



HARRODIAN

Parent Bulletin – Spring Term 2018

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2018

The Spring Term 2018 begins on Thursday 4 January and ends on Wednesday 28 March.

Half term is from Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February.

Please note that school will also be closed to pupils on Friday 9 February for a staff INSET day.

Summer Term 2018

The Summer Term 2018 begins on Monday 23 April and ends on Friday 6 July.

Half term is from Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June.

Autumn Term 2018

The Autumn Term 2018 begins on Monday 3 September and ends on Friday 14 December.

Half term is from Friday 19 October to Monday 29 October inclusive.

Please note the extended half term in 2018 includes both Friday 19 and Monday 29 October.

Spring Term 2019

The Spring Term 2019 begins on Thursday 3 January and ends on Friday 29 March.

Half term is from Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February.

Please note that school will also be closed to pupils on Friday 15 February for a staff INSET day.

Summer Term 2019

The Summer Term 2019 begins on Wednesday 24 April and ends on Friday 5 July.

Half term is from Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May.

Whilst every effort is made to ensure that dates remain unchanged, we reserve the right to make adjustments if circumstances require.

On the last day of the Autumn and Summer Terms, the Pre-Prep Department finishes at 11.30a.m., the Prep School at 12 noon and the Senior School at 12.30 p.m.

Please note, however, that the last day of each Spring Term is a full school day, i.e. Pre-Prep children ending at 3.15/3.25 p.m., Prep and Senior pupils at 4.00/4.10 p.m. and 4.55 p.m. for Sixth Form students who have Lesson 8.

The last day before every October, February and May/June half term break is also a full school day.

Pupils are required to remain in school throughout term time and permission for absence for extended holidays to accommodate cheaper air fares, co-ordinate holidays with siblings at other schools etcetera cannot be granted, nor is it permissible to collect your child early from his/her classroom. Parents must also ensure that sufficient time is factored into arrangements to allow time to travel to the airport/Eurostar to check in on time.

Please be reminded that parents are asked to book non-urgent medical and dental appointments for their children outside of school hours or during the half-term and end-of-term holidays to prevent disruption to the school day.

SPRING TERM PARENTS' EVENINGS AND REPORTS

Parents' Evenings are staggered throughout the Autumn, Spring and Summer Terms. The Harrodian uses an annual cycle of Parents' Evenings, reports and grade cards to communicate to you your child's academic progress, with the schedule of reporting and feedback published by term in our regular bulletins.

Spring Term reports will be sent out for all pupils in the 13s, 15s and Lower Sixth and Progress Reports for pupils in the 11s, 12s, 14s and Upper Sixth.

Spring Term Parents' Evenings

*Parents are asked to note that children may not be in school after 5.00 p.m. as we are unable to offer supervision. **Children may not play or run around indoors/outdoors.** Please therefore make alternative arrangements for your children's care. The only exception is if your child is returning late from a sports fixture/after-school club. He/She may then sit quietly reading or doing homework, but if disruptive, you will be asked to take your child home.*

Thursday 25 January	Upper Sixth Parents' Evening, in Senior Building	5.15 – 8.15pm
Thursday 1 February	15s Parents' Evening, in Senior Building	5.15 – 8.15pm
Wednesday 21 February	8s Parents' Evenings, in Main Building	5.00 – 8.00pm
Thursday 22 February		
Thursday 1 March	10s Parents' Evening, in Main Building with subject displays in Main Hall from 5.30pm – 7.00pm (further information to follow)	5.00pm – 8.00pm
Wednesday 7 March and Thursday 8 March	Pre-Prep Parents' Evenings, in Main Building	4.30 – 6.00pm and 6.30 – 8.00pm
Tuesday 13 March	9s Parents' Evening, in Main Building	5.00 – 8.00pm
Thursday 15 March	14s Parents' Evening, in Senior Building	5.15 – 8.15pm
Thursday 22 March	11s Parents' Evening, in Main Building	5.00 – 8.00pm
Monday 26 March	12s Parents' Evening, in Main Building with '13s and Beyond' presentation in Theatre from 6.00 – 6.30pm and subject displays in Main Hall from 5.00 – 7.00pm	4.30 – 8.00pm

EXAMINATIONS

GCSE Mock Examinations:

The 15s GCSE mock examinations will be held from Thursday 4 to Monday 15 January.
Results will be posted home during the week commencing 22 January.

GCSE Practical Mock Examinations:

GCSE 3D Design: Wednesday 17 January

GCSE Practical Examination:

GCSE Music performance examination: Monday 5 March

Upper Sixth Mock Examinations:

Upper Sixth mock examinations will take place from Thursday 4 to Tuesday 16 January.
Results will be posted home during the week commencing 22 January.

Upper Sixth Practical Mock Examinations:

Art: Thursday 18 and Friday 19 January
Photography (Group 1): Thursday 18 and Friday 19 January
Photography (Group 2): Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 January
Graphic Design: Thursday 25 and Friday 26 January

Upper Sixth Examination:

Drama: Thursday 1 March

External Examinations – GCSE and GCE A Level

GCSE and GCE A Level examinations will take place from Monday 14 May to Friday 29 June 2018. Individual timetables, including a timetable for the practical examinations, will be sent out after the February half-term break. A generic timetable for all GCSE and GCE external examinations will also be available on the school website.

Results Days:

External examination results will be available to collect on the following days:

GCE A Level, EPQ and FMSQ: Thursday 16 August 2018

GCSE and IGCSE: Thursday 23 August 2018

DIARY DATES

Thursday 4 January - GCSE mock examinations

Monday 15 January

Thursday 4 January - Upper Sixth mock examinations

Tuesday 16 January

Wednesday 17 January PP2M History trip to Florence Nightingale Museum

GCSE 3D Design mock examination

Thursday 18 January Upper Sixth *Science Live!* Chemistry conference

Thursday 18 January and
Friday 19 January Upper Sixth Art and Photography (Group 1) mock examinations

Friday 19 January Lower Sixth History of Art trip to Tate Britain, Tate Modern and
The National Gallery

Monday 22 January 12s Public Speaking workshop
Please note that pupils will be charged £5 each on their Summer Term invoices.

Battle of the Bands auditions - details to be issued by the
Music Department at the start of term

14s and 15s evening Drama trip to see '*Frantic: Thinks I Know*' at
Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith

Tuesday 23 January PP3N and PP3S History trip to Hampton Court Palace

Tuesday 23 January and
Wednesday 24 January Upper Sixth Photography (Group 2) mock examination

Wednesday 24 January Rec M and Rec B trip to see dinosaurs at Natural History Museum

PP1E and PP1P '*Toys in the Past*' workshop

PP2S History trip to Florence Nightingale Museum

Wednesday 24 January ***13s GCSE Information Evening, 4.45pm – 7.00pm***

All parents and pupils in the 13s are warmly invited to attend our GCSE Information Evening on Wednesday 24 January. This will be an informative and valuable evening for pupils as they begin to consider their GCSE choices. It will be an opportunity for parents and pupils to learn more about GCSE examinations and to meet teachers to discuss the variety of courses Harrodian offers.

Parents are invited to arrive either at 4.45pm or 5.45pm and to register in the Main Hall by the Junior Library. After a presentation in the Theatre, parents and pupils will move into the Senior School for the information evening, where there will be displays for all GCSE subject options, with senior members of staff available to discuss these with you from 5.00pm.

Thursday 25 January
12s Study Skills Presentation, followed by
a presentation for all 12s parents at 4.15pm, in Theatre

On Thursday 25 January, all 12s pupils will be attending a presentation with an external speaker which will focus on revision techniques specific to the Common Entrance topics currently being studied in English, Mathematics, Science and Modern Foreign Languages. The session will provide pupils with useful tips on how to revise for their core subjects and become effective learners.

All 12s parents are then invited to attend a presentation at 4.15pm, in the Theatre, which will go over what was covered during the earlier pupil session.

Thursday 25 January	Upper Sixth Parents' Evening, in Senior Building	5.15 – 8.15pm
Thursday 25 January and Friday 26 January	Upper Sixth Graphic Design mock examination	
Monday 29 January - Friday 2 February	Pre-Prep <i>Literacy Week</i>	
Monday 29 January	14s, 15s and Lower Sixth parents' presentation on ' <i>Applying to Higher Education</i> ', in Theatre - please refer to earlier letter emailed to all parents	6.00pm

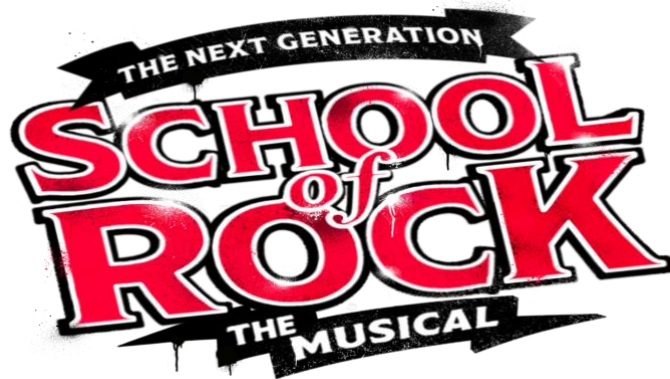
Tuesday 30 January
'In Conversation with Frank Gardner' 6.30pm for 7pm in the Theatre

Join us for a special evening with Frank Gardner OBE, BBC Security Correspondent, Journalist, Author and alumni Harrodian parent. All proceeds will go to the Harrodian Bursary Fund.
 Tickets and information available from January 8th.

Thursday 1 February	Pre-Prep Book Character Assembly, in Theatre	8.45am
	15s Parents' Evening, in Senior Building	5.15 – 8.15pm
Saturday 3 February	GCSE Art workshop	9.00am – 3.30pm
Monday 5 February	8s and 9s Public Speaking finals	
Tuesday 6 February	10s and 11s Public Speaking finals	
	Lower Sixth French debating competition at St Paul's Girls' School	
	Upper Sixth <i>Science Live!</i> Physics conference	
	Upper Sixth Classics lecture on <i>Virgil</i>	

SAVE THE DATE!
Sixth Form Annual Charity Event
Tuesday 6 February 2018
The Spencer Arms

Putney
From 7pm
£45pp for a three course meal and sizeable donation to our charities.
More information will be sent out in the first week of term.



Tuesday 6 February - Thursday 8 February
7.00pm in the Theatre

Our must-see Harrodian production!

Tickets (£10 each) will be available from Rachelle in Reception from Wednesday 10 January

Wednesday 7 February	12s and 13s Public Speaking finals	
Friday 9 February	<i>INSET DAY – school closed to pupils</i>	
Monday 19 February	14s and 15s pupils invited to presentation: 'So you think you might like to apply to Oxford or Cambridge?'	
Tuesday 20 February	<i>Battle of the Bands</i> competition, in Theatre	5.00pm
Wednesday 21 February and Thursday 22 February	8s Parents' Evening, in Main Building	5.00 – 8.00pm
Thursday 22 February	11s and 12s girls Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) on empowering young girls	
Friday 23 February	10s Geography trip to Rushall Farm, Berkshire	
Monday 26 February	Rec M, PP1P, PP2M and PP3S Dance Show, in Theatre	8.45am
	10s Magistrates Court workshops	

Monday 26 February - 4.10pm to 5.00pm in the Theatre
Questions and Answers with Sadie Coles

Sadie Coles HQ is a leading contemporary art gallery in London, owned and directed by Sadie Coles. Sadie opened her first gallery on Heddon Street in 1997, expanding to Mayfair a decade later. The galleries have been at the forefront of the Young British Artists' movement and represent artists such as Sarah Lucas and John Currin.

The London art scene is massive and overwhelming. Out of hundreds of galleries and thousands of people who work in them, how do you know where to go and who to listen to? In 2014, The Guardian listed Sadie Coles in their "Movers and makers: the most powerful people in the art world".

It is a huge privilege for Harrodian to host Sadie and hear her talk to us about the art world.

Do come along. All are welcome – parents, pupils and staff.

Laura Caldecott
Head of Art

Tuesday 27 February 10s revision skills session

12s English trip to see '*Much Ado About Nothing*', Globe Theatre

Wednesday 28 February 13s booster vaccinations for tetanus, diphtheria, polio and meningitis (Men ACWY)

Thursday 1 March *WORLD BOOK DAY*

Rec B, PP1E, PP2S and PP3N Dance Show, in Theatre 8.45am

Upper Sixth Drama examination

10s Parents' Evening, in Main Building 5.00pm – 8.00pm
- with subject displays in Main Hall from 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Further information to follow.

Friday 2 March Prep House *Mufti Day*

Friday 2 March - 13s History trip to battlefields of Ypres, Belgium
Saturday 3 March

Friday 2 March - 10s – 15s Interschool Ski Challenge, Pila, Italy
Tuesday 6 March

Monday 5 March 15s GCSE Music performance examination

Tuesday 6 March ***SAVE THE DATE!***
HSPA Charity Fashion Show, in Theatre 6.30pm
– information to follow in the new year

Wednesday 7 March 14s Geography trip to Epping Forest

Wednesday 7 March Pre-Prep Parents' Evening, in Main Building 4.30 – 6.00pm and
and Thursday 8 March 6.30 – 8.00pm

Thursday 8 March 13s *Youth Philanthropy Initiative* finals

13s – 15s Senior Music recital, in Auditorium 4.30pm

Monday 12 March - *Science Week*
Friday 16 March

Tuesday 13 March 9s Parents' Evening, in Main Building 5.00 – 8.00pm

Wednesday 14 March Lower Sixth Classics lecture on '*The Iliad*'

Thursday 15 March 14s Parents' Evening, in Senior Building 5.15 – 8.15pm

Monday 19 March 8s Greek day

SAVE THE DATE!
HSPA Quiz Night, in the Theatre 7.30pm
- a great evening of fun, frolics and a little bit of
general knowledge too!

Thursday 22 March 8s & 9s French play

11s Parents' Evening, in Main Building 5.00 – 8.00pm

Friday 23 March Prep House Drama finals

Monday 26 March	12s Parents' Evening, in Main Building with '13s and Beyond' presentation in Theatre from 6.00 – 6.30pm and subject displays in Main Hall from 5.00 – 7.00pm	4.30 – 8.00pm
Tuesday 27 March	Easter Concert, in Theatre	7.00pm
Wednesday 28 March	Pre-Prep Easter hat parade	2.45pm
Last day of term - please note that Wednesday is a full school day.		
Wednesday 28 March - Saturday 31 March	Jazz Band tour to Budapest	
Wednesday 4 April - Monday 9 April	11s Italy trip	
Monday 16 April - Thursday 19 April	10s French trip	
Monday 16 April - Saturday 21 April	Tennis tour to Portugal	
Friday 20 April	GCSE Art Examination Workshop <i>(please note this is the last Friday during the Easter holidays)</i>	9.00am – 3.30pm

PREP CAREERS FAIR

Friday 27 April

Following the incredible success of the last two years, Miss Morrow is inviting parents who would like to promote their careers to our Prep pupils at our Careers Fair on Friday morning, 27 April. Please be prepared to answer lots of questions about your daily job requirements and routines, how you progressed to reach where you are today, the training required or any obstacles you were faced with! Tables and boards can be provided for displays. If you would like to volunteer, please email Miss Morrow on amorrow@harrodian.com (we would love to have approximately 15- 20 volunteers from a range of career paths). Thank you!

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Lunchtime clubs and activities commence on Monday 15 January and end on Friday 23 March – if there are any exceptions to this, then instructors will inform pupils directly.

HARRODIAN STAFF NEWS

We wish Mrs Antonia Cooper, Head of 14s and teacher of Geography, all the best as she commences her maternity leave. Our thanks to Mr Guy Holder who is stepping in as Acting Head of 14s this term and to Ms Rebecca Dorse who is taking over as 14H Form Tutor.

A warm welcome back to Mrs Charlotte Arnold, Head of Government and Politics, who has returned from maternity leave.

We also welcome Mr Barry Craddock, joining us at the start of term as our school driver.

Our thanks and best wishes to Ms Lauren Beckett, teacher of English, who left us at the end of term.

Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Jacqueline Howe, Art, on her wedding at the start of the holidays.

SPORT

Now that the cold weather is upon us, we would like to emphasise the importance of base layers and polar fleeces for pupils to wear during Sport and PE lessons.

If you would still like to purchase a Harrodian baselayer for your child (8s – Sixth Formers), please go to www.serious-stuff.com (password: lonsdale) or www.playerlayer.com (then search in the schools section for 'Harrodian School').

Appropriate footwear is required for all pupils in PP3 to the Upper Sixth (rugby safety studs for boys/astroturf trainers for girls). Shin pads for girls and mouthguards for all pupils are also compulsory for the term ahead. Please ensure that all kit is named on the outside to allow for easy identification and it is strongly recommend that all sports bags are padlocked.

Rugby and hockey fixture lists have been released, so please check www.harrodiansports.com to enable you to plan ahead and diarise your children's sporting commitments, especially those that take place on weekends.

ART

'YOUNG ART' - Royal College of Art

YOUNG ART is an exhibition held at the Royal College of Art, for school pupils aged 4-18, to raise funds for *Cancer Research UK*.

The Harrodian is delighted to be supporting this wonderful opportunity for aspiring artists to have their work judged by well-known professional artists and exhibited at the prestigious Royal College of Art, whilst also raising money for *Cancer Research UK*.

All Harrodians from 4 to 18 years of age are encouraged to enter.

To participate, please see below:

Theme: FEELINGS

Deadline:

24 January 2018

All work should be handed in to Room 501, Senior Art Room, together with a £2 donation.

Materials:

Oil, watercolour, acrylic, pastel, crayon, pencil or ink - no computer generated art and NO WRITING ON THE PICTURE. Collage is not encouraged, but may be accepted at the discretion of the judges.

Size of Paper:

Reception to Year 6 (10s) - A4

Year 7 (11s) to Year 9 (13s) - up to A3

Year 10 (14s) to Year 13 (Upper Sixth) - any size

Art, Drawing and Printmaking Competitions:

Pupils may enter all three categories - one entry in each competition - therefore an opportunity for three entries per pupil.

Labelling of Work:

Name, year group, school and "Art Competition", "Drawing Competition" or "Printmaking Competition" must be clearly marked in BLOCK CAPITALS on the back of each entry.

£2.00 to accompany each entry.

For further information, please see: www.young-art.org.uk

At the exhibition all pictures will be auctioned off, with all proceeds donated directly to *Cancer Research UK* to fund research into childhood cancers. Parents will, however, have first refusal when there is an outside bidder for their child's picture.

Good luck to all our artists!

Laura Caldecott
Head of Art

JUNIOR LIBRARY NEWS

This was a record year for our Christmas Book Fair, mainly due to the visit by Father Christmas, who took time out of his busy schedule to sign books for our Harrodian children.

Thank you to all parents and children who came along and bought books. With the money raised, we are now able to choose £1,156 worth of new books for the Junior Library and Pre-Prep classes. Thank you for your generous support.

Spring Term....

World Book Day 2018, the biggest annual celebration of books and reading in the UK and Ireland, will take place on Thursday 1 March.

To celebrate this occasion, we will host a Book Swap for all pupils. Please bring a good book (that you can part with) and £1 to choose a book from the table.

The more who participate, the better the selection (and, of course, the more money raised to support literacy in developing countries by *Book Aid International*). We hope you will join in and encourage your children to do so as well.

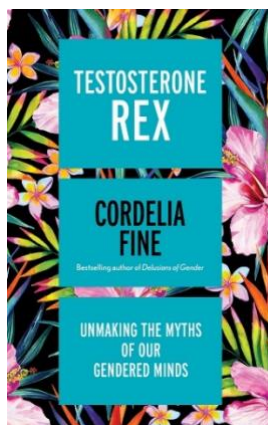
We wish you all a happy Christmas and hope you have time to enjoy a good book.

Kind regards,

Brenda Powell and Celia Guthrie
Junior Library

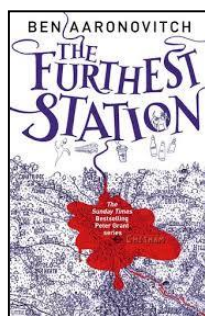
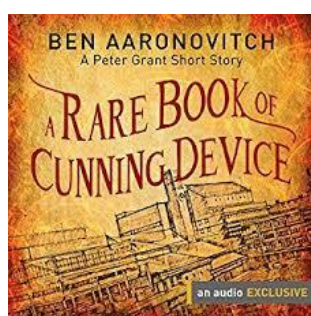
SENIOR LIBRARY NEWS

Some Christmas reading suggestions from books I've particularly enjoyed recently ...



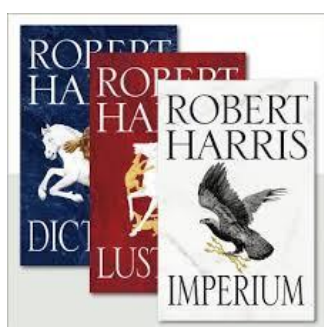
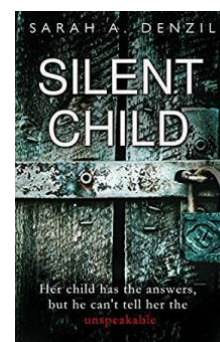
Testosterone Rex is honestly superb! It was the Royal Society science book of the year. It was praised for "its eye-opening, forensic look at gender stereotypes and its urgent call for change." Her argument is that the differences between the sexes are cultural and societal rather than biological. That makes it sound dry, but it was easy to read and had a surprising number of jokes.

Another non-fiction book I really enjoyed, although that might be a bad choice of words, was **This is Going to Hurt** by Adam Kay. It certainly isn't for the faint-hearted and I would only suggest older readers attempt it, but I alternated between horrified laughter and being on the edge of tears as I read this. We have a number of aspiring medics in the Sixth Form and I will be recommending this book to them.



I love Ben Aaronovitch and we have a number of fans of the series amongst the students. **A Rare Book of Cunning Device** is an audio exclusive and I listened to it while walking one evening. The dog walkers must have thought I was crazy as I walked along chuckling. I also enjoyed his latest book **The Furthest Station** which is only a novella, so perfect for a cup of tea and a biscuit and an hour's relaxation.

I must also recommend audio books. Listening to a book is different from reading a book, but a good narrator can add such a lot to a work. For reluctant readers, readers with too little time, or anyone who walks or runs, they can be fabulous. This autumn I've had Robert Harris' **Cicero** series and **Silent Child** by Sara A Denzil to keep me company as I try to improve my 'parkrun' times. With both of these, I will admit to walking past my house and round the block to find out what happened next!



I hope you have a lovely break and I look forward to seeing everyone back in the New Year.

Hilary Cummings
Harrodian Senior Library

SCHOOL NURSE

Immunisations:

Booster vaccinations for tetanus, diphtheria, polio and meningitis (Men ACWY) will be offered to all pupils in the 13s on 28 February 2018. Information and consent forms will be sent out at the beginning of the Spring Term and are to be returned as soon as possible.

If your child is in the 14s or above, has not yet had this vaccination and you would like him/her to receive it, please contact me.

The 12s first HPV vaccination will be given in June 2018, with the second the following academic year. If your daughter has not received this vaccination and you would like her to, please contact me via the email address below.

Medication:

If your child is taking medication, it must please be given to me in the Nurse's Office, in the original packaging, with clear instructions for administration.

Pupils should not be carrying any medication other than throat sweets, inhalers and, in the Senior School, their Epipens.

Please contact me on the email below if you have any queries about this.

Nuts and Sesame:

Please be aware that the school aims to provide a nut free and sesame free environment. We have pupils with severe nut and sesame allergies, so it is imperative that no pupils bring snacks / food / birthday cakes containing nuts, sesame or nut/sesame ingredients. Likewise, please ensure all cakes brought in for cake sales contain no nuts/sesame or traces of nuts or sesame.

Please be vigilant when providing break-time snacks and 'health' bars to ensure they are nut/sesame free by checking food labels carefully. For treats for birthdays etcetera, please note that Haribo sweets are a safer alternative to chocolate – Cadbury's chocolate is not completely safe for those suffering from nut allergies, but Kit Kats and Maltesers provide good alternatives.

Thank you.

Mrs Helen Delves RGN

School Nurse (hdelves@harrodian.com)

EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

In the event of extreme weather conditions, please consult the school website (www.harrodian.com) for information on potential closure during the winter months ahead. Please do not call the school office as notices will be posted on the website with regular updates.

HARRODIAN SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair and Fireworks on Saturday 2 December.

So many Harrodian families enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of Christmas themed activities, including rides, school stalls, Christmas shopping, delicious hot food and drink and, of course, a fantastic fireworks display. New this year was the 'Harrodian Pantomime' plus the most incredible enchanted forest themed Santa's Grotto, kindly donated by a parent, bringing a little taste of Lapland to school. The children were able to sit in the forest to write to Santa, posting their letters via our very own post box!

Enormous thanks to our Events' Committee, class co-ordinators and parent volunteers, who made such a difference running all the school stalls, as well as to our 15s and Senior prefects, who all contributed so much to the event.

The net amount raised on the day was in excess of £10,000 - a truly wonderful amount!

This will be divided up and donated to the following charities:

The Dusty Yak Foundation: <http://www.dustyyak.com>

who provide care, accommodation, clothing, food, medicine and education for orphaned, neglected and impoverished children in Nepal

and

The Flying Seagull Project: <http://www.theflyingseagullproject.com>

who support marginalised children, often in refugee camps and hospitals, bringing laughter through arts, music, craft workshops and shows.

The HSPA will also continue to support the *Castelnau Community Centre* and *Viera Gray House* in Barnes, as well as the school allotment and a variety of new school projects.

We are looking forward to some great events for 2018, including the Charity Fashion Show, Quiz Night and the School's 25th Anniversary Celebration, in support of the Bursary Fund. Please find all dates in the bulletins.

With best wishes for a wonderful, restful Christmas and thank you for all your generosity and support in 2017.

The Harrodian School Parents' Association