

Term 4 2015-16



Dear Parents and Carers,

It certainly has been an interesting and busy term. I'm sure all associated with the school are very keen to know the outcome of our recent inspection. However, as those parents who work in education will know, sadly I'm not allowed to talk in terms of numbers and outcomes yet as the result isn't official until Ofsted publish the full report on their website, probably around three weeks after the Easter break. However, what I can say is how proud I was of all our staff and boys in illustrating so well over the course of the inspection what we do best here at the Harvey and that we were delighted with the feedback we received from inspectors. I will alert everyone once the report is published as I am sure you will want to read the full report yourselves. Can I also thank parents for the overwhelming

support we received from you through the Ofsted parent view portal. We will never take that support for granted as we understand our success is built on excellent communication with home.

As I write this I am putting the final touches to my speech for Prizegiving which will be a fitting celebratory end to another term of hard work from all involved at the Harvey. Next term our boys in Y11, 12 and 13 will begin the task of undertaking crucial external examinations. We wish them all well with that endeavour and will be doing all we can to support them fully through the examination period. Finally, can I wish you all a very restful Easter break.

Srg

Mr S Norman Headteacher

A huge vote of thanks to the students who contributed to this edition. Contributions from all students, past or present, are always welcome as are contributions from parents and carers. Email – <u>mgodden@harveygs.kent.sch.uk</u>

Term 5

Upcoming Events

Friday April 22 nd	House Council Meetings
Saturday April 23 rd	Squadronaires Concert
Thursday April 28 th	Junior Maths Challenge
Friday April 29 th	School Council Meeting
Tuesday May 3 rd	Music Spring Showcase Concert (7.30pm – 9.30pm)
Wednesday May 4 th	Primary School Instrumental Performance Day
Friday May 6 th	House Council Meetings
Monday May 16 th	Year 11 Revision Sessions Begin
Monday May 16 th	GCSE and AS Examinations Begin
Monday May 23 rd	Maths Masterclass 1
Friday May 27 th	House Council Meetings

Important Summer Term Dates

Monday June 6 th	Year 13 Study Leave Begins	
Monday June 13 th	A2 Study Begins for Year 12	
Monday June 20 th	Sixth Form Induction Programme Begins	
Friday June 24 th	Book Return Deadline for Years 11 and 13	
Thursday August 18 th	A Level Results Day	
Thursday August 25 th	GCSE Results Day	

Provisional Dates for the next Academic Year 2016 – 17

Term 1	Tuesday September 6 th 2016 – Wednesday October 19 th 2016
Term 2	Monday October 31 st 2016 - Tuesday December 20 th 2016
Term 3	Tuesday January 3 rd 2017 - Friday February 10 th 2017
Term 4	Monday February 20 th 2017 – Friday 31 st March 2017
Term 5	Tuesday April 18 th 2017 - Friday May 26 th 2017
Term 6	Monday June 5 th 2017 - Thursday July 20 th 2017

Year 7 Trip to Boulogne, France

On the 8th and the 15th March, Year 7 pupils were treated to a day trip to Boulogne-sur-Mer. The boys had the opportunity to visit a sweet factory, where they were surprised to learn how much sugar was actually in sweets! They also visited a hypermarket, where many boys were eager to show off their linguistic skills. A particular highlight was seeing the boys meeting their overseas pen pals and speaking in French for an extensive period. It was fantastic to see barriers being broken down and boys actively engaged. The days were a great success and the boys behaved admirably.

Miss Bryant French Teacher

On Tuesday 8th March students gathered in front of the Harvey Grammar School for the first of two French trips to Boulogne. 7M, 7V and 7R were this rounds participants; after a prolonged wait the coaches finally arrived and we boarded them!

Once at the channel tunnel's entrance students became restless because they could not wait to get there!



After a quick word from Sir, we all turned our mobile data and roaming off with very few issues. However, one pupil could not turn off data roaming! Thankfully, Sir was there to assist by turning on air-plane mode. Once out of what was like a sauna, we made our way towards the sweet factory!

Well, there we were outside the factory, it's brand coated all over the walls; sliding the doors open, we were greeted by the sound of a very **loud machine!** One of the members of

staff turned it off so we could hear the translator. They explained the two different sweet labels they made, soft and hard. Soft was the easiest to make, they created a smooth liquid made out of glucose, sugar and water then heated it to a certain temperature then placed it into a mould!

However, the hard sweets were a challenge, they filled the hollow table with water to cool it down, poured the mixture onto the table, added lemon citrus and cola flavouring and finally moulded into a safe enough

'blob' of glucose to place into the machine which would then carry it to baskets ready for packaging! Becasuc was definitely an experience not to forget!

Next, we went to go and see our pen pals, it was going to be a good experience because some of us had never spoken to a French person of our own age before. We



had to complete a sheet that was full of French literature and our pen pals had to complete an English one. It was awkward talking to them because we forgot what to say! But gradually it became easier and after a while, we felt a real sense of achievement. Then, we said goodbye and we even exchanged some gifts.

After, we travelled to the old town. It was quite a long walk. The town was full of interesting shops but the most popular one was a little stool that had lots of mini collectibles. It seemed that we



were there for hours! Sadly, we had to leave for lunch. Luckily, it wasn't a long walk though.

Finally, we had our lunch on a hill top that was located on the town wall. It was quite a small hill that



included lots of poo! Therefore, we had to be careful not to sit on one. We ate our lunch, packed up and was ready for the next experience.

After having lunch, we set off to Auchan. It is huge, with many different shops inside. Most people went to one large shop near the entrance. I t was a long stretch with a variety of items. When we arrived, anyone with a bag had to have it checked and then zip-tied shut

by security. One group of children decided to spend their time eating pizza and then a pudding. Some children spent their money on an infant's ride. It had different types of vehicles spinning round in a circle. The cost was a very pricey 2 euros.

Once peoples bags were unlocked, we got on the coach and set off home. It took about 25 minutes to arrive at the Eurostar on our way back. We actually arrived at the Eurostar (the sauna) early, therefore we

caught an early train back. So that we could notify our parents, Mr Makepeace allowed some people to send a message to their parents through his phone. Some people waited until we were in England to tell their parents. It was a 30minute journey back to England. When we were back in England, it took about 15 minutes for us to arrive back at school, were we were met by our parents. Everyone had a great day and would love to go back. A huge thanks to the teachers for making this possible.

A report by: Bill N, 7M, William L, 7M and Jack M, 7M



Modern Foreign Languages

Hello

News Page

Useful Online Resources

Below are some useful online resources which can be accessed via the learning resource tab on the school intranet:



KS4 - Active Learn: pupils have their own username and password and can complete either set assignments or any assignments or units already completed to revise.

KS3 - Vocab Express: pupils have their own username and password and can complete either set assignments or any units already completed to revise.

All - Linguascope: username = harveygs password = yellowfish for vocab practice (Choose elementary and beginner for KS3 and intermediate for KS4).

All - Languagesonline: no username needed. Good for grammar practice.

KS4 Booster Sessions

Mondays: Mrs Menendez, Mrs Guibert-Paxton and Miss Bryant

Thursdays: Mr Luret

Count Down to Exams!

Hola

Exam time is almost upon us. Please see below for a list of modern foreign languages exams and their dates:

Hallo

17th May 2016 - GCSE French Listening and Reading
20th May 2016 - GCSE Spanish Listening and Reading

11th May 2016 - A Level French and Spanish
Speaking
24th May 2016 - AS Spanish Listening, Reading
and Writing paper
6th June 2016 - AS French Listening, Reading
and Writing paper
14th June 2016 - A2 French Writing paper
20th June 2016 - A2 Spanish Writing paper

COMING UP

Year 11 revision guides will be available after the Easter break.

Make sure you check out next term's issue of the Harveian for an account of the Year 10 Belgian pupil exchange visit!

Drama Showcase



This term allowed drama pupils from Year 8 and 9 to create a short dramatic piece and perform on the stage with the lights in front of 70 parents and family members. Each group created a 2 minute performance based on what they had learnt during the year. The boys had very little input from myself and were very enthusiastic to show their scenes in front of an audience.

For some of the Year 8 pupils this was a very

challenging task as there are many drama pupils who are shy and suffer from stage fright. To stand and

perform in front of a live audience and overcome their fear is very commendable and they should be very proud of themselves.

The evening is very beneficial for our younger pupils, not only for self-esteem and confidence boosts, but it teaches our young performers what is needed to create a successful performance. They learn how important it is to project their voice, to act down stage rather than hide at the back, to work under the heat of the lights and react to a live audience. These skills cannot be taught as effectively





within the classroom. The pupils also receive feedback from their audience when they do not project their voice or speak clearly on stage and what effect this has on the audience's understanding of the performances.

The evening was very well attended; despite being informed Ofsted would be visiting the following morning. I have received some very lovely feedback from parents who were pleased to see what their son had been achieving in drama. One parent commented on 'how well [they] thought all of the boys did on their drama showcase tonight' and I couldn't agree more.

Well done gentlemen.

Mrs Rogers Head of Drama

Biology Department Forensics Day

As part of British Science Week, 30 of our Year 10 students were able to experience being part of a forensics investigation team.

Medway Education Business Partnership were invited to our school to illustrate how sciences, technology, engineering and maths relate to our everyday lives.



They delivered a day long workshop where students learnt about the processes and applications used at crime scenes. This included learning the theory and practically investigating; fingerprinting, footwear casting, hair and fibre analysis as well as the different types of blood splatter found at a crime scene!



The students then had to use what they had learnt in the morning to work out from the evidence 'Who Killed Eva?' Once the evidence was gathered the students had time with their team to put together their case ready for presenting in 'court' to the visiting 'judges'.

It was a close contest but the winning team was

Philip, Michael and Toby. They were closely followed by Nathaniel, Sanskar, Kester and Finley. These two teams not only worked out who the guilty party was but also used and presented the evidence to the highest standard.



Both of these teams were invited Team Challenge County Challenge Final on 17th March and we wish them the best of luck!!!

All students showed excellent ability and maturity throughout the day. I would like to say a big thank you to all the students who were involved and to Ms Kent and Ms Winchester who ran the work shop.

Miss Pritt



<u>The Final</u>

The day was started with a briefing from the representative from



Greenwich University, an introduction to the crime scene and the 3 suspects. The teams then began by analysing the crime scene before they were able to enter and collect evidence. Throughout the morning the boys were able to collate evidence, question the suspects and got the chance to



lift some finger prints off some of the items from the crime scene.

After lunch the boys had to consider all the evidence they had gathered in the morning in order to produce a presentation for the judge. They not only had to work out 'who done it', but also had to show a good understanding of as much of the evidence in the activity as possible. The Judge deemed that 'Team 5' (Toby K, Michael L, and Philip C) were the winners,

due to excellent analysis of the evidence, the detail in their presentation, and the consideration they took to focus on motive and agenda in the case.



A massive well done to both the teams, you were excellent ambassadors for the Harvey Grammar School and did me proud!

Miss Pritt

Sixth Form Givaudan Statistics Trip

A small group of Year 12/13 Statistics students visited Givaudan in Ashford to see how Statistics are used in the real world. Givaudan is an international company and part of the work that they undertake is to test fragrances and then analyse the data. The students took part in a 'Triangle Test' which involved them smelling the contents of 3 containers and identifying which of the fragrances were different from the other two. This was repeated again to eliminate any bias and the results were analysed. We were all able to identify the different fragrance after the second



sampling. The contents of the containers turned out to be fabric conditioner; one being a supermarket own brand and the other a well-known brand.

They also got to see the 'toilet cubicles' which had two toilets in them one with a British flushing system and the other with an American flushing system. These are used to test the fragrances of various toilet cleaning products. The Head Statistician then gave a presentation to the students to highlight how some of the topics that they had studied were used in analysing data at Givaudan. His presentation was especially useful as when he was explaining the results of the 'Triangle Test' that they had undertaken he touched upon the subject of hypothesis testing which is the next topic that they will be studying. It will be very useful for the teacher to refer back to this experience when teaching it in the classroom making it much more relevant to the students.

Discovery House Charity Update



Students in Discovery House have continued to fundraise for our House charity, Cancer Research UK, throughout the term. Our House Representatives have been running a school wide football predictor, testing the skills of sports fans and raising more than £60.00! Thank you to everyone who has taken part and tested their



powers of prediction and to everyone who has helped deliver and collect the predictor sheets every week!

We also held our House Penny Race, which saw the Tutor Groups go headto-head to see who could collect the largest number of 1p and 2p coins and use them to create the longest 1p and 2p line, the largest right angled triangle and the best freestyle penny design. The results of this challenge were excellent and big congratulations go to DJ5, DS3 and DS5 for claiming winning prizes. It was hard to judge the best freestyle design but the wonderful 'Discovery' finally 'sailed' in to the lead!





<u>Sports</u>

<u>Basketball – Report by</u> <u>George H, 8V</u>

Over two weeks, two Harvey Grammar teams played in a Year 7 and 8 school tournament against Brockhill and The Folkestone Academy.



The Folkestone Academy came with a very strong team and were unbeaten throughout, eventually coming first. Harvey did very well being the 'best of the rest' and place second and third. A and B team respectively. There were some great basketball skills on show from all teams and good sportsmanship all round.

Congratulations!



Cameron A, 12V, won the 400m Gold at the Kent Indoor Championships, Under 20's at the weekend (19/20th March).

Cameron also took bronze in the 60m

Hurdles. <u>His 400m time was 51.64s which was a</u> personal best for him.

<u>Futsal</u>

The Under12, Under14 and Under16 Futsal teams all progressed to the County Finals this term with



victories in the qualifying rounds. Held at Medway Park in Term 5, the boys will put their wits against seven other school who were also successful in qualifying rounds. The Under 12s and Under 14s beat Whitstable Community College, while the Under 16s beat Spires Academy.

U14 County Cup Final

The Under 14 County Cup final preperations have begun as the squad is getting ready to face Bexley Grammar School on Saturday 23rd April at Maidstone United's Galagher Stadium. The squad have been having weekly sessions to help perfect the game plan for the big day, as well as the majority of the sqaud coming to the weekly EPS football training for KS3.

It has not been an easy route this game, facing some difficult opposition in the five games prior to the final – which will truly test the boys against a strong Bexley side. Success in the Wilf Armouty Trophy would be a great way to cap off a very good season, and the day itself will not doubt be an experience to remember. Ticket and transport information will be released closer to the date, for those who wish to come and support the boys – which will be greatly appreciated.

Sports Leaders

This term the Sports Leaders have worked with a number of different primary schools leading,

organising and umpiring different activities. Alongside the Shepway Sports Trust, the Sports Leaders (from Years 8 and 9) have helped our with reception fun days and netball



tournaments taking place at the Three Hills Sports Facility. On top of this they have hosted a cross country which over 200 children took part in. The idea of this programme is to help them develop key skills you need to be a coach, including organisation, team work,

communication and time keeping. These skills can then be transferred to their performances. Mr Nunn has seen a massive increase in the boy's

confidence and knowledge over the course of the programme, something



also noted by the SST staff. So much so, that we are the first school they contact when they require Sports Leaders fo all of their festivals now.

The Sports Leaders have developed from leading Primary School events to starting to lead competitions or coaching sessions within Physical Education and Sports lessons, using their sporting knowledge as well to analyse and improve other student's performance.

<u>Hockey</u>

The Under 14 hockey team finished off a successful season on Wednesday 24th March with a fine 3-1 win at Borden Grammar School. As a result, the Under 14a have been crowned East Kent Schools Under 14 Hockey League champions with a 100% record! Other wins this term have included a 7-1 away win at Simon Langton and a 4-2 home win verses Sir Rogers Manwoods. In all, the team have scored 30 goals and only conceded 7 in reply! The team has been ably led by captain and top goal scorer William M and supported by 17 other pupils who have all made significant impacts in the games they have played. The Elite Performance Squad has benefitted from additional coaching and support and the progress of the squad has been highly commended.

Year 7 Rugby Term 4 Report

Under 12 v Dane Court Grammar

The Harvey Grammar U12 Rogby team played



Dane Court on 22nd February 2016. We did astonishingly well during the match. Our defensive line has improved so much as well our passing, tackles and running! The score in the end was 22-17 to Dane Court.

Report by Mr Nunn

Unfortunately, because of an unlucky knock on which the referee spotted we were disallowed, what would have been a winning try for Harvey. Since our first match we have improved dramatically in all aspects of our game. As captain I would like ot thank the squad for all their commitment and hard work. Man of the match for this game was Elliott M for all the postitive runs he made, always managing to break the gain line. His tackling was exemplary. I would also like to include a mention for Kieron B and Benito D for their support to the team as players and their encouragement of others!

Report by Will L, Captain

Under 12 v Borden Grammar



Congratulations to the Year 7 rugby team who won their first game this season convinvingly beating Borden Grammar 24-12 away from home! Once again Will L

our captain was very influential throughout the game demanding strong lines in defence and direct running in attack. Bringing in some new faces proved tactically astute on Mr Dawson's part with Oliver P ourstanding at flanker ably supported by Joshua G at number 8! Despite some doubts at the start of the season this team are developing into a good all round unit!

Report by Mr Dawson

Under 12 v Simon Langton Grammar

The Harvey Grammar U12 Rugby Team played against Simon Langton on 6th March 2016. We thought this would be a tough match, but once we settled into the game it didn't seem as tough as we thought it would be. Our attacking line was really good as well as our rucking over. The only aspect we need to improve on is the defensive line! We need to practise more on a few things to perfect our skills. However, we still played amazingly well! Well done boys. The man of the match for this game was Josh G because he consistently got the ball, ran to the corner and scored! We lost 20-25 which was unlucky but other than that the boys really played well!

Reports by Will L, Captain

Inter-House Rugby Results Sheet – March 2016

Victory

Endeavour





Resolution

Discovery





The Harvey Grammar School Sportsman of the <u>Month</u>

FEBRUARY – James W, 8D

Great effort, attitude and commitment with the Sports Leader programme, working alongside the Shepway Sports Trust

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