

Parent Guide to School Communication

Effective communication is vital in running a successful school and Harrodian uses several channels to make sure important information is disseminated to parents. Each of these channels fulfil a different purpose and some, because of the nature of the data they hold, require a password for access. This guide has been produced to assist parents in finding the information they are looking for.

Much of what is described here are new industry leading systems and all are under development by the school. We understand that we must continue to build effective communication both internally and externally. We therefore recognise the importance of listening to our community. Please browse all the descriptions below and should you have any questions, requests or feedback, feel free to contact Captain Rob Stewart (Head of Seniors) on rstewart@harrodian.com.

The Harrodian Website – www.harrodian.com

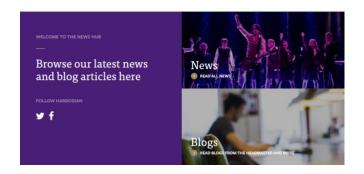
The new website is a central hub for school communication and contains a wide range of general information for parents. To access useful information such as term dates, click on *Practical Info* (http://www.harrodian.com/practical-information). There is a further subsection within this area entitled *Parent Information* where you can access and download a copy of the Parent Handbook, find information about sports kit, dress codes, staff contact details etc.

News Hub: www.harrodian.com/news-hub

Our News Hub is where all our latest activity, events and celebrations are posted.

News Hub

Browse all Harrodian on-line news, media galleries and printed outputs below Read about Herrodian schlevements, events, trips and more, as well as viewing Blogs from the Headmatter, from our Heads of School and individual deartments. Or use the line to advontage or printed Neweltern certifies.



Daily news updates are featured alongside photos on our Twitter feed @HarrodianNews. Make sure you follow us at https://twitter.com/HarrodianNews!

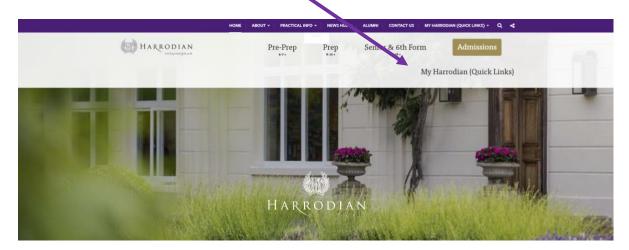




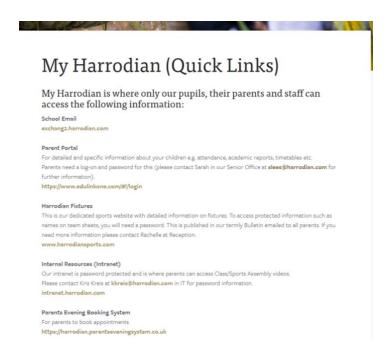
Also expect to see some of the highlights from the week in a mailing sent out on Fridays. The Website Team collate events, activities and stories in photographs, films and words to enable you to get a flavour of what has been taking place in our busy school.

My Harrodian (Quick Links) - www.harrodian.com

The website is also a place where you can find links to the other information channels listed below. A single 'click' on *My Harrodian (Quick Links)* will take you to a list of all these areas.



The Quick Links give pupils, parents and staff easy access to school emails, the Parent Portal (Edulink), Harrodian Fixtures (Sports), Intranet and the Parents' Evening Booking System.



Harrodian Community - https://community.harrodian.com



Our new Harrodian Community can be accessed via the 'Alumni' section of our website. This site brings our current and former parent/pupil communities together in one place. It will inform our whole school community about fundraising events for our Bursary Fund, including the option to make donations, and keep our alumni community abreast of any news and reunion events.

Parent Portal (Edulink) – access via My Harrodian (Quick Links)



The Parent Portal is a new information channel, especially tailored for parents. It is the one stop shop for specific information on your child, including your child's attendance, achievement, timetables, academic reports, his/her teacher's contact details etc. The Portal is still being developed and we will be adding more information over the forthcoming academic year.

To gain access to the Portal, you will need to log in via the home page above with the username and password provided to you. If you have lost your login details or need assistance logging in, please contact Ms Sarah Lees on slees@harrodian.com. New parents will be emailed their login details ahead of joining the school.

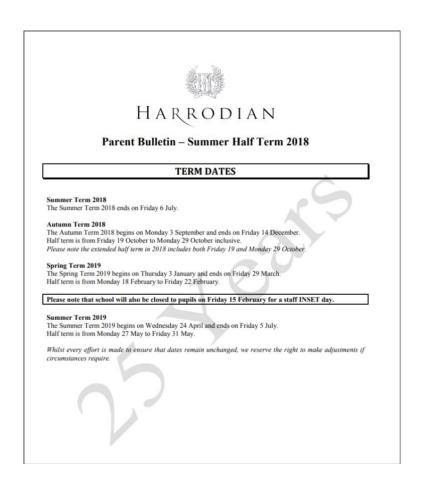


The Portal is accessible in many versions; via desktop, tablet and mobile devices. The Edulink mobile app can be downloaded for iOS at https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/edulink-one/id1188809029?mt=8 and for Android at https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.overnetdata.edulinkone&hl=en_GB.

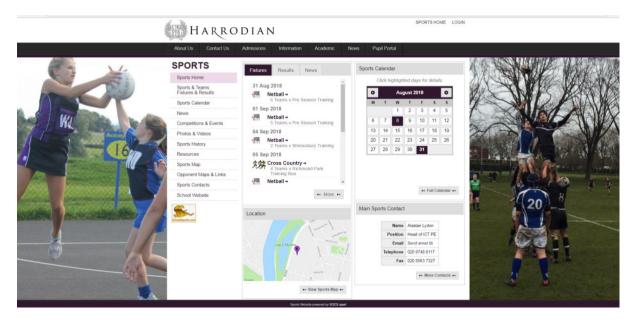
Parent Bulletin – accessed via the Parent Portal - use My Harrodian (Quick Links)

Our Parent Bulletin is uploaded to the Portal each half term and provides key information including term dates, diary dates, examinations, activities and departmental news. Bulletins will be uploaded to the *Noticeboard* tab in a PDF format, which you can download for later use.





Harrodian Fixtures (Sports) – access via My Harrodian (Quick Links)



This is the single access point for information on all aspects of school sport, including details of sports fixtures - what is on where, at what time and who is participating. To access information regarding school sports fixtures;

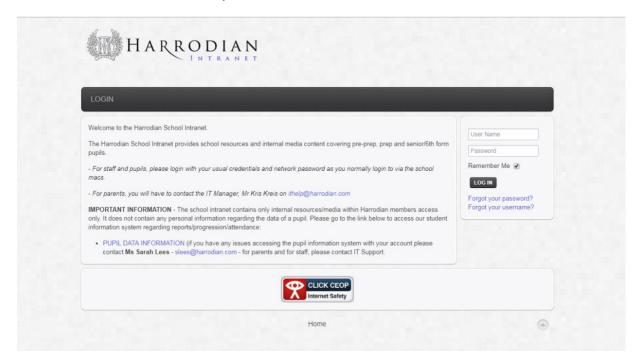
- Go onto the website above
- Go to the side menu and click on 'Sports & Teams, Fixtures & Results' (to access protected information ie names on teamsheets, you will need to enter the password harrodian1993).
- Click on the sport you need to view and then click on the team your son/daughter is involved in.
- Click on 'Download to Your Calendar' and all the fixtures will be synchronised with your Smartphone.
- All updates will be updated to your phone automatically as and when they are made.

You should refer to your son/daughter's School Planner for further information on the school's expectations regarding your child's participation in sport.

If you have any questions about a particular sport, please email the Teacher in Charge or Head of the relevant section, as listed in the Parent Handbook and on the website.

If you have any specific questions about the Harrodian Sports website, please contact Mr Alastair Lydon on alydon@harrodian.com.

School Intranet – access via My Harrodian (Quick Links)



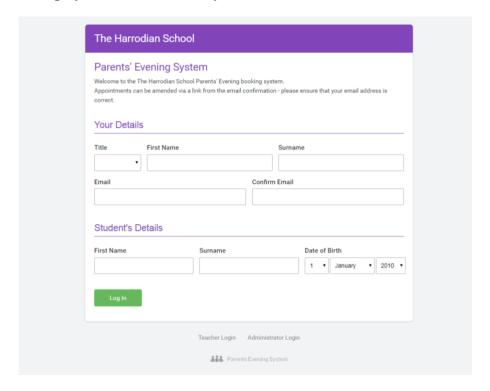
We encourage Pre-Prep parents to access the Intranet for videos of class assemblies. All end-of-term Sports assemblies are also uploaded to the Intranet, which is password protected.

If you do not have a username and password for the Intranet, please contact Mr Kris Kreis, our IT Manager, at the start of term on kkreis@harrodian.com with the following information;

- Your child's name, date of birth and form/class
- Your full home address

For security reasons, please note that in order to issue your username and password, Mr Kreis will require all the above information.

Parents' Evening System – access via My Harrodian (Quick Links)



Parents in the Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior School have access to an intuitive and easy to use online appointment booking system. There are no personal login details for this system; you simply complete the requested details on the homepage — your own details and your child's details. Please note that the details you input must match the details we hold on our systems, otherwise you will be unable to access the system.

Once logged in, the system allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers, post a comment and then receive an email confirming your appointment slots. Parents will receive advance notice via email of when the system will be opened and closed for bookings. Appointments are made on a first come, first served basis.

Sixth Form parents – please note that there is no online booking system for Sixth Form Parents' Evenings. Sixth Form students make appointments directly with their subject teachers.

The intention for the system this year is to open it up for use in making wider bookings for other major school events where there is a restriction on numbers. For any queries regarding Parents' Evening appointments, please contact Ms Clair Green for Pre-Prep and Prep on cgreen@harrodian.com and Mrs Nina Patel for Seniors on npatel@harrodian.com.