

# Harrow High School & Sports College

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Dear Parent/Carers and Learners,

## Cricket in Corfu

In the early hours of Easter Sunday 14 learners and 2 staff left Harrow High School bound for Gatwick Airport. This



was the start of an exciting trip to the island of Corfu where we had been invited by the Hellenic Cricket

The Messonghi Beach Resort. We were extremely fortunate that all accommodation, food and transport were provided by the tournament organisers.

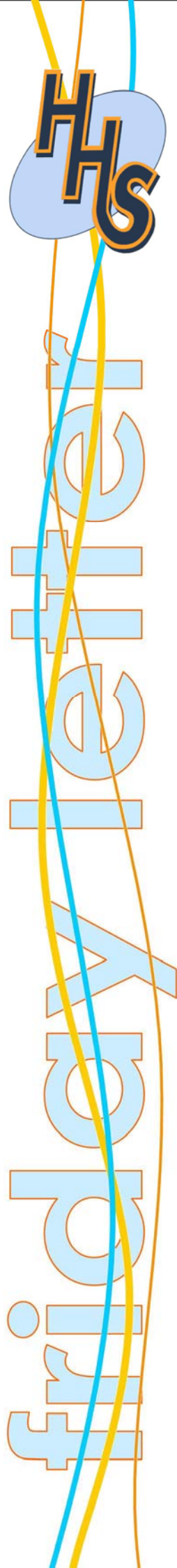
The tournament was played over 6 days at the only 3 grounds that Corfu has at the present time. These grounds were at the Messonghi Beach Hotel, The Marina and in Liston Square in Corfu Town where cricket has been played since 1853. All games were played on matting wickets which was a new experience for our team and the boys soon found out that the outfielders were not as flat as at most grounds in England.

The ten teams were divided into 3 groups and we found ourselves in a



Federation to participate in their first International Schools Cricket Tournament. The tournament was attended by 10 teams who represented countries from around the world - Australia, India, Qatar, England, Greece, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Norway. We had an excellent journey to Corfu and were met at the airport by the tournament organisers who transported us to our accommodation for the week -

group with Australia and Norway. As is the case in football world cups this turned out to be the group of death. We played the Norway National U17 team in our first game and unfortunately didn't perform to our ability which resulted in a 9 wicket defeat. However the following day we played the old enemy, Australia, and having bowled first and restricted them to 135 in 20 overs the team produced a



mature batting display to win by 6 wickets with 10 balls to spare. The following day saw Australia beat Norway so all three teams had 2 points and it came down to run rate which saw us finish an



unlucky third in the group. This would mean we would play the host team (Greece National U17 team) on the final day for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> places. We managed to play two friendly games on the days following the Australia game and these were against the team from Norway and Ebenezer International School from Bangalore in India. In the game against Norway a good bowling and fielding display restricted Norway to 140 in their 20 overs and we chased the runs in just 18 overs winning by 8 wickets. This was sweet revenge for our first day loss to the same side. The game against the team from Bangalore resulted in a narrow 2 run defeat.

The last game was played on the day of the final and was effectively the warm up game prior to the final. The game was played in Liston Square against the Greece National U17 team and Harrow High once again produced an excellent all round display to restrict the opposition to 110 and chase the runs for the loss of only 2 wickets in 18 overs. This meant we had a final playing record of won 3 and lost 2. Although we only played for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> places I would say that we were the fourth best side in the tournament but were just unfortunate to be in the hardest group.

The week ended with a Gala Dinner at the hotel which was attended by a large number of important officials from the island. We learnt at this dinner that the competition will run again next year and we were invited to attend what the organisers hope will be a bigger and better competition.

The learners that we took were an absolute credit to the school. Their performances improved with every game and their behaviour and attitude were exceptional. They were excellent ambassadors for both our school and country and they should be very proud of what they achieved.

We now look forward to returning next year and our aim is to win the tournament. On behalf of

the team I would like to thank the Hellenic Cricket Federation, Mr Gamble, the Governors and everyone else who contributed to the organisation of a trip that will remain in the memories of those who attended for some considerable time.

*Mr Charles*

## BBC Question Time at HHS

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011 Harrow High School hosted BBC Radio 4s Any Questions. Nearly 300 guests from the surrounding areas and local community filled the school hall for the live BBC broadcast. Jonathan Dimbleby presented the show and the panel consisted of the Daily Mail's parliamentary sketch writer and theatre critic Quentin Letts, Shadow Foreign Secretary Douglas Alexander, Liberal Democrat Baroness Shirley Williams of Crosby, and Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport Jeremy Hunt. Everything ran smoothly and it was an enjoyable



event adding to the wider success of the school's centenary program. If you would like more information on the centenary events and how you and your child can get involved, please contact the school office.

*photographs courtesy of Alex Bateman at the OGA archive*

## News Flash from the Library: Attention Year 10.

The Library is a great place to study: we are open before school Tuesday to Friday, every break and lunchtime and after school Monday, Tuesday and Thursday till 4.30 pm and Wednesday till 4.00pm. We have a great collection of revision guides on offer and a wide range of books to support the curriculum. We have recently added to our fiction selection with books for all ages and abilities.

The Library is hosting a new exhibition of Harrow County sports and drama memorabilia. Come and see photos of school teams from years gone by! We look forward to seeing you in the Library soon.

## Harrow Athletics

A huge well done and congratulations to the Year 9 boys and the Year 8 and 9 girls who took part in the Harrow Athletics Competition on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. All those who participated and represented the school performed extremely well.

The Year 9 boys missed out on first place by only 17 points. The boys were awarded 8 medals between them and special thanks must go to Deon, Joseph, Kani, Shahid and Massoxi who represented the Year 9 boys.

The girls worked and tried hard and unfortunately did not win any medals but it is just the start of the season and with training, they will improve immensely on the potential demonstrated during the first meeting.

The Borough Championships Meeting is next Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup> May) at Harrow School and we will be taking both a Junior (yr 8 and 9) and Senior Team (yr 10 and 11) for boys and girls. Training and selection has begun and will continue into next week so if you missed training yesterday and would still like to represent the school, then please see a member of the PE department and come along to training next Tuesday. Training takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3.30 - 5.00pm. Athletes should meet by the changing rooms at the end of the day.

The Borough League starts on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May for the boys** and **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May for the girls**. I would like to take a full team for each year group to all league competitions so put on your spikes/trainers and come along to training!!!

## Houses of Parliament



Over the last two weeks three Year 9 groups have visited the Houses of Parliament, the trip included a tour as well as a workshop on the law making process. Learners found the trip educational and enjoyed the workshop very much. One of the groups had an opportunity to meet our local MP Gareth Thomas and ask

questions on local issues as well as an overview on the role of an MP.

The groups behaved exceptionally well and were a pleasure to take out.

Three more groups are due to attend in the coming months.

## Jack Petchey Award

Please congratulate Bilal Safi 8ADC and Monique Bailey 11AF for winning the Jack Petchey Achievement Award for the months of March and April 2011. Bilal is a passionate learner and role model to his peers. He is hard working, keen to volunteer and helpful yet he never fails to go the extra mile for both staff and his fellow learners. Monique Bailey is a very hard working head girl who always shows kindness to learners across the entire school. She has been instrumental in organising fund raising events with great success. Monique always presents herself beautifully and is informed and professional on the school council and at SLT meetings.

Thank you for your continuing support in recognising our learners achievements.

## Food Technology News

Excellent news for Food Tech department is that four Year 9 learners have been selected to participate in a 4 day Summer Camp at Thames Valley University. This gives an excellent opportunity for the learners to work with professional chefs in teams and learn to prepare International Cuisine. On the last day the learners invite parents and teachers to enjoy the food prepared and served by them. This summer camp is free for learners and Thames Valley University provides all the ingredients, facilities and expertise. Congratulations to Joseph Walsh Norman, Rene Elward, Pravina Moktan and Jordan Taylor.

## Business Department

The Business department would like to let all learners know about some important dates coming up! Year 10, your examination (Unit 1- Introduction to a Small Business) is on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** Year 11, your examination (Unit 3- Building a Business) is on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

All students should be revising by now; there are intervention sessions currently on every day after school in C11 with Mr Dube (3:30 - 4:30) and all are welcome to attend.



## NFER Survey (National Foundation for Educational Research)

We would really appreciate your help with completing the following 10 minute online survey for us to let us know what you think about Harrow High School.

To access the survey please follow the instructions.

Go to [www.nfer.ac.uk/PPS/scpa](http://www.nfer.ac.uk/PPS/scpa)

Enter the school number: 3104033

Enter the password: MKNR

Click on 'Begin'

When ready click on 'Next'

Instructions for completing individual questions will appear on each page.

When you have completed the questionnaire, click on the final 'Next' button and the responses will be sent securely to us.

If you do not have access to the internet we would be delighted to help you use a computer in school between 8 and 9am in the morning and 3 and 5pm in the afternoon. Just ask at reception.

Please complete by 27 May 2011 or the responses will not be valid.

The survey is completely confidential and anonymous. The login details cannot identify individuals. However, for the open ended questions at the end of the questionnaire your complete comments will be sent to the school and so it may be possible for someone to identify you from what you type. Your response will provide valuable information to the school, so we do hope that you will participate.

## Newsflash.....Clothes Show Live - NEC Birmingham - 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Watch this space for details about our annual visit to the Clothes Show Live in Birmingham. Just 14 Fashionistas will have the opportunity to attend in December. See Miss Duncan for further details and to reserve your space early!



## YEAR 11 GCSE BOOSTER / REVISION TIMETABLE

DATE & TIME	SUBJECT	ROOM ( S )
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30 – 11.00 11.30 – 1.00	English	L 1 , 2 , 3 , 7
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 11.10 – 12.50	French	L2
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 9.10 – 10.50 Y BAND 11.10 – 12.50 X BAND	RE	L1 – Mr Jukes L3 – Ms Farooqi T6 – Mrs Hussain
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 11.10 – 12.50	English	E1, 2, 3, 4 , 5, 6,7 8 , M8
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 3.20 – 4.30	French	L2
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 8.00am	French	L2
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 11.10 – 12.50	Science Biology B2 Biology B3	S8 S2
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2.30 – 4.00	Psychology	L5
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 11.10 – 12.50	English Literature	E1, 2, 3, 4 , 6 ,7,8
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 11.10 – 12.50	PE	PE Theory Room
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 3.20 – 5.00	Science Chemistry C2 Chemistry C3	S7 S4
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 11.10 – 12.50	Resistant Materials	T4 , T5
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 12.50 – 3.20	Science Physics – Higher Physics - Foundation	School Hall S4 S8

These are the booster sessions prior to each exam. It is extremely important that you attend these sessions. Your teachers will be running additional sessions during year 11 lesson time. You can attend these sessions or revise at home.

## YEAR 11 GCSE BOOSTER / REVISION TIMETABLE

DATE & TIME	SUBJECT	ROOM (S)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 9.10 - 10.50  11.10 - 12.50	Maths Target group - Ed London Target group - Ed London Higher paper Foundation paper	M8 M8 M1 M6
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 3.20 - 5.00	History	L1 L3
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 8.00 am	History	L1 L3
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 9.10 - 10.50  11.10 - 12.50  1.40 - 3.20	Maths Target group - Ed London Target group - Ed London Target group - Ed London C/D borderline A/B target Foundation	M8 M8 M8 M2 M5 M3
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 12.00 - 1.40	Geography	M8
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 11.10 - 12.50	Geography	M8
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 11.10 - 12.50	History	L1 L3
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 11.10 - 12.50	Food Technology	T6

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### and finally.....

We are pleased to be welcoming ex pupil Sir Nigel Sheinwald, British Ambassador to the USA on Saturday 21st May, who will deliver a lecture entitled 'From Gayton Road to Pennsylvania Avenue: education, diplomacy and the special relationship' Sir Nigel will be in London at this time accompanying President Obama on his visit. Tickets are free to learners and their families, contact Alexandra Best on 020 8861 7300 x237.

Yours sincerely

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