SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HARROW HIGH SCHOOL - SUMMER 1 2021



UPCOMING DATES

Monday 7th June	KS3 Assessment Window 3
Friday 11th June	Year 9 Vaccination DTP
Tuesday 15th June	Year 8 Parents Evening
Wednesday 16th June	All day Year 8 Barclays Life Skills workshop
Friday 18th June	All day Year 9 Barclays Life Skills workshop & Year 8 Vaccination HPV
Monday 28th June	Year 10 End of Year Assessments - all week
Thursday 1st July	Year 7 Middlesex University visit 10am - 12pm (Warwick & Cambridge)
Friday 2nd July	Year 7 Middlesex University visit 10am - 12pm (Oxford, Kings & QM)
Monday 5th July	Year 7 Middlesex University visit 10am - 12pm (Imperial & UCL)
Wednesday 7th July	Aspirations Trips

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Welcome to our May newsletter.

Since we returned to school in March it has been good to see the learners and staff settle back in and engaging with face to face teaching. Even better, as restrictions are being lifted, we are starting to see a gradual return to normal school life with the launch of our Co-Curricular Clubs, and the return of sporting fixtures.

You will know that earlier in the year we conducted nearly 3000 COVID tests for learners at Harrow High School which by any measure was a mammoth effort by all concerned. We thought that might be the end of this but unfortunately this Friday saw a Local Authority surge testing team on site in response to increasing cases of the new variant. A massive thank you to all involved.

In better news, next term will see learners taking part in our aspirations excursions for Years 7 - 10 and Year 12 on the 7th July. An exciting programme of trips has been planned including;

Year 7 visiting Whipsnade zoo or the Science Museum
Year 8 visiting Go ape or Oxygen free-jumping
Year 9 visiting Brighton Beach
Year 10 visiting Southend on Sea
Year 12 visiting Brighton Beach

We also look forward to welcoming Year 6 in person on the same date for their transition day.

It's at this time of year when we say an emotional goodbye to our wonderful Year 11 and Year 13 learners who, despite the challenges they faced have coped extremely well. They have recently completed a significant number of centre assessments, the results of which will be used to inform the Teacher Assessed Grades they receive this summer. We look forward to welcoming those in Year 11 who will be returning to our Sixth Form - and for those who are leaving for pastures new - we wish you all the very best.

I would particularly like to thank all the staff who have contributed to the assessment process; teachers, exam officers and school leaders who have all worked extremely hard under the JCQ guidelines to ensure the grades we award are as fair and accurate as possible.

Finally, the governing body are looking to recruit an additional parent governor and you will have received information recently regarding this. Parent governors play an important role on the governing body and I would urge you to seriously consider applying.

We wish you all a good half term break.

Paul Gamble
Headteacher

"WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING THOSE IN YEAR 11 WHO WILL BE RETURNING TO OUR SIXTH FORM..."



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PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

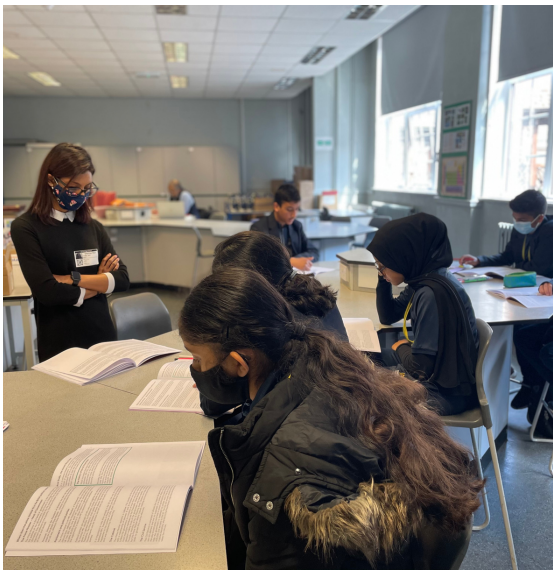
The School currently has a vacancy for a parent governor who will play a vital role on the governing body. If you would like to be considered, please complete the nomination form and return it to Mrs P Bernstein at the school.

LEARNER VOICE -
STUDENT SLT APPOINTMENT

This month there will be a new Student SLT appointed from Year 10. We will also be holding interviews for the new Head Boy and Head Girl roles. The new team will lead Learner Voice for one year, and work closely with the learner voice prefects in each form, together with the soon to be appointed 6th form team. Exciting times lie ahead!



Our current Student Leadership Team.



"I FEEL MY CHILD IS MORE CONFIDENT AFTER JOINING THIS PROGRAMME AND HAS IMPROVED THEIR LITERACY SKILLS"

BRILLIANT CLUB PROGRAMME

This year Mr Wahid launched the HHS Brilliant Club Programme with our most able Year 7 learners. The programme consists of two projects revolving around English and Economics. The projects are pitched at a Key Stage (or even two!) above the learner's ability and have been a huge success. We would like to thank Miss Larios for providing the English seminar sessions, which were on:

- 'The art of contemplation & speculation'
- 'How female roles are portrayed in literature'
- 'Theories within literature'

They were superb sessions which were very challenging and learners found engaging. Here are just a few comments from learners and parents:

"I have enjoyed the programme very much and it has been fun and challenging" (Learner)

"It has made me look at text in a different way" (Learner)

"I feel my child is more confident after joining this programme and has improved their literacy skills" (Parent)

"I feel it has improved their critical thinking skills and given them something to feel proud of" (Parent)

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JACK PETCHEY

We recently awarded Rodrigo Fernandes the Jack Petchey award for March. Rodrigo is a popular winner of the award, and an unsurprising one as he has always been the perfect gentleman ever since he arrived in Harrow High in Year 7. He was pleased to receive the prestigious certificate, and suggested that he will dedicate his award to the PE department.

UCL INFORMED FUTURES

From the 8th June- 13th July, UCL are hosting a series of online events aimed at equipping secondary school students and their parent/carers with the knowledge and confidence to succeed in their next steps in education. To find out more information please visit:
www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/learners/secondary/ucl-informed-futures

KS4 NEWS

On Friday 14th May, the Year 11s sat their final 2021 summer assessments. In a year with such uncertainty and disruptions, this cohort have shown great resilience throughout. It was clear to all those teachers involved, the hard work the Year 11s had put in to achieve their very best in these final assessments. These outcomes will form part of the 2021 teacher assessed grades and it is now time for the school to identify the evidence which will go towards the allocation of these grades. The school will communicate further on this before the end of the academic year to ensure transparency for all stakeholders.

Despite not being able to host a graduation or prom this year, we did ensure the Year 11s had some celebrations on the last day. Mr Preda and Miss Worley hosted a leavers assembly where they celebrated the achievements of the cohort, before going to the canteen to sign some shirts with pizza and refreshments. Please do take a look at the pictures of the great day on our Twitter account. We are all extremely proud of the young adults they have become, and wish them well for the future.

W/B 28th June end of year assessments will start for Year 10, where the learners will sit a full paper in each of their subjects. The purpose of these assessments will be to identify the skills and knowledge which need to be developed for this cohort. By assessing now, we are able to plan for September to ensure we don't miss any time. All Year 10s have received an exam timetable with topic lists so they can begin to revise.



Year 11s celebrating their time at Harrow High during their leavers assembly.

"...THIS YR 11 COHORT HAVE MADE US VERY PROUD OF THE YOUNG ADULTS THEY HAVE BECOME"

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KS5 NEWS

The Year 13 Leavers event was a lovely way to celebrate and say goodbye to our Year 13 learners, some of whom have been with us for 7 years! It was fantastic to create this final memory and acknowledge what lovely young adults they have flourished into. We will definitely miss having their bubbly personalities around but wish them all the best for the future, with no doubt they will continue to blossom and achieve highly at university.

















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YR 7 OXFORD PROGRAMME

From the 26th April 2021, a number of Year 7 learners formed a new tutor Group, 7 Oxford. The Oxford initiative was created as part of our ongoing efforts to provide the best learning environment and opportunities for EAL learners. It is designed to give them targeted support in their educational achievement, language development and school integration. Their timetable has been structured to include time for EAL interventions, such as writing boosters and Life in the UK lessons, alongside their mainstream subjects such as English, Maths, History and Art.

"TEACHING THIS GROUP HAS BEEN WONDERFUL!"

Here are just a few comments from learners who are in the tutor group:

'I love my new class and the new students' (Laurensio)

'Since I've been in 7 Oxford it's been easier than before to learn English' (Roberta)

'I enjoy this class because my teachers help me a lot. I feel confident and I've made new friends' (Luqman)



'Teaching this group has been wonderful! They are already showing amazing progress and their engagement is some of the best I've seen in year 7! They are all eager to learn and participate. This term in English we are reading a story about Sherlock Holmes. We've had great conversations about what makes a good detective and what makes this type of story engaging for readers. Lots of great input from 7 Oxford!' (Miss Ginesta - English teacher)

Good luck, 7 Oxford!

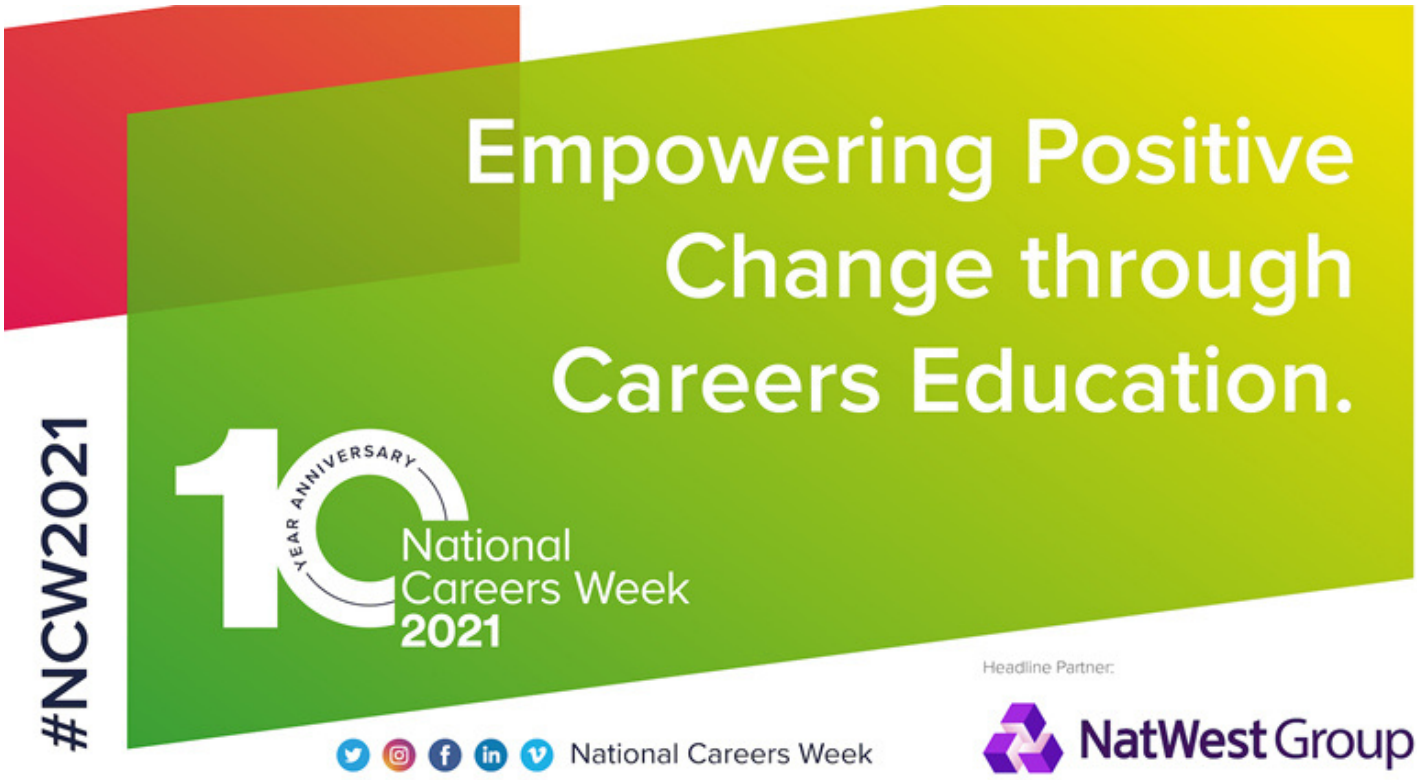
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NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

National Careers Week (NCW), which ran from the 1st-6th March, is a celebration of careers guidance across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people. This year on our virtual platform learners took part in an array of activities. Year 7 had a virtual visit to Middlesex University, where they learnt all about university life. Year 8 had a virtual visit to Brunel University where they learnt about student finance and spoke to a student panel, they also had a Barclay's life skills workshop. Throughout the week the whole school also had a session on Apprenticeships, STEM careers and Unifrog. Unifrog is a platform that holds all the available careers information in one single, impartial, user-friendly platform that helps students to make the best choices, and the students have access to the platform whenever they wish. The week was a great success and extremely informative for our learners.

A year 7 learner said - 'This week has been a special and very fun week! I have learned many differences between high school and university, and many more things, it has been a great week overall and a very, very interesting one'.

A year 8 learner said - 'The Brunel University's representatives made me think about what job I would like to pursue and what to study in University to achieve it. The people from Barclays talked about how you should always move forward no matter what comes in your way and also to believe in yourself. To conclude this workshop has made me realise that I need to be more proactive and think about my future choices. This was an amazing experience'.



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CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

After a long wait, we are so pleased to have relaunched, (and rebranded) our Co-Curricular Clubs programme for all learners this term. We have approximately 50 clubs on offer, and take up is very high with around 50% of our learners taking part in at least one club. This part of school life is very important as not only does it help learners discover, and develop their skills and talents, but also benefits their mental and physical wellbeing. After a tough year with 2 periods of school closures, it is great to see our learners enjoying themselves with their friends, using our brand new sports facilities, and having fun. Below are some pictures of learners participating in our Co-Curricular Clubs, but please visit our Twitter account **@HarrowHighch** and school website for more information about what our learners get up to within our Co-Curricular Programme.



Year 7 above at Anime Club and Year 9 below at Cadets.

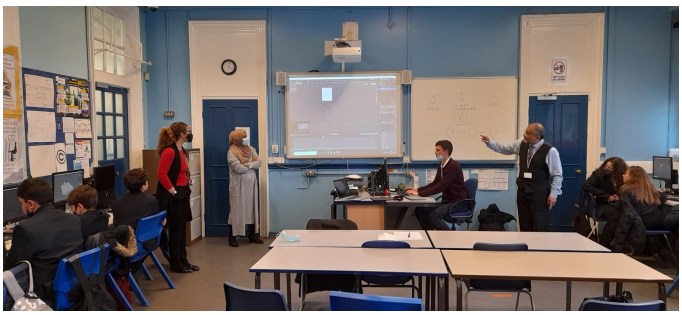




Members of Into Film Society coming together to watch, discuss and review films with Miss McCarthy.



Year 9 girls showing us how it's done at Football club.



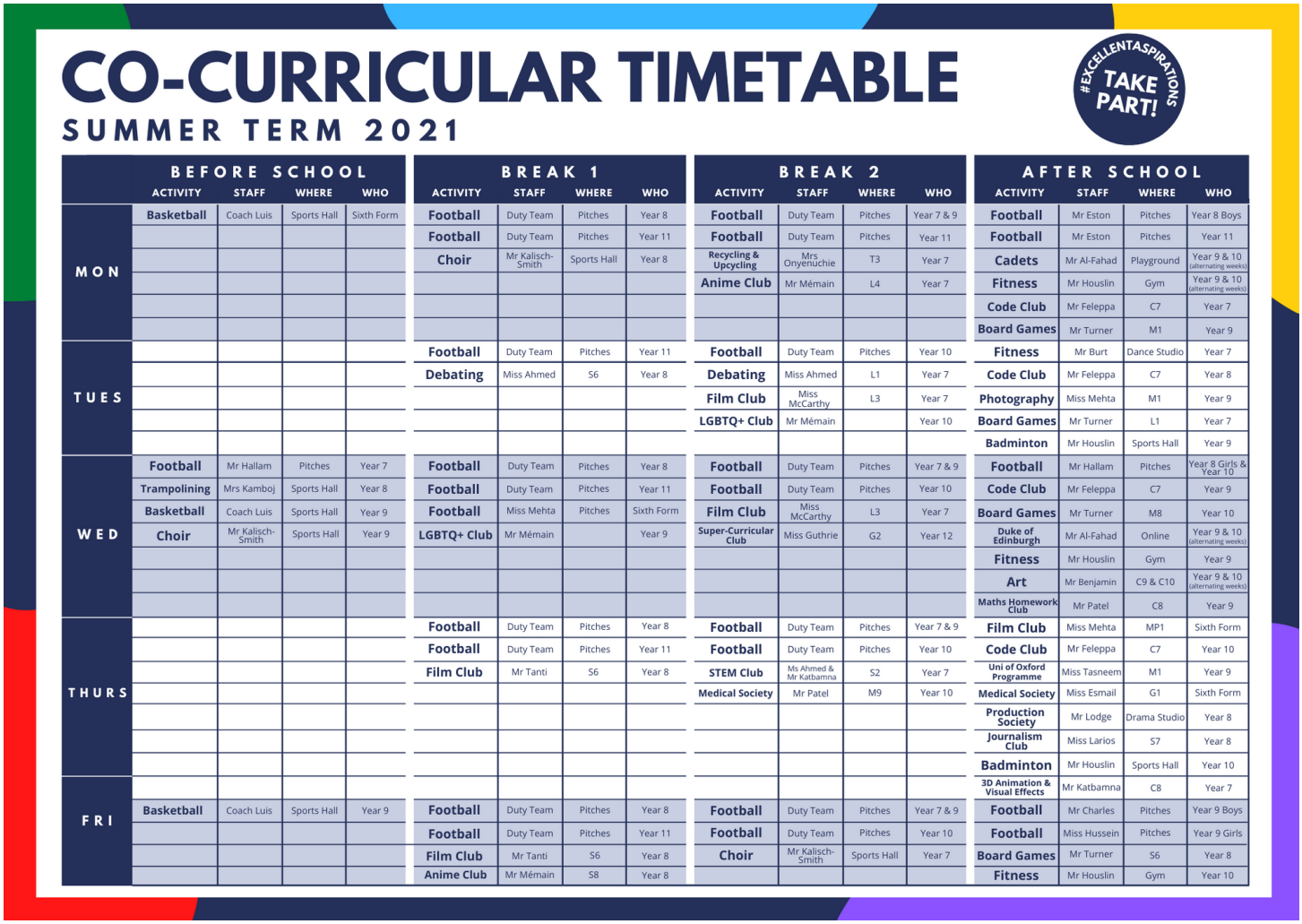
Mr K teaching Year 7 about the magic of animation in 3D Animation and Visual Effects Society.



Year 8 learning about the power of words and how to communicate their ideas positively in Debating Club.

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CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

Please see below for our full Co-Curricular Timetable:



CO-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

SUMMER TERM 2021

#EXCELLENTASPIRATIONS TAKE PART!

	BEFORE SCHOOL				BREAK 1				BREAK 2				AFTER SCHOOL			
	ACTIVITY	STAFF	WHERE	WHO	ACTIVITY	STAFF	WHERE	WHO	ACTIVITY	STAFF	WHERE	WHO	ACTIVITY	STAFF	WHERE	WHO
MON	Basketball	Coach Luis	Sports Hall	Sixth Form	Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 8	Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 7 & 9	Football	Mr Eston	Pitches	Year 8 Boys
					Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 11	Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 11	Football	Mr Eston	Pitches	Year 11
					Choir	Mr Kalisch-Smith	Sports Hall	Year 8	Recycling & Upcycling	Mrs Onyenuchie	T3	Year 7	Cadets	Mr Al-Fahad	Playground	Year 9 & 10 (alternating weeks)
									Anime Club	Mr Mémain	L4	Year 7	Fitness	Mr Houslin	Gym	Year 9 & 10 (alternating weeks)
													Code Club	Mr Feleppa	C7	Year 7
													Board Games	Mr Turner	M1	Year 9
TUES					Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 11	Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 10	Fitness	Mr Burt	Dance Studio	Year 7
					Debating	Miss Ahmed	S6	Year 8	Debating	Miss Ahmed	L1	Year 7	Code Club	Mr Feleppa	C7	Year 8
									Film Club	Miss McCarthy	L3	Year 7	Photography	Miss Mehta	M1	Year 9
									LGBTQ+ Club	Mr Mémain		Year 10	Board Games	Mr Turner	L1	Year 7
													Badminton	Mr Houslin	Sports Hall	Year 9
WED	Football	Mr Hallam	Pitches	Year 7	Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 8	Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 7 & 9	Football	Mr Hallam	Pitches	Year 8 Girls & Year 10
	Trampolining	Mrs Kamboj	Sports Hall	Year 8	Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 11	Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 10	Code Club	Mr Feleppa	C7	Year 9
	Basketball	Coach Luis	Sports Hall	Year 9	Football	Miss Mehta	Pitches	Sixth Form	Film Club	Miss McCarthy	L3	Year 7	Board Games	Mr Turner	M8	Year 10
	Choir	Mr Kalisch-Smith	Sports Hall	Year 9	LGBTQ+ Club	Mr Mémain		Year 9	Super-Curricular Club	Miss Guthrie	G2	Year 12	Duke of Edinburgh	Mr Al-Fahad	Online	Year 9 & 10 (alternating weeks)
													Fitness	Mr Houslin	Gym	Year 9
													Art	Mr Benjamin	C9 & C10	Year 9 & 10 (alternating weeks)
													Maths Homework Club	Mr Patel	C8	Year 9
THURS					Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 8	Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 7 & 9	Film Club	Miss Mehta	MP1	Sixth Form
					Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 11	Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 10	Code Club	Mr Feleppa	C7	Year 10
					Film Club	Mr Tanti	S6	Year 8	STEM Club	Ms Ahmed & Mr Katbamna	S2	Year 7	Uni of Oxford Programme	Miss Tasneem	M1	Year 9
									Medical Society	Mr Patel	M9	Year 10	Medical Society	Miss Esmail	G1	Sixth Form
													Production Society	Mr Lodge	Drama Studio	Year 8
													Journalism Club	Miss Larios	S7	Year 8
													Badminton	Mr Houslin	Sports Hall	Year 10
													3D Animation & Visual Effects	Mr Katbamna	C8	Year 7
FRI	Basketball	Coach Luis	Sports Hall	Year 9	Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 8	Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 7 & 9	Football	Mr Charles	Pitches	Year 9 Boys
					Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 11	Football	Duty Team	Pitches	Year 10	Football	Miss Hussein	Pitches	Year 9 Girls
					Film Club	Mr Tanti	S6	Year 8	Choir	Mr Kalisch-Smith	Sports Hall	Year 7	Board Games	Mr Turner	S6	Year 8
					Anime Club	Mr Mémain	S8	Year 8					Fitness	Mr Houslin	Gym	Year 10

CODE CLUB

Code Club is up and running now in all year groups, where learners are finding the time to dedicate an hour a week to programming, and are already coding some truly excellent things in Scratch and Python. Notable mentions should go to Ananya Nair (Y7), Mark Binoshaj (Y8), Hasan Suleman (Y9) and Scott Edwards (Y10), who are really bubbling with enthusiasm at the keyboard. As well as that, they are also notching up enough appearances for Code Club rewards, such as t-shirts, books, etc.

If you're interested in joining, please come along on the day for your year group:

Monday - Year 7 Tuesday - Year 8 Wednesday - Year 9 Thursday - Year 10

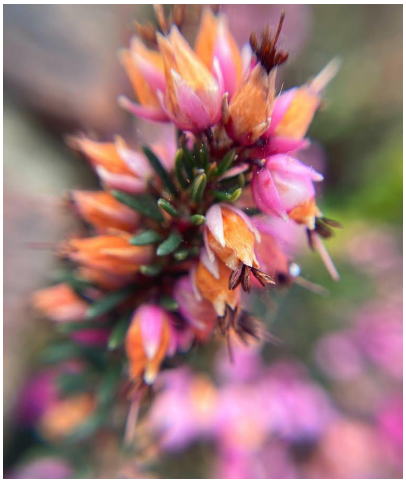
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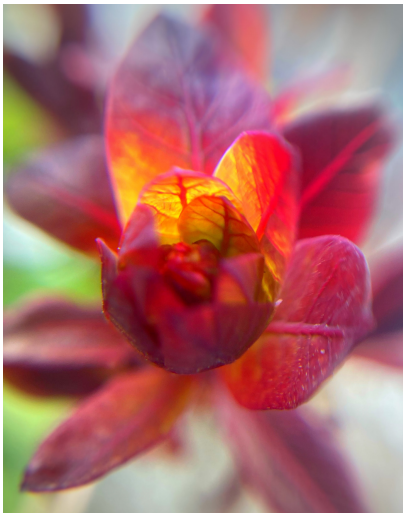
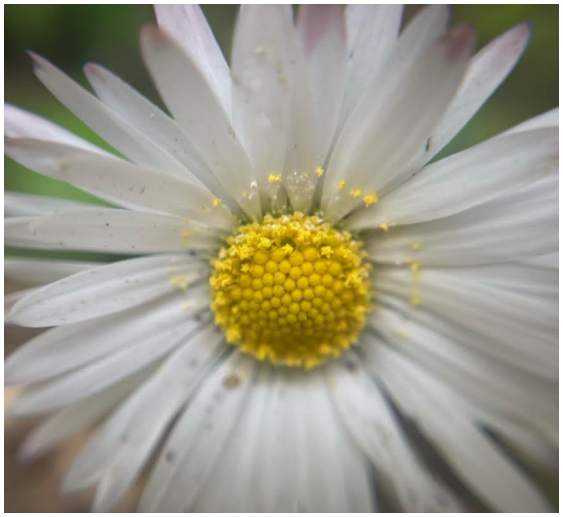
PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

This term in photography club learners have been trying out different styles of photography; focusing on macro photography, experimenting with themes, colour, light and using a variety of editing skills to help enhance their pictures. They have channelled their creativity to produce some fantastic shots and show off their imagination. Some of the photos featured are taken by Mohamed Haja, Jagrut Hirani, Hiong Hu, Dhruv Kerai, Nevaeh De Melo-Eva and Dennis Dilyuk. Next term the learners will start working on panoramic and landscape photography, stay tuned to see what else they can capture!







SAFEGUARDING

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Statistics tell us that over 80% of young people use a smart phone regularly. As such it is vital that being safe online is encouraged. Below you will find a list of 15 apps which parents are recommended to be aware of.

MEET ME - Dating app that allows users to connect with others based on geographic location

SKOUT - Location based dating app that lets users share private photos

GRINDR - Dating app geared towards LGBTQ community that uses phone's GPS location to find others

WHATSAPP - Messaging app that allows users to connect worldwide

TIKTOK - Popular app for kids that allows users to create and share short videos

BADOO - Dating and social media app for sharing photos and videos

BUMBLE - Similar to tinder, but requires females to make first contact

SNAPCHAT - Photos and videos shared to the app typically disappear within 24 hours

KIK - Anyone can contact and direct message other users on the app

LIVE.ME - Streaming video app that broadcasts users exact location

HOLLA - Video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world

WHISPER - Anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers

ASK.FM - Encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions

CALCULATOR% - One of many secret apps that is used to hide photos, videos and browser history

HOT OR NOT - Users can rate profile photos and chat with strangers

SAFEGUARDING

E-SCOOTERS

What is the law on e-scooters?

Currently in the UK, you can legally buy an e-scooter, but you cannot ride it on a public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place it can be used is on private land.
The reason for this is that e-scooters are treated as motor vehicles by the Department of Transport and are subject to the same legal requirement as other vehicles, such as MOT, licencing, tax and insurance. Because they don't always have number plates, signalling ability or visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads.

What happens if I am stopped by the police?

The police will advise you on the law and may ask you to take your e-scooter home. They may, however, still penalise you depending on the seriousness of the offence. If caught riding an e-scooter, fines you may receive can include:

- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a £300 fine and six penalty points
- a Fixed Penalty Notice for no driving licence, up to £100 fine and three-six penalty points
- Other offences which may result in penalties include riding on the footpath, using a mobile phone, riding through red lights and drink driving offences.

To find out more, visit www.met.police.uk/e-scooters

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

TWITTER

Please follow us on Twitter at **@HarrowHighSch** or visit the school website at **www.harrowhigh.com** to see the school events and news and catch up with our learner successes.

SIMS PARENT APP

We have now rolled out the SIMS Parent App across all the year groups and is a fast and convenient way to share information with parents/carers regarding your child's attendance, behaviour and achievement and receive reminder notifications. If you haven't already done so, please download the Sims Parent App and visit the school website at: **https://www.hhsweb.org/parent-app/** for more information. If you would like any help with getting started please contact **Mr Yazdizad IT Technician** on the school number **0208 861 7300.**

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

If you have moved address, or changed your telephone number or email address it is extremely important that you let us know, so that we have up to date contact details if we need to contact you in the event of an emergency and for you to receive important electronic information from school. Please email **lsidoli2.310@harrrowhigh.com** to make any changes.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If your son or daughter has any medical conditions or is taking medication, please contact **Ms Sanderson, Learner Services Officer** on **0208 861 7300 x 210** or email: **gsanderson4.310@harrowhigh.com** with the information.

SCHOOL POLICIES

School policies are updated regularly and are available to view on the school website under: **About us/policies**

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