealed* has been published. It reveals 50 items that each showcase a unique part of the School and the gallery's history. You can buy a copy direct from the OSRG or The Outfitters, or order from theschoolwearspecialists.co.uk/schools/harrow-school/memorabilia-harrow.html.

Cover image: Harrow v Eton at Lord's

HARROVIAN BECOMES YOUNGEST-EVER TRIPLE JUMP NATIONAL CHAMPION

A Harrovian has become the youngest-ever winner of the British men's triple jump title at the Novuna UK Athletics Indoor Championships. Aged just 16, Tito O led the competition into round six, following a best effort of 15.48m. He went on to achieve 15.75m, ensuring he claimed the title. This triumph followed a gold medal and a new UK Under-18 record at the England Under-20 Indoor Championships with a jump of 16.01m – the best in Europe by a considerable margin and the best achieved worldwide by an under-18 athlete in over a decade.

VISIT FROM THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO

Harrow was honoured to welcome the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, to celebrate Mass in front of a large congregation of parents and boys.

The music was provided by the School's elite vocal ensemble, the Byron Consort, who drew great praise from Archbishop Miguel, himself a trained musician. During his visit, the Archbishop explained that, as Apostolic Nuncio, he is the personal representative of Pope Leo in Great Britain. He also celebrated one of Harrow's greatest Old Harrovians: Henry, Cardinal Manning, who was himself nearly elected pope in the conclave of 1878.



The Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain visited Harrow



Courtesy of UK Athletics

OPEN MORNINGS

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

Visit harrowsschool.org.uk for forthcoming dates and to book.

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STUNNING SUPPORT FOR A NEW SPORTS CENTRE

A spectacular, and spectacularly successful, gala dinner and auction was held at Lord's cricket ground to support the School's exciting plans for a brand-new Sports Centre. It marked the conclusion of the Harrow 450 Building for the Future programme, and the Harrow community certainly turned up to celebrate.

The event kicked off with a week-long silent auction that quickly became a battleground of competitive bidding. Star prizes included VIP Six Nations rugby tickets with a meet-and-greet with Old Harrovian and rugby legend Maro Itoje (*The Grove 2011*), and a *Love Actually* script signed by the film's director Richard Curtis (*Rendalls 1970*).

The live auction was the main event. A private coaching session with Maro Itoje kicked things off with an impressive sum, followed by a luxury ten-night adventure through Peru and the Amazon, and a maquette of the Eternal Schoolboy, the sculpture by David Williams-Ellis now standing at the heart of the School. With the room buzzing, voices rising and arms raising, the atmosphere could only be described as delightfully chaotic – in the best possible way. The night was a triumphant success with over £950,000 raised.

Also raising money for the new Sports Centre was Sporting Harrow Giving Day, during which boys and staff came together in a range of sponsored events. In total, the Giving Day raised £841,516 with over 720 donors making a gift. This remarkable



support was driven by the effort put into the House Challenges in particular. Bradbys tackled their Landmark Stair Climb, scaling the equivalent heights of famous landmarks, while Druries bagged a few Munroes on the 100 Steps. Elmfield tested their accuracy with the Crossbar Challenge, and The Grove undertook their historic Garibaldi Challenge. The Head Master's completed 2,500 sets of the 100 Steps, equalling over five times the height of Everest, while The Knoll set their sights on golfing the distance to the

Open. Lyon's embarked on a remarkable 24-hour relay round the athletics track, covering a staggering 700km in the process. Moretons kept their focus in a 'Keepie Uppie' challenge, while Newlands drew on their aquatic strength to swim and row the length of the Mediterranean. The Park combined endurance and speed in their relay sprint challenge; Rendalls marked 63,000 days since the House was established with a symbolic 63km run; and West Acre took on a World Cup goals challenge that brought plenty of competitive edge.



RECORD NORTH AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OFFERS

It has been an exceptionally successful year for Harrovians hoping to gain places at top US and Canadian universities. Between them, the 70 boys applying received 179 offers, including 31 from Ivy League schools. Among the colleges offering places were Stanford, Harvard, Princeton, UChicago, UMich, Georgetown, Vanderbilt, Duke, Amherst, Williams, UVA, NYU, BC, Pomona, Swarthmore, Rice, Johns Hopkins, Northwestern, Northeastern, WashU St Louis, Tufts, USC, and UC colleges including UC Berkeley and UCLA.

Among the many notable records achieved this year are:

- The highest number of offers from US universities in one application cycle
- The highest number of offers from Ivy League schools in one application cycle
- The highest number of offers from Stanford, Harvard and Princeton in one application cycle
- The highest number of boys with offers from Ivy League schools

Many of the offers from US universities are accompanied by very generous (up to 100%) financial packages in the form of bursaries and scholarships, which will allow the boys to graduate without accumulating any student debt.

PROFESSOR LORD ROBERT WINSTON AT HARROW

Esteemed scientist, clinician, author and communicator Professor Lord Robert Winston visited Harrow to give a talk about his career in science and the link between science and society. Along with many fascinating anecdotes about his career, including his experience as a member of the House of Lords' Select Committee on Assisted Dying, one of the major points Lord Winston emphasised in his talk was that science is a collaborative effort, with failure being a major component of success.



SHAFTESBURY ENTERPRISE –
SUPPORTING LOCAL CHILDREN
AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Shaftesbury Enterprise is Harrow School's initiative focused on improving the educational outcomes and life opportunities for young people in our neighbourhood, particularly those who face significant barriers to progress. The Shaftesbury Enterprise Impact Report 2024/25 reveals how the School's many partnerships and programmes – working with over 50 schools, charities and local organisations – have helped a wide and diverse cohort of children and young people to flourish academically, socially and emotionally. To find out about Shaftesbury Enterprise activities, you can read the 2024/25 Shaftesbury Enterprise Impact report on our website at harrowschool.org.uk/welcome-to-harrow/public-benefit.



TAKING HARROW SPORT TO NEW HEIGHTS

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Tom Webley as Harrow's new Director of Sport. Tom joins us with over two decades of experience, most recently serving as Director of Sport at Wells Cathedral School. His career includes significant leadership roles such as Assistant Head of Lower School, Head of Academic PE and Director of Cricket at Merchant Taylors' School, as well as Head of Physical Education at Kimbolton School. Before moving into education, Tom enjoyed an impressive professional playing career with Somerset County Cricket Club.

We are also delighted to welcome Mike Friday as Director of Rugby. A former England Sevens captain, Mike enjoyed a distinguished 15-a-side playing career with Wasps RFC and Harlequins FC before establishing himself as one of the most respected coaches in world rugby. Renowned for his energy and his ability to develop players to reach their full potential, Mike has helped nurture numerous England internationals. He is equally respected for his commitment to mentoring young people, instilling character, humility and resilience alongside rugby excellence.

In his role as Director of Rugby, Mike will help shape the strategic direction of rugby across the School and support Harrow's broad and inclusive 20-team rugby programme.



Mike Friday, Harrow's new Director of Rugby



HARROVIAN IS UNDER-16
NATIONAL SCHOOLS RACKETS
CHAMPION

Max W was crowned Under-16 Rackets National Singles Champion 2025 at Queen's Club, playing one year above his age group and becoming the first in the sport to do so. Max won the tournament without dropping a single game – an outstanding achievement.

Ben H also deserves credit for reaching the quarter-finals of the prestigious Foster Cup for the top 16 senior boys in the country. He lost to the eventual winner of the tournament, proving to be the only player to take a game off the champion.

NEW MEMBER JOINS THE HARROW FAMILY

Lockers Park School, a day and boarding prep school for boys, has become part of the Harrow family. Harrow School and Lockers Park have enjoyed strong links throughout Lockers Park's history, and the two schools share a values-driven culture and ethos founded on high academic standards, character development and the all-round education of boys. This partnership will bring a range of benefits to pupils at both schools including the sharing of educational, academic and pastoral expertise, and the development of opportunities for boys to thrive throughout their academic career and beyond.

Harrow School will continue to work with a broader community and network of schools and will continue to apply the same admissions process for all boys wishing to join Harrow from every school.





Harrow teams had a successful day at the STEM Racing North London Regional Final

DESIGN, TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING

A global STEM initiative, STEM Racing challenges students to design, build and race miniature Formula One cars. Five Harrow teams travelled to the STEM Racing London North Regional Final, where they competed against 42 other teams. It was a hugely successful day, with Harrovians achieving outstanding results:

- Best Brand Identity award
- Best Engineered Car – Development Class
- Best Engineered Car – Professional Class
- 1st place – Development Class
- 1st place – Professional Class
- 3rd place – Professional Class

After competing in a series of three automated robotics matches and presenting their innovation and robot design process, Harrow’s FIRST LEGO League team, Blue Rovers, worked tirelessly to design and build a consistent robot featuring clever and highly effective mechanisms, and were ultimately judged South-East Area FIRST LEGO League champions.

Harrow’s robotics team, Team Euclid, participated in the South-East regional heat of the FIRST Tech challenge and received the Connect Award in recognition of their outstanding outreach efforts working with local primary schools through the Shaftesbury Enterprise programme.

CLASSICS

The Coutts Lecture in Classics took on a different form this year, with Dr Sophie Hay of the Archaeological Park of Pompeii in discussion with Professor Tom Harrison, Keeper of Greek and Roman Antiquities at the British Museum. This fascinating event offered a glimpse into daily life in the Roman city of Pompeii, drawing on recent excavations and decades of research. The discussion revealed how archaeology continues to transform our understanding of the ancient city destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79, revealing how its inhabitants lived, what they believed and where they came from.

MATHS OLYMPIAD

After performing very well in the Senior Maths Challenge, 16 Harrovians sat the gruelling British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1 paper. Comprising only six questions, with full written solutions required, this is one of the toughest exam papers for school pupils.

Six boys earned certificates of Merit and four earned Distinctions, placing them in the top 350 candidates nationally. Two did even better: Eugene S earned a silver medal, placing him in the top 50 in the country, and Qingfeng L was awarded a gold medal (top 20) – both outstanding performances. As a Lower Sixth Former, Eugene’s result meant he was invited to participate in the training camp for the UK International Maths Olympiad team.

PHYSICS

Eleven Upper Sixth and three Lower Sixth boys took part in the challenging British Physics Olympiad Round 1 competition. Six boys achieved Bronze awards, four achieved Silver awards, and three Gold, two of whom were in the Top Gold category, putting them in the top 7% of students participating. These two boys were invited to Round 2 and to take part in the British Astronomy & Astrophysics Olympiad. Eugene S particularly impressed by achieving a Gold award a year early.

Thirty-nine Sixth Form boys sat the British Physics Olympiad ‘Physics Challenge’ paper, with 17 of them achieving Merits. Of note were Nathan G, who achieved a Merit while still in the Lower Sixth, Jerry Z, who dropped just three marks, and Jonathan S, who scored a remarkable 100%, something no Harrow boy has done before.



The Coutts Lecture in Classics focused on the Roman city of Pompeii

SCHOLARS’ CONFERENCE

Fourteen of Harrow’s most scholarly Remove boys were paired with the same number of girls from Downe House School to investigate a range of topics related to the number 11. The pairs puzzled their way through ideas as varied as sunspot cycles, Pascal’s triangle, sodium explosions, the parable of the vineyard, armistice imagery and many others. Much of the content was beyond A-Level study, which meant a steep learning curve as participants worked with both paper-based and AI resources.



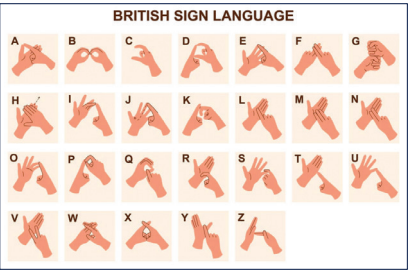
Harrovians and pupils from Downe House School joined forces for a conference on the number 11

MODERN LANGUAGES

Teikyo School is one of only two Japanese boarding schools in the UK and hosts an annual Japanese speech competition. Jerry Z represented Harrow in the Advanced category of the competition. His humorous speech about a device that can mute people, rather like a remote control, and his replies to subsequent questions from teachers and students, impressed the judges by their confidence and fluency, and Jerry was awarded first place, outperforming numerous contestants from schools such as Eton.

Four boys in the Upper Sixth took part in the regional French debating competition where they had to debate three motions with only 15 minutes’ preparation. Seren E and Judah A finished in fourth place overall.

Dr Matt Brown of UCL delivered the 2026 Sir William Jones Lecture. He spoke about British Sign Language and what sign languages can teach us about human language. This annual lecture on linguistics is named after one of Harrow’s Giants of Old who discovered the link between Sanskrit and European languages.



Young Geographer of the Year award winners

GEOGRAPHY

Luke P received a Highly Commended award for his submission to the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) Young Geographer of the Year competition. This international award is given to pupils from primary years up to A-Level who have demonstrated creative and analytical thinking about geography in line with the annual theme. Luke, who studied the Shetland Islands for his project, was one of only four entries from an estimated 2,000 submissions to receive this prestigious award.



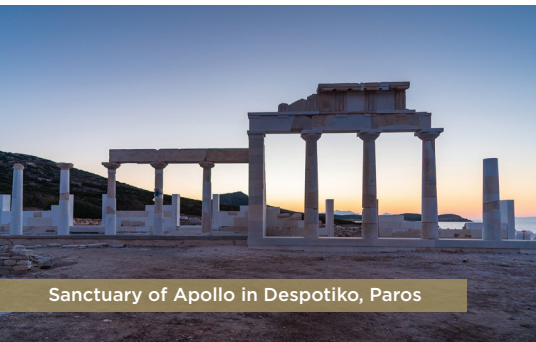
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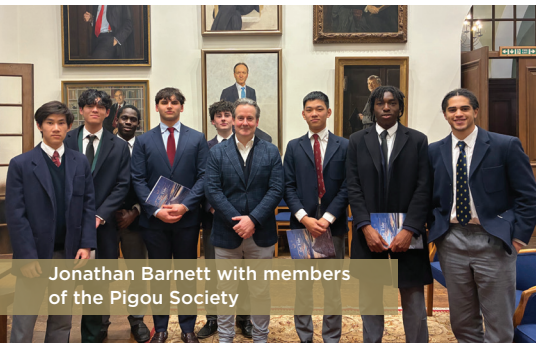
Sir Iain Duncan Smith



Ben Lewis



Sanctuary of Apollo in Despotiko, Paros



Jonathan Barnett with members of the Pigou Society

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Whatever the subject, there is almost certainly a club or society where a Harrovian can explore his particular interest in greater depth and detail and stretch his studies well beyond what is taught in the form room.

Many clubs and societies invite eminent speakers and experts in their field of interest. Recent speakers from the political world, hosted by the Palmerston Society for boys interested in **politics and world affairs**, include **Reform MP Danny Kruger**, and **former Leader of the Conservative Party Sir Iain Duncan Smith**. **The Revd Jonathan Aitken, a former Conservative Minister of Defence for the UK**, centred his talk on his own life, from his friendship with Winston Churchill to his imprisonment in 1999 for perjury and perverting the course of justice, and his later career as an author and prison chaplain.

From further afield came **Mr Elliot Berke, a prominent attorney from Washington DC** who specialises in American political law. Mr Berke, who currently serves as general counsel to The Trump-Kennedy Centre, focused on corruption in American politics and his dealings with US presidents from Bill Clinton to Donald Trump.

For boys interested in **economics and business**, there was **Jonathan Barnett of Oceanwall**, who spoke on 'Navigating the financial markets: a starter for 10' and provided the audience with an overview of how professionals interpret markets and economies. **Professor Ha-Joon Chang of SOAS** gave a talk on 'The tectonic shifts in the global economy'. For those with a particular fascination for the mysteries of the art market, **Ben Lewis, a broadcaster and cultural historian**, discussed how Leonardo da Vinci's painting Salvatore Mundi sold at auction for \$450 million in just 19 minutes and how this came about. Another speaker was **Edward Guinness, Fourth Earl of Iveagh**, who told the remarkable story behind one of the world's most recognisable brands, as well as its long and distinguished history of philanthropy.

Those with an interest in **science** were treated to a talk by **Dr Cordelia Roberts from Imperial College London** on the phenomenon of marine snow and its crucial role in helping to regulate Earth's climate and sustain life in the deep ocean. They also had the opportunity to hear **Professor Tim Coulson of Oxford University** discuss how life came into being and developed, starting with the Big Bang and ending with humans.

For those focused more specifically on **medicine**, **Mariya Shtumpf from the University of St Andrews** discussed how blood-derived DNA could be used to treat cancer, while **consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist Christopher Spencer** described 'A day in the life of a consultant obstetrician/gynaecologist in the modern NHS' for boys considering a medical career.

Speakers on **historical subjects** included **Yannos Kourayos, Chief Archaeologist of the Cycladic island of Paros**, who spoke to the Arthur Evans Society for Ancient History about recent archaeological developments on the island of Despotiko and, in particular, the discovery of a sanctuary dedicated to Apollo in which he played a part. Discussing a later historical period was **Tim Bouverie, a distinguished historian from Oxford University**, whose Lo Lecture in History covered 'Appeasement and Western-Soviet relations 1939-45'.

Ethical and philosophical matters were central to a talk by **Dr Timothy Winter, Shaykh Zayed Lecturer in Islamic Studies at Cambridge University** and founder of Cambridge Muslim College. His lecture explored both the promising possibilities of artificial intelligence and the serious concerns that accompany its rapid growth. He framed the discussion as part of a wider civilisational transition into a new chapter of the digital age.

Professor Conor Cunningham, Associate Professor in Theology and Philosophy at the University of Nottingham, acted as adjudicator for this year's Verney Prize for Argument. After an initial round, the adjudicator selected three finalists who

were asked to deliver a ten-minute argument on the question 'Is science still empirical, or is it now a true art (technē)? Discuss with reference to Richard Dawid's notion of Non-Empirical Theory Assessment.' All three finalists delivered clear and sophisticated arguments, but Professor Cunningham awarded the prize to Jeff H for the broad range of opinions and arguments he took into account and his recognition of the limit of empirical certainty.

Geographers enjoyed a talk by **geospatial consultant Momin Ashraf** about his work at Catapult Satellite Applications and potential careers in the field. Mr Ashraf demonstrated examples of how geographical information systems (GIS) have been used in projects such as the deployment of medical assistance during times of crises, mapping biomass in the USA and the use of satellite applications in the creation of new forms of data crucial to a sustainable future. They also heard from **Pete Taylor, Chair of United World Schools (UWS)**, who described how UWS brings a quality education to children in rural and remote areas who wouldn't otherwise receive any education at all, changing lives, and potentially countries' economies, in the process.

For boys with an interest in **architecture and sustainability**, the Architecture Society invited **Dr Ingrid Schroder, Director of the Architectural Association School**, to give a talk on how architectural innovations can contribute to more sustainable, green, climate-resilient cities and towns. Boys were also able to visit the Architectural Association School and take part in a collage-creation workshop run by association staff and student mentors. This was followed by a guided tour of the association's historic premises and the school's model-making studios.

DEBATING



Girls from Wycombe Abbey joined Harrovians for a debating event



Nehru Cup

The Debating Society hosted the annual Boys v Beaks exhibition match. The boys proposed the motion that 'The Head Master of Harrow School should be elected by the boys'. Although the boys argued hard and persuasively, it was the more experienced beaks who took the trophy.

The society also welcomed pupils from Wycombe Abbey for a debating social, which combined intellectual discussion with inter-school hospitality. The evening began with two British Parliamentary-style debates, the first on the motion 'This house would ban targeted political advertising on social media platforms', and the second on 'This House opposes the demonisation of selfishness'. Following the debates, guests and boys gathered for a meal, where discussions continued in a more informal setting, and the competitive edge of the chamber gave way to amicable conversation.

The Nehru Cup, a debating competition hosted at Harrow, attracted more than 70 debaters from nearly 20 schools. Four preliminary rounds whittled contestants down to finalists across the three tiers of gold, silver and bronze, with Highgate School just beating Harrow to gold.



Winners of the House Art Competition

HOUSE ART COMPETITION

The House Art Competition featured exciting and impressive work from boys in all years as each House strove to impress this year’s adjudicators – Sean Steadman and Michael Page. After much deliberation, the judges awarded first place and the House Art Palette to The Grove for their carefully curated exhibition of works in a wide variety of media. Second place went to Moretons and third to The Park. Individual prizes went to Will M in the Shell for his colourful architectural painting, Caspar B-A in the Fifth Form for his skull paintings, Loarn L in the Lower Sixth for his abstract sculpture of a spider, and Jesse E in the Upper Sixth for his detailed painting of hands. Joseph L won the Innovation award and Rory G the best photograph award.

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR OF NEW YORK

Boys studying Art and Photography enjoyed an unforgettable three-day visit to New York City. As well as viewing all the world-class art at the city’s major galleries and museums, including the Guggenheim, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Whitney Museum and MoMA, the boys explored some of the city’s iconic sites such as the Empire State Building, Central Park, Grand Central Station, the Statue of Liberty and the Rockefeller Center.



Harrovians visited the Guggenheim museum in New York



Work featured in the pop-up art exhibition

POP-UP EXHIBITION

Visitors were rightly impressed by the creativity and skill of some of the School’s most talented artists when they visited a week-long pop-up exhibition of work by Upper Sixth artists and Fifth Form Art Scholars at the former Hill Shop.

TABLETOP MINIATURES

For enthusiastic gamers, there was display of tabletop game miniatures painted by Harrovians. The prize for best miniature was won by Kaian P, and prizes were also awarded for best squad and best boardgame miniatures.



HARROW SCHOOL MINIATURE PAINTING COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION
ENTRIES WELCOME FROM WARHAMMER 40000, D&D, BOARDGAMES AND MORE
PRIZES FOR BEST MINIATURE AND BEST SQUAD/ARMY



Friday 7 November, 6pm
Pasmore Gallery
Contact Lawrence Baker (The Park) or IH for more information



Fifth Form artists spent an afternoon sketching at the Natural History Museum

STUDY AND SKETCHING TRIP

Fifth Form artists travelled to the V&A and Natural History Museums for a day of study and sketching. The expedition began with a treasure hunt through works in different media from across multiple artistic movements and cultures on show in the V&A, with a prize promised for those who finished the course. Moving on to the Natural History Museum, boys took inspiration from the dinosaurs, fossils, skeletons and taxidermies of different animals on display to create many detailed and beautiful sketches during the course of the afternoon.

A-LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

The annual A-Level Photography exhibition presented a compelling collection of work that explored urban environments and human identity. There were imaginative interpretations of cities and townscapes on show, as well as black and white portraits that offered a more intimate perspective. The exhibition provoked a great deal of stimulating conversation and attracted much praise from a wide audience of boys, staff and parents.



A-Level Photography Exhibition

DRAMA

The School's senior group of elite actors, the Rattigan Society, gave a performance of *The Hypochondriac*, based on Molière's satirical classic *Le Malade Imaginaire*. Along with stellar performances from the talented cast, the slick and chic set was immaculate, and the costumes elegant and effective. The inclusion of interludes portraying some of the brutal medical "cures" practised throughout the ages gave context to the absurd treatments suggested in the play.

A busy season of House Plays saw The Grove and Newlands join forces for a beautifully designed performance of *Cluedo*, a play based on the popular board game. It was an evening of fun and intrigue that challenged the audience to solve the mystery before the final reveal of the play.

West Acre chose *Joseph K* for their House Play. This adaptation of Kafka's classic novel *The Trial*, relocated to 21st-century Berlin, details the protagonist's painful and frustrating fight against an

invisible and illogical law as he tries to clear his name after being arrested for an unnamed crime. The unadorned set and unsettling soundtrack created an ominous atmosphere that skilfully reflected the tensions of the play.

Lyon's also selected a play with a legal theme: *Beyond Reasonable Doubt* by Jeffrey Archer. Here, the audience was invited to become the jury as barrister Sir David Metcalfe is on trial for murdering his wife. An excellent cast ensured that doubts remained and the verdict uncertain right until the final moments of the evening.

The last House Play of the season hit a more light-hearted note with an adaptation of Kenneth Graeme's children's classic *The Wind in the Willows*. Rat, Mole, Badger and, of course, Toad, burst onto the Ryan Theatre stage in a riot of colour and noise as they enjoyed having adventures, eating picnics and simply messing about in boats.



Beyond Reasonable Doubt



Cluedo



The Hypochondriac

MUSIC

Around half of Harrovians learn an instrument, with 15% studying more than one, meaning the musical scene is rich, varied and lively.

This was clear when more than 100 boys took part in the School's Spring Concert. The event featured a broad musical programme from ensembles including the Big Band, the Byron Consort, the School Orchestra, which performed Tchaikovsky's *Fifth Symphony*, Symphonic Winds, Harrow Sinfonia, and a new close harmony vocal group, Close Shave, who delighted with songs including *Danny Boy* and *Coney Island Baby*.

To mark Remembrance Day in November, the choir of Francis Holland School joined Harrow choristers for a performance of Mozart's *Requiem*. The two choirs were able to present a solemn and dramatic performance on just one combined rehearsal, providing a wonderful and cathartic end to a day of remembrance.

Harrow School Choral Society, which included Harrow boys, beaks, family and friends, was joined by the girls of Francis Holland, professional soloists and orchestra for a performance of Elgar's *The Dream of Gerontius* in Speech Room. A large and appreciative audience enjoyed a moving evening listening to one of the greatest choral masterpieces ever written.

One of the highlights of the musical calendar, the House Instrumental Competition features three classes: Solo, Small Ensemble and Large Ensemble. The most hotly contested of these is the Large Ensemble, and it always features an array of diverse entries. This year's winning House, Elmfield, gathered a large ensemble of 16 who performed a sparkling version of *Danzon No 2* by Marquez, which the adjudicator, Olly Goulding, Director of Music at Lockers Park School, described as "classy and juicy", and he had no hesitation in awarding it the crown. The Small Ensemble competition was won by a Lyon's trio for their interpretation of *Allegro ma non troppo* from *Piano Trio in D minor* by Fauré, and the Solo category winner was Eric L for his performance on the piano of *Pas de deux* from *The Nutcracker Suite* by Tchaikovsky.

The Singing Prizes awards provide an enjoyable evening of vocal talent. This year, the adjudicator, Professor Mary Wilson of the Royal Academy of Music, awarded the Oliver Sichel Senior Prize to Monty H for his confident and assured performance of 'Rolling in foaming billows' from Haydn's *The Creation*. Runner-up was Felix F for his lively interpretation of *Gia il sole dal Gange* by Scarlatti. Brayden W was awarded the prize in the Junior class, and Matias SCM won the Elizabeth Easter Trophy.



Mozart's Requiem



Spring Concert



Professor Mary Wilson was adjudicator for the Singing Prizes

HARROW RIFLE CORPS

Every House competes in a drill and an endurance event to win the prestigious Ansell Bowl trophy. In the drill event, points are awarded separately for turnout and the drill routine and count towards specific trophies in each discipline, as well as the overall Ansell Bowl. A group of 12 boys and one instructor from each House was inspected for the turnout of their kit before performing short drill routine. Both elements were assessed by three visiting officers from the Royal Air Force. Overall, Lyon's won the Ingram Trophy for best turnout, and The Park came first in the drill routine, securing the HSOTC Trophy.

Later in the day came the second part of the competition: the endurance event across the assault course and the log run. Teams of eight faced obstacles such as a six-foot wall, a water crossing and a ten-foot wall to finish the course. After this came the final run, which involved four members of the team carrying a log from the half-way point to the finish line at the Rifle Range. Elmfield recorded the best time on the assault course and therefore won the HSOTC Cup for the fastest completion of the assault course. The Park came second in the endurance event, helped by achieving the fastest time in the log run, which earned them the Guardsman Trophy.

Individual prizes were awarded to several boys for their personal achievements, including Best Cadet Instructor, Best Team Captain for Endurance, the Remove Army Cadet with the most leadership potential and the Fifth Form Army Cadet with the most leadership potential.

Finally, results from both the endurance and drill phases were collated to determine the overall winner of the Ansell Bowl. Lyon's were runners-up and received the Endeavour Plate, while The Park won the Ansell Bowl, successfully defending their title from last year.



LONDON YOUTH MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Ten Harrovians participated in the prestigious London Youth Model United Nations (MUN) conference. The boys represented a diverse array of nations from Guatemala and Spain to North Korea and Iraq across an incredible breadth of committees concerned with issues including disaster risk reduction in the Caribbean, illegal trafficking of light weaponry, regulating multinational corporations, the future of international oversight mechanisms, and the proliferation of nuclear weapons. They spent the two days in meetings, seeking to acquire the most beneficial outcomes for their respective nations. Isaac W, who was a delegate on the Commission of Science and Technology for Development dealing with the topic of 'Regulating Big Tech's influence in development', received the Research Award.



YOMPING FOR CHARITY

Fifth Former Luka G completed a 56-mile yomp (Royal Marines' slang for trek) with full pack and kit, through seriously adverse weather and hard terrain in Scotland. He was commemorating the Royal Marines' move on Port Stanley in the Falklands Campaign, while also raising money for charity.

HARROVIANS HEAR FROM INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS

Amy Varle, a motivational speaker who advocates for homeless people, addressed the whole School on the topic of 'Homelessness: the issues and what can be done to address them'. Having experienced homelessness herself as a young woman, Amy has dedicated her life's work to researching and creating solutions to the problem, presenting her research to Downing Street and establishing social enterprises that helped many homeless people in Manchester. The talk was part of a boy-led initiative including a brand-new PSHE lesson for Upper Sixth boys on the topic of homelessness.

As part of this term's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) theme of religion, the Boys' EDI Group invited Ije McDougall to speak to the School about religious tolerance. Ije is a TEDx and keynote speaker and the founder of the Kairos Initiative, which supports victims of insurgency in Northern Nigeria. Ije's message of understanding, compassion and values were an uplifting and inspiring way for boys to start the day, and a wonderful reinforcement of Harrow's value of Fellowship.



SKIING

The Harrow ski team once again triumphed at the Canada Cup, producing superb performances across both giant slalom and slalom to secure the team's tenth Canada Cup title. Individual prizes included gold in the Men's Giant Slalom and Men's Under-16 Giant Slalom, gold and silver in the Men's Open Slalom, and silver and bronze in the in the Men's Under-16 Slalom. The depth and quality of the squad was further highlighted by several medals in the Canada Challenge Plate competition. Beyond individual medals, Harrow also secured a number of trophies.

Harrovians achieved impressive results at the International Schoolboys' Ski Races at Wengen in Switzerland. In the team parallel slalom relays, the 1st team finished in a commendable 2nd place against fierce competition. There were several notable individual performances in the giant slalom races, with Harrovians finishing 4th in the Under-16 category, and with top 10 finishes in other categories. In the slalom races, Harrow secured gold in the Under-18 category and thus the slalom national title, as well as three top five finishes. Harrovians also won gold in the Under-18 combined event and silver in the Under-16 combined event. Even more impressively, the Under-16 team secured the Under-16 national title and the new Snowaces Cup.



Medal winners at the Canada Cup



Winners of the Snowaces Cup

CLIMBING

Harrovian Rupert L achieved sixth place in a national climbing competition. The event featured two days of tough competition: bouldering on the first day and lead climbing on the second. After battling through four qualifying rounds, Rupert secured his place among the top 27 athletes who advanced from a field of 1,000 competitors.



BADMINTON

Harrow's badminton players competed in the Wellington Cup against Eton College, Abingdon School and Wellington College. After eight closely contested matches, the team secured the title by defeating Eton 25-21 in total games.



FENCING

The Harrow fencing team maintained an outstanding 100% winning record in inter-school competitions this season: a remarkable achievement.

POLO

Harrow's polo team enjoyed an impressive run of success at competitions, with the B Team reaching the semi-finals of the British Polo Schools Cup. Both the A and B teams competed at the National Arena Championships, securing third place in the top division and second place in the intermediate division.



JUDO

At the London Area Schools Judo Championships, the Harrow judo team produced an excellent set of results. In a highly competitive Under-90kg category, they took gold, silver and bronze, adding a second gold and silver in the Over-90kg division. With a further three bronze medals won, their seven-medal tally meant that the team qualified for the British Schools Championships, where they fought hard against experienced opposition, securing a gold and a bronze medal in the Over-90kg division.

Another excellent set of performances won the Harrow judo team the title of Independent Schools Judo Champions for a second consecutive year. In the Junior lightweight pool, Harrow took three of the four medals, and in the middleweight pool, they added another bronze. Fourteen boys competed in the Intermediate age band and won gold in the lightweight, middleweight and heavyweight categories. Senior boys also won gold in the middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight divisions. Further combined showcase groups were then formed across the weight bands in which three Harrovians won gold medals. In the best-ten medal count, Harrow finished with seven golds and three silvers, giving the School victory.



The Harrow squad at the British Schools Judo Championships

SWIMMING

Harrovians competed at the ESSA National Championship finals, racing against the top school teams in England in a fiercely competitive national arena. Both the Senior and Intermediate teams delivered excellent swims in the 4x50m medley relay finals, each finishing 6th. In the 4x50m freestyle relay finals, the Seniors were placed 5th and the Intermediates finished 6th after strong, disciplined performances.

CRICKET

A squad of 29 boys played across South Africa's Western Cape, taking on some of the country's finest schoolboy teams. Alongside the cricket, boys enjoyed a variety of activities the region had to offer: Drakenstein Lion Sanctuary, beach rugby at Camps Bay, and elephants, hippos, giraffes and lions at Aquila Private Game Reserve. Robben Island brought a powerful encounter with recent history, and, in Langa Township, the boys coached batting, bowling and fielding for local youth.

At the annual game against Eton at Lord's, after winning the toss and choosing to bat first, Harrow won the match by 80 runs – the School's fifth consecutive victory.



Cricketers toured South Africa's Western Cape



Winners of the LISBA league

CROSS-COUNTRY

At the Knole Run, a gruelling 9.4km course and one of the toughest races of the season, Otis F-B finished in 2nd place with a time of 33:40. Strong runs from other members of the team meant they finished in second place overall, equalling Harrow's best result in this annual blue riband event.

The Senior team competed in the annual Ten Schools Match. Harrovians came in 1st, 2nd, 4th and 7th places, meaning Harrow won by a clear margin.

Harrow hosted the South East Schools Championships, with 435 runners from 24 schools. Despite very windy conditions and being pitted against some of the top running talent in the country, Máté S was victorious in the Senior Boys race. Harrow came a very creditable 5th overall in the team competition, in both the Seniors and Intermediates.

BASKETBALL

The LISBA basketball league is a prestigious competition that showcases the talent and skill of boys' basketball teams from independent schools. After an incredible run of 14 wins, Harrow basketball players faced Watford Grammar School for Boys in the final, the team that had handed them their only defeat of the season earlier in the campaign. After falling behind in the game, the boys produced a brilliant comeback to take control and secure the national title.

The Harrow team also produced a superb all-round display to win the Wellington Tournament for the first time, defeating Winchester twice, Wellington and Royal Hospital School on their way to the title.



Peter Cooper



JJ Keith



Will Ellis



Hugo Anderson



Hector Scott Lyon
and Davide Bernardi



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Peter Cooper (*Moretons 1957*) was awarded an MBE for his work in West Asia, North Africa and sub-Saharan Africa over 35 years ago. The work focused on improving the food security and economic welfare of small-scale farmers through enhanced soil fertility.

Jeremy Reed (*Moretons 1974*) won the British Film Designers Guild award for best production design for the fantasy film *Dust Bunny*.

JJ Keith's (*The Park 1984*) portrait of Zubeid, a pathologist at Charing Cross Hospital, was selected for the prestigious Taylor Wessing Portrait Prize at the National Portrait Gallery. The portrait was created as part of a collaboration between his ongoing project *Open Britain: Portrait of a Diverse Nation* and the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust.

Hector Scott Lyon (*Newlands 2013*) and **Davide Bernardi** (*Newlands 2010*) represented The Queen's Club in the prestigious Bath Cup – the world's oldest active squash league, founded in 1922. As boys, they both played as the top seed for the Harrow 1st team. Hector and Davide also compete for the OH team, now through to the semi-finals of the Londonderry Cup.

Oli Taylor (*Rendalls 2014*) began his commercial pilot training with TUI after being accepted on their fully funded MPL course. He was one of the 30 cadets who were accepted from over 12,000 applicants.

Hugo Anderson (*Newlands 2017*), alongside his father, Simon, took part in the Marathon des Sables, completing the 270km race across the Sahara Desert over six days, carrying everything on their backs. The multi-stage ultramarathon includes a 100km stage that is regarded as one of the toughest single days in endurance sport. The pair raised over £10,000 for StreetGames UK, a grassroots organisation that brings sport directly onto young people's doorsteps in places where access is often the biggest barrier.

Will Ellis (*The Head Master's 1994*), who plays the villain Theo Hawthorne in *EastEnders*, is in training to swim the length of Lake Geneva – a 70km non-stop swim that only 17 people have managed to complete. Will is raising money for a local SEND school.

Samuel Amissah (*Druries 2020*) was selected to play for the England Under-19 football team.