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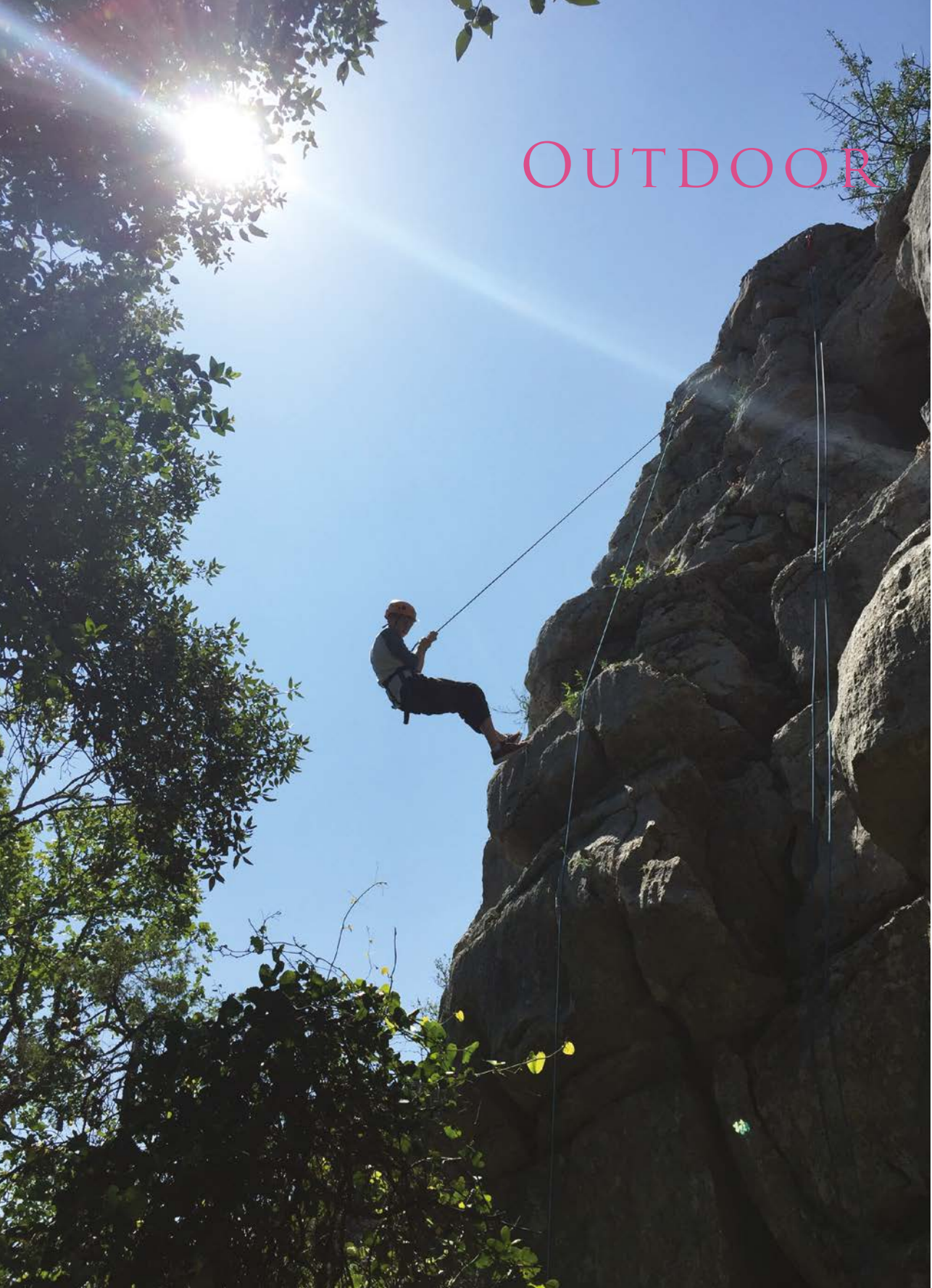
NEWSLETTER

Summer 2017

13th Berlin Trip



OUTDOOR



LEARNING

OUTWARD BOUND

The benefits of taking learning outside the classroom are well proven. With this in mind, pupils from our 10s, 12s and 13s had the opportunity to experience real adventure in the great outdoors. As part of their Bushcraft expedition, our 10s spent a few days in the Oxfordshire woods, completely off the grid with no modern-day luxuries. They slept under the stars in shelters built with their bare hands and also learnt first aid skills, which they put into practice when they encountered a simulated plane crash. As a celebration of their graduation into the Senior School, our 12s headed to Swanage, where they faced a number of challenging physical tasks, including a low and high ropes course. One of their responsibilities involved learning how to erect hammocks and then sleeping in them overnight. Other activities included taking a steam train from Corfe Castle into Swanage for fish and chips and travelling by powerboat to Brown Sea Island to look at red squirrels and peacocks. Meanwhile our 13s travelled to the Ardèche for a week of camping, kayaking and teambuilding. With beautiful weather, they were able to spend all the time out in the open appreciating the breathtaking scenery and to participate in a number of outdoor activities, including weaseling, climbing, abseiling, swinging through the trees on a high ropes course and kayaking 32km down the Ardèche river, *left and above*. All three trips gave our pupils the opportunity to push their own boundaries and face new challenges, whilst also appreciating the importance of friendship and teamwork.



A FIELD DAY

The number of Geography field trips increased this term, with the warmer weather making it more appealing outside. Our pupils in the 9s put their orienteering skills into practice on an outing to Bushy Park, by reading maps and using a compass. Our 11s, *below*, investigated downstream changes in channel characteristics on the Tillingbourne River as part of their trip to Juniper Hall. They collected data on the width, depth, speed and gradient of the river and how it changes from upper to lower course. In the Senior School, our 13s visited the Olympic Park to investigate how the Stratford area has changed as a result of the Olympics. They studied the region that has been regenerated, as well as the surrounding area that has not benefited from any investment. They carried out questionnaires, land use surveys, environmental quality surveys and a business tally.





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COLLECTIVE CAMPAIGNING

A combined effort by the whole of our Harroddian community has resulted in an impressive £18,000 being raised for the Blood Fund at Hammersmith Hospital Haematology department. Lisa Jackson, parent to Isabella (8MN) and Poppy (11S) and HSPA Events' Committee member, has been campaigning tirelessly for the charity that provided her with excellent specialist care during her treatment for leukaemia. Hammersmith Hospital, which is world-

renowned for treating blood disorders, set up the Blood Fund to ensure the continued provision of exceptional patient care, clinical research and support for scientists and doctors of the future. Money raised at our Christmas Fair, Carol Concert collection, Fashion Show, and Quiz Night was donated to the charity. Over £7,000 of the total sum was raised by Lisa's good friend and fellow Harroddian parent, Katy Measures. She set up her own justgiving web page where she promised to cut off all her hair if she reached her fundraising target. When she exceeded the amount, she celebrated by having her

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head shaved at the HSPA Quiz Night, in front of a large audience of pupils, staff and her own girls, Hero (11S) and Perdey (8B), *above right*.

WITH OPEN ARMS

Harrodian is always appreciative of support from our local community and this term was no exception. Guests from nearby centres for the elderly – FISH at Barnes Green Centre, Castelnau Community Centre and Viera Gray – were invited to a Harrodian tea party hosted by a group of pupils and staff in the marquee. PP3 children sang songs to them while Sixth Form Prefects served tea and cakes. Each guest received a Harrodian gift bag containing a plant that had been grown on the allotment by our Pre-Prep children, *left*. Much to the delight of our guests, Mrs Drummond-Chew, Head of Business, and a handful of Senior Prefects led a lively sing-along to some well-known classic hits. The Summer Fair, organised every year by the HSPA, is another great example of community coming together. A large number of parents, pupils and staff, including our chef Josef, *inset left*, volunteered their time to supervise activities or stalls and, in some cases, enlisted the help of family and friends too. Our Sixth Formers washed cars parked at the School for the day while residents of Barnes and other local areas had the opportunity to promote their businesses and sell their products at the Fair's Bazaar. Everyone worked together to make the day fun and enjoyable but also successful from a fundraising perspective. Their efforts resulted in an impressive total of £5,500, most of which has been donated

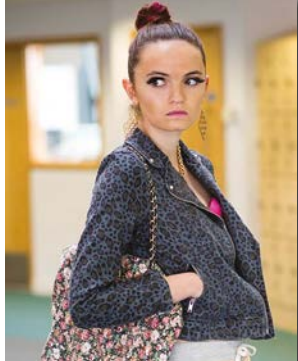


to the victims of the Grenfell Tower. Both of these events succeeded in creating a friendly and inclusive atmosphere and encouraging community spirit.

BUSINESS FOR CHARITY

Our 13s pupils demonstrated the value of strong business acumen at this year's Enterprise Fair, when they successfully raised £860 for charity in just one hour of trading. Pupils worked in teams, purchased stock or created their own products, then marketed and sold them after school in an 'Apprentice' style battle to generate the highest profit. There were ten different stalls in total, some selling produce such as cupcakes, smoothies, waffles and handmade bracelets, *below*, whilst others charged for activities such as 'Hook the Duck' and 'Shoot the Hoops'. In a vote to elect a charity, the overwhelming majority of 13s pupils chose to donate all the money raised to help those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire.





KEEPING

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Only two years ago we said goodbye to former Harroddian, Abigail Lawrie, *below*, and already she has achieved so much since leaving. She joined the School in the 14s for her GCSEs and went on to study English, History and Drama at A Level. Half way through Sixth Form, Abigail secured a main part in the BBC adaptation of J.K. Rowling's *The Casual Vacancy*, *above*. Despite a busy schedule filming, she still managed to contribute to a number of extra-curricular activities, particularly drama, by acting in a number of school plays, but also by singing in the choir and playing netball. She was also committed to her role as Performing Arts Prefect in the Sixth form and formed part of the team that launched the first Harroddian Film Festival. Since leaving Harroddian, Abigail has been pursuing her acting career. She starred in the play *When we were Women* by Sharman MacDonald at the Orange Tree

Theatre in Richmond, and acted in a couple of short films before spending six months in Canada filming a TV series for Sky Atlantic called *Tin Star*. She also recently appeared as the lead character in *Murdered for Being Different*, a BBC TV drama that depicted the horrendous murder of goth Sophie Lancaster in 2007. At Harroddian, she will never forget rehearsing and putting on plays. Being part of Mr Parker's production, *Let it Fall*, at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival was a truly memorable and inspiring experience. Moving forward, Abigail would like to continue acting but she is also looking forward to starting an Open University degree in Arts and Humanities part-time in September.

PRIZED PUPIL

Former pupil, Alex Rivers, and his father, Alan, came back recently to visit the school and have lunch with Mr Hooke. After Alex left Harroddian, his family very kindly donated a prize in their name. The 'Rivers' Maths Trophy, seen here in Alex's hands, *right*, and its accompanying prize money, is a highly esteemed award presented at Senior Prize Giving. Alex joined the School at the age of 12 in 1999 and stayed until he had completed his A Levels. He gained three As in Maths, Further Maths, Business Studies and a place at the University of Nottingham where he read Politics. After graduating, Alex worked in the hospitality industry for some years, before moving to Brazil where he taught Business English for a year. Speaking four languages fluently enabled him to travel and work around the world. On his return



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to London, he joined the family company, Astor Hostels (www.astorhostels.com) and became Managing Director four years ago. He has been running the business ever since. With many happy memories of his time at Harroddian, Alex particularly recalls learning to play golf in his formative years with the late Mr Peter Thomson, former Harroddian Principal, and consequently developing a passion for the sport that has stayed with him into adulthood. He attributes his enjoyment of Maths and his desire to study the subject at A Level to the great teaching he received from Mr Ashraff, Maths and

Senior Admissions Tutor, and Mr Lee, Head of Maths, who are still working at Harroddian today. He also remembers watching and listening to some amazing performances in the Theatre, in particular Robert Pattinson playing the piano, and spending lots of time as a Sixth Former in the café and library. For Alex though, it was the warm atmosphere of Harroddian, in contrast to his first school, that has made a lasting impression.

We wish both our Old Harroddians the best of luck and look forward to catching up with them again and hearing more of their news.

BRIGHT



CHANGES AND TRANSITIONS

During the Summer Term, pupils across the School prepared themselves for the changes that a new academic year brings. Children in PP3 were invited to attend a class in the 8s, where they were assigned a buddy. It was a chance for them to experience life in the Lower Prep and feel excited about their graduation from the Pre-Prep. A joint team building day also took place for pupils in PP3 and the 8s and 9s. This encouraged

their integration and will ease the transition between year groups. Higher up the school, our 14s sampled A Level classes in order to help them make future subject choices. Our 15s were treated to a special breakfast, *above*, to mark the end of their GCSE examinations and the beginning of their life as Sixth Formers. It was also time to say farewell to our Upper Sixth. The Sixth Form Revue, always an entertaining event, featured musical and poetic performances by students and staff, with speeches and presentations made by Mr Behan, Head of Sixth Form, and

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our Head Boy/Head Girl team. A few of the highlights included a rendition of 'Another Brick in the Wall' by Ms Heller, Deputy Head of Sixth Form, and Mrs Drummond-Chew, Head of Business Studies, a witty rap by Mr Woodward, Deputy Head of Seniors (Pastoral), and a hilarious film made by staff, based on James Corden's *Carpool Karaoke*, called *Harroddian Car Share*. As the academic year came to a close, Mr Hooke hosted a drinks reception for the Upper Sixth and their parents followed by the Leavers' Ball for students and staff. The evening was celebrated in style in a beautifully decorated marquee with guests dressed elegantly in black tie, *right*. After a delicious dinner prepared by our School chef, there were speeches and awards followed by music and dancing. It was both a fun and fitting occasion to wish our Upper Sixth well.

YOUNG AMBITION

Our Upper Prep pupils had the opportunity to attend a Careers Fair this term. Parents with a wide range of occupations between them volunteered to come in and speak to pupils in our 11s and 12s, to provide more detailed information about their daily work routines, necessary qualifications and opportunities for career progression. The professions represented were that of a physiotherapist and marathon trainer, a policeman, a doctor, *right*, a judge and a Queen's counsel, an architect, a life coach and representatives from the media world. The children were shown examples of architectural models, tried on robes and wigs and handled medical equipment and were encouraged to ask a range of questions. It was an inspiring morning and enjoyed by all involved.



HIGH FLYERS

Next term will be full of excitement as the new top floor to the Senior School building is set to open. It will provide our Sixth Formers with eight classrooms and a large study area complete with computers, projector and a large screen for presentations. With wonderful views over the playing fields, and lots of natural light, it will undoubtedly be a stimulating and popular workspace.





BUDDING ARTISTS

In the Pre-Prep, pupils enjoyed a fun-filled week dedicated to art. Professional artists delivered workshops with every class, assisting them in creating tangible and multimedia pieces: abstract guitars in Reception; Kandinsky-inspired clay pots in PP1, *below*; Australian animal sculptures made from Modroc in PP2, and felt flowers inspired by the work of Georgia O'Keeffe in PP3. Budding artists from Reception right up to the 13s had the opportunity to enter the Royal College of Art's Young Art Exhibition. Pictures with the theme of 'journey' were successfully exhibited by 18 Harrodian pupils, one of whom was Maia, *above*, the daughter of a proud Mr Fenn-Smith, teacher of Sport and Latin. In the Sixth Form, Cassius Hirst (L6) also gained notable recognition when he was shortlisted for the Royal Academy A Level Summer Exhibition online and his painting, which hangs above



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the Staff Room in the Main Hall, has been selected from over 2,400 submissions to be shown on the Royal Academy flickr account:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/royalacademy/albums/72157684967321605>

PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION

Nicolette da Waart, Harrodian parent and product designer, officially opened this year's Senior Art and Design Exhibition in the marquee. She was delighted to see such a high level of creativity and innovation on display. She is featured here, *right*, congratulating Mabel Masters, U6, who exhibited examples of art, photography and graphics work and is hoping to study a Foundation Degree at Kingston College School of Art and Design in September. Mabel's 'Fight like a Girl' posters, created as part of her Graphics coursework, were inspired by visual signs and slogans used recently in protests around the UK and USA, and by the imagery of flowers and sun rays originally used in Japanese propaganda. Also on display were two interactive installations: a walk-in medicine cabinet that featured a quickening heartbeat sound effect and a painting of figures in gas marks with the added effect of a smoke machine. Both were created by Eleanor Cronk, U6, *far right*, as a way of addressing two important subjects, her struggle with epilepsy and the effects of air pollution. With so much artistic talent on display, it is no surprise that six students this year have gained places at Art school. Congratulations to all the pupils on the

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high quality of artwork submitted and to the relevant departments for their hard work and commitment.

GRAPHIC DETAIL

As part of the Graphics curriculum, our Lower Sixth students attended a workshop at the London Centre for Book Arts in East London, *right*. Students spent the day learning specialist design techniques, including letterpress printing, foil blocking and book-binding, as well as developing their knowledge of the history of print.



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ALL THINGS NORMAN

To support their work in History and French, our 10s pupils enjoyed three days in Normandy over the Easter holidays. They learnt how to make baguettes in a boulangerie; sampled local cuisine, including frogs legs and snails; visited a goat's cheese farm, *above*, a cider farm and a caramel factory; and they participated in all these activities while simultaneously acquiring new French vocabulary! A guided tour of Chateau de Falaise, birthplace of William the Conqueror, and a trip to the Bayeux

Tapestry were also opportunities to bring their learning of French History to life.



HORIZONS

CAPITAL CULTURE

Berlin was the location chosen for this year's 13s trip after last year's successful change in destination from Istanbul to Germany's capital. Mr Hooke, Ms Heller, Deputy Head of Sixth Form, and Mr Murray, Head of Design, accompanied a group of our 13s pupils on a weekend cultural tour of the city. The purpose of this annual trip is to experience a healthy mix of history and fun. As a way of combining the two, the whole group hired bicycles, *front cover*, and followed a guide to explore Berlin as it was before, during and after the Second World War. Over the course of the three days, they visited the Reichstag, the Berlin Victory Tower, *right*, the Brandenburg Gate, the Topography of Terror Museum and Hitler's Bunker to gain an insight into Berlin under the Nazi regime. The itinerary, which included visits to the Berlin Memorial, East Side Gallery and Checkpoint Charlie, enabled them to explore the origins of the Berlin Wall and the effect it had once had. Cycling around the Tiergarten, rowing on the Neuer See and eating large Bavarian-style lunches were also popular activities!



the largest churches in the world, and heard gripping stories of gladiators in the mighty Colosseum and of gods in the Paestum, Temple of Poseidon, *below*. Travelling towards the Sorrento coast, they meandered through the partially preserved streets of Pompeii and were able to imagine the busy life of this Roman trading town, before it was totally devastated by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. To fuel a final sightseeing tour of Sorrento, large quantities of delicious pizza were a necessity!

ANCIENT WONDERS

This year's 11s enjoyed a whirlwind tour of Italy's cultural highlights. Expertly guided by the tirelessly energetic Mr Rossetti, former Head of Prep, and the insightful commentary of Mr Lineker, teacher of Classics, pupils walked miles through the winding streets of Rome. Long days spent soaking up the ancient wonders of Italy's capital were punctuated with timely pit stops for *gelato*, *left*. Amongst other highlights, the 11s climbed the cupola of St Peter's, one of





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HAPPENING HISTORY

Our PP3 pupils came to school dressed as evacuees and were transported back in time on a trip to the Lincolnsfields Children's Centre in Bushey. During the day they sat at desks in a 1940s classroom and visited a 'Dig for Victory' allotment, *above*. They also pretended to be 'Blitz Kids', and when the siren sounded in heavy rain, they gladly took refuge in the centre's Anderson Shelter. Following their outing, they were set the challenge of making their own model air-raid shelter. The winners were Milo (PP3S) and George (PP3N), *below*.

EARLY EXPLORATIONS

All our Pre-Prep children, not just the PP3s, enjoyed outings this term. Reception spent a day at Windsor Castle to enhance their class

topic of castles. They watched the Changing of the Guard, looked around the building and state rooms and enjoyed a workshop about the history of the castle and its people. PP1 visited Kew Gardens, where they learnt about flora, collected samples of different flowers as part of an artistic and scientific workshop, and explored the greenhouses searching for tropical plants and fish. PP2 examined habitats and life cycles at Painshill Park, where they hunted for mini-beasts and immersed themselves in pond dipping. As an end-of-term treat, all the Pre-Prep classes were taken to Bocketts Farm, where they enjoyed petting and feeding animals, *below*, watching a pig race and riding on a tractor.

VISUAL LITERACY

With a wealth of world-class art institutions on our doorstep, Harrodian's History of Art



THE EXPERIENCE



trips have provided our A Level students with first-hand experience of a wide range of works. Lower Sixth students were introduced to the enigmatic *Wilton Diptych* in the National Gallery, *above*, and the towering gothic heights of Westminster Abbey, whilst our Upper Sixth indulged in the rococo delights of the Wallace Collection before marvelling at Christopher Wren's baroque masterpiece, St Paul's Cathedral. Further afield, students embarked on our yearly

sojourn to the Eternal City, a chronological tour of the wonders of Rome beginning in the dusty cobbled streets of the Forum before encountering a finale of Baroque masterpieces from the Counter-Reformation period. Next year an additional trip to Paris will be offered to students on the new A Level course to compliment our period study of the British and French avant-garde.



TESTING



UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Harrodian's annual Spring Term Science Week involved pupils from Reception to the 14s. All of them had the opportunity to test scientific theories and participate in a wide variety of experiments and workshops.

Pre-Prep

Pupils enjoyed dressing up as crazy scientists and watching a show by Professor Bubbleworks, in which they learnt how to make a volcano of foam, otherwise known as elephant's toothpaste. Each class

then participated in a 'Science or Magic' workshop.

Lower Prep

As part of their learning on electrical circuits, our 8s pupils used a Makey Makey in order to produce sounds from different fruits such as bananas and oranges. They tested various fruits to see which were the best at conducting electricity. The 9s enhanced their understanding of materials and structures by building tall towers from spaghetti and marshmallows, *inset above*. Teams of pupils in the 10s experimented with light rays while

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constructing their own pinhole cameras.

Upper Prep and Seniors

Pupils in the 11s spent a month designing and conducting experiments, which they then had the opportunity to present as part of the annual Science Fair. This year's overall winner was Cameron (11CH), *right*, who created a 'plasma cutter' to burn through aluminium. He investigated whether more batteries would result in better cutting.

In Physics, the 12s learnt about bridges and examined the ways that engineers promote structural integrity. As part of a class competition, they had to build bridges that would withstand heavy weights. There was also a great deal of competitive spirit amongst the 13s, who were challenged to construct roller coasters from paper and tape. Their structures were tested with a marble, to see how far it would travel. Meanwhile our 14s were tasked with solving a gruesome murder, using techniques such as UV tracing, code cracking, neuroimaging analysis and fingerprinting. The week culminated with an amazing finale – a falconry display of birds of prey, *left*.

SOLVING PROBLEMS

As part of their Mathematics lessons, pupils in our 11s were asked to choose a relevant and interesting topic to present to the rest of the class. They excelled themselves with presentations on subjects as diverse as Albert Einstein, factorials, profit and loss accounts, Pi, and the history of counting. During his presentation, William Longtin (11S) displayed a Hexastix model that he had made at home. It was constructed from 72 pencils and eight rubber bands, which created four intersecting hexagonal prisms with a



fascinating 3D lattice. It was not long before William's classmates all wanted to make one, *below*, and so Miss Hall, Maths, promptly ordered 2,000 pencils and boxes of rubber bands. By following a complex set of rules and using their knowledge of Mathematics and Engineering, the class was able to solve the puzzle and 22 pencil sculptures were consequently created. Elsewhere our Senior mathematicians have also been trying to solve some challenging problems. Four of them in the 14s took part in an interschool competition at Ibstock Place School, where they answered five rounds of questions against ten other teams.





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SINGING FOR ROYALTY

Congratulations to Aimon (9G), *above*, who is now in his third year with the Queen's Chapel Royal Choir at Hampton Court Palace. A few months ago he was promoted from Probationer to Chorister and was invited to perform at a choral evensong service which celebrated the centenary of the Companions of Honour. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attended the event and were joined by 53 famous Companions of Honour, including Dames Judi Dench and Maggie Smith and Sir David Attenborough. This is not the first time Aimon has sung for the Queen. In December last year, his choir took part in the Staff Carol Service at Buckingham Palace, and their performance was broadcast after the Queen's speech on Christmas Day. Aimon is now looking forward to taking part in a BBC documentary about the life of a chorister.

CHESS CHAMPIONS

Now in its second year, Mr Hooke's Chess Challenge has become an eagerly anticipated event. This term's Pre-Prep Chess Club Champion, Archie (PP3N), *below*, embraced the challenge and showed great determination. His early castling move proved a strong defence, until Mr Hooke was able to penetrate the line with an impressive double Bishop/Rook attack. Mr Hooke was crowned the winner yet again and remains undefeated. We all wonder who will be the first Pre-Prep chess grandmaster to defeat Mr Hooke in the years ahead!

THE EXTRA MILE

There has been an impressive number of Harrodians who have participated in the Duke of Edinburgh Award this year. A total of 82 pupils from the 13s upwards have been involved, with 57 on track to receive bronze, 18 for silver and 7 for gold. So far all of them have met their obligatory objectives in volunteering and physical fitness/skills, and by the end of the summer they will have completed their qualifying expeditions to the North Downs (bronze), New Forest and Cuckmere Haven (silver) and the Lake District (gold). The dates for next year's Duke of Edinburgh Awards have already been agreed and, for the first time, Harrodian will be able to offer a canoeing expedition and an overseas expedition to the Tatra mountains as part of the silver and gold award levels.



STARS



GOING FOR GOLD

Carla Fernandes, *above left*, and her team of green-fingered Harrobian parents and pupils have been awarded the Richmond in Bloom's gold award and trophy for their inspirational gardening. The annual prize celebrates the different ways in which schools use their surroundings to encourage environmental awareness and conservation. The judges visited six different schools but were most impressed by Harrobian for maximising a small allotment space and displaying such a

variety of planting. To say thank you for the help and support she receives, Carla invited parents and staff to a tea party on the allotment, *inset above*. A selection of produce, made from fruits, vegetables, spices and herbs, all grown on site, were available to sample and savour. Some of these treats included fresh mint tea, jams and spicy kimchi.

SPORTING



BOWLED OVER

This term we welcomed two very talented women's cricketers, both of whom are currently representing England in the World Cup. Jenny Gunn and Natalie Sciver, *above*, gave our girls in the 8s to the 14s a masterclass in cricket. They demonstrated their skills with both bat and ball and provided some one-on-one coaching. Both Jenny and Natalie have been visiting schools around the country to inspire more girls to play cricket, and to highlight the professional pathway now in place, which enables girls to play the

sport at an elite level. Since its launch as a lunchtime club last summer, girls' cricket has gone from strength to strength at Harrodian. It is now also a timetabled lesson for all girls in the Prep and Senior Schools and is an official part of the summer curriculum's strike and field syllabus. All the girls have had a chance to play a cricket fixture this term, a challenge that our U13s team has particularly embraced by participating in two high profile tournaments.

SPIRIT

GAME, SET & MATCH

Over the Easter holidays and with the Summer term fast approaching, our Head of Senior Sport, Mr Seaton, turned his attention to tennis. He offered pupils in the 12s and 14s the chance to get ahead and prepare with a pre-season tennis tour at the Annabelle Croft Academy in Portugal, *above right*. Harrodian girls and boys were able to train twice a day and benefit from a 5:1 teaching ratio. Daily fixtures also provided an excellent chance to put into action all they had learnt. On their return to School, pupils were ready and equipped for a great tennis season. This year's U14s Road to Wimbledon tournament was a popular event with our best-performing boys, Mikhail Reznikovich (13D) and Louis Gillet (13M), and girls, Mia Lapwood (13D) and Poppy Harrison (13H), playing each other in two very tense singles matches. Louis made it through to two further rounds of the tournament, where he represented Harrodian and played competitors from other schools. Also for the first time, a number of girls from our 10s to 14s entered the Tennis Surrey League. Playing against some of the top girls' schools in London, our 10s and 12s girls' teams managed to win all their matches except one.

MEDALS & RECORDS

Harrodian pupils in our 8s to 14s have collectively succeeded in breaking 24 track and field School records. Iggy Pecoraro (12H) broke the Prep School record in high jump and Jensen Tarrant (14BE) set a new record for the boys triple jump and 300m race. Our U11s, U12s and U13s athletics teams won the Thomas's Athletics Competition for the first time in six years, after having been runners-up the last few



times. Both our U11s girls' and boys' teams performed exceptionally well and received a first-place medal. There was also good news for our U11s and U12s girls, who qualified to compete in the South East regional round of the English Schools Athletics Association Competition and finished 9th in the region. Our U8s (PP3) boys enjoyed the success of coming first in the Lower Prep Thomas's Athletics event. Meanwhile, seven of our 11s pupils, *below*, took part in their first competitive triathlon at Manor House School. With only five weeks of training, they managed to complete a 128-metre swim, a 4km off-road cycle and a 1.2km run. Ewan (11CH) achieved 3rd place and Ela (11S) 2nd place, both in their relevant age categories. Elfi (11S) and Hero (11S) are to be commended for participating, as they joined the Triathlon Club late in the term and were only able to attend one week of training in advance of the competition.





ACTING

WEDDING GUESTS

As part of their RS syllabus, our 8s and 14s pupils enjoyed enacting a wedding ceremony. A girl and boy were selected from each class to play the role of bride and groom, while the remaining pupils and teachers came as wedding guests. For the Hindu wedding ceremony in the 8s, everyone dressed in traditional costume with an array of colourful saris and kurtas on display, *below/ right*. A henna artist painted all the girls' hands and parents applied moustaches to the boys. All pupils sang a Hindu song and performed a dance as part of the ceremony and afterwards enjoyed an Indian wedding banquet. Meanwhile, our 14s pupils wore smart suits and dresses for their parts in a traditional Christian wedding, *above*.

FAMOUS AUTHORS

Our new Head Boy, Ollie Watts, and Markus Ducam-Davies, Max Linton and Lorenzo Warrack, three of our Lower Sixth students, all adopted the personas of famous children's authors – Roald Dahl, Michael Morpurgo, Francesca Simon and JK Rowling – for the Prep School's popular 'Night in the Library' event. With help from teachers and Library staff, our Sixth Formers supervised groups of children in the 8s and led group activities such as: making books, acting out poems, watching a movie, listening to a story, drinking hot chocolate, *below left*, eating popcorn and doing all of this in their pyjamas! Reading excerpts of well-known children's stories aloud also gave some of our Lower Prep fathers the opportunity to get into character at Dad's Reading Morning.



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DISCO DIVAS

Pupils in the Pre-Prep, 8s and 9s enjoyed a fun and lively end to their academic year with a disco organised by the HSPA. Mr Marvel provided the entertainment, including a magic show, balloon modelling and musical statues for the younger children, and an interactive gameshow disco on a large TV screen, music games and competitions for the older ones. With plenty of music to suit all ages, our Harrodian disco divas were able to let loose on the dance floor, *above*.

FAIRY TALE FANS

Our Prep and Senior Schools performed *Twisted*, a double bill of reinvented fairy tales that delighted, frightened and surprised their audience. Just over 40 pupils from our 8s to 13s acted parts in Tim Supple's version of Carol Ann Duffy's *Grimms Tales*, which retells traditional stories such as *Little Red Cap* (*Little Red Riding Hood*) and *Snow White* alongside lesser known tales such as *Clever Hans* and *The Musicians of Bremen*. Each story incorporated a twist to its well-known ending. Pupils in our 14s followed with an energetic, musical production of Carl Grose's *Hansel and Gretel*, *right*, that featured both familiar and newly invented characters. Whether a fairy tale fan or not, one found it hard not to enjoy this entertaining production.

MASTER BAKERS

This term's legendary House Bake Off final competition produced some impressive cooks from our Upper Prep. Pupils set to work concocting their delicious chocolate-themed creations in the Dining Foom and baked them in the School ovens. Flavio (11CH), from Bridge *right*, was crowned this year's Master Baker for his Italian *sbriciolata* cake containing flour, sugar, mascarpone, Greek yoghurt, Italian chocolate and raspberries! Grace Dalli (11L), Bridge, with her beautiful white chocolate and raspberry decorated log, and Spike Curtis (12O), Thames, with his giant chocolate and gold cupcake were close contenders.





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