

The Harveian



Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 2 2016-17

Christmas is nearly upon us which seems hardly believable. This term saw another spectacular pantomime production with two busy nights completed and an additional matinee performance for over 300 local primary school pupils too. So much hard work goes into this and special mention must go to Owen S for once again

taking the leading role in writing, directing and performing the production this year. It is a great pleasure to sit backstage and watch the boys in their element. It is far less pleasurable actually performing, but this year I was lucky to be joined in my scene by Mr Goodfellow who is clearly a natural at drama! Our Carol Service also took place this week with the Orchestra and Harvey Singers once again superbly leading the countdown to Christmas and the term will once again be finished off with our annual Staff versus Prefects football match. There is much to commend in this edition of the Harveian, illustrating as always the rich variety of activities our boys engage in. I hope you enjoy reading through this and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Mr S Norman
Head teacher

A huge vote of thanks to the students and staff who contributed to this edition. Contributions from all students, past or present, are always welcome as are contributions from parents and carers.

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Dates for the next Academic Year 2016 – 17

Term Dates

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| Term 3 | Tuesday 3 January 2017 - Friday 10 February 2017 |
| Term 4 | Monday 20 February 2017 – Friday 31 March 2017 |
| Term 5 | Tuesday 18 April 2017 - Friday 26 May 2017 |
| Term 6 | Monday 5 June 2017 - Thursday 20 July 2017 |

Staff Training Days 2016-17

Wednesday 21 December 2016 (Twilighted)

Friday 21 July 2017 (Twilighted)

Term 3

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 24th January: Sixth Form Information Evening: 7pm – 9pm

Wednesday 1st February: Year 11 Parents' Evening: 5pm – 8pm

Wednesday 8th February: Year 9 Spanish Trip to BFI London

Wednesday 8th – Thursday 9th February: Year 13 Btech Business trip to Brussels

Thursday 9th February: Year 9 French Trip to BFI London

Friday 10th – 17th February: Ski trip to New Hampshire, USA

Saturday 11th – 18th February: Finland Expedition

TERM DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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10 Years of Service Marked



At the recent Old Harveians' dinner, Head Boy Thomas Adams, presented Mr Dennis with an embossed golf scorecard holder in recognition of his ten years now served as our Chair of Governors. When Mr Dennis became Chair of Governors in 2006, Tony Blair was Prime Minister, Steve McClaren was England Football Manager and Twitter was first launched. Much has changed in the intervening years, but Mr Dennis has been a constant presence offering support, challenge, stability and wisdom to help steer the school successfully through all the challenges it has faced. Thomas thanked Mr Dennis for his fine service on behalf of the boys and wished him well.

Schools Shakespeare Festival performance of Comedy of Errors



On Monday 7th November 18 Harvey pupils performed Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. After spending a very useful 2-hour dress and technical rehearsal down at the Quarterhouse in the morning, the cast received feedback from the Shakespeare directors and our technicians, Oliver Turner and Harvey Miles-Berry, were able to work in a professional box with professional lighting and sound equipment.



Since the start of September the cast have dedicated three hours a week to rehearsals after school and given up countless lunchtimes. For most cast members (and director) it was the first Shakespeare play they had been in and understanding Shakespeare's jokes and timings for the very famous farce was by far the most challenging element to the rehearsal process.



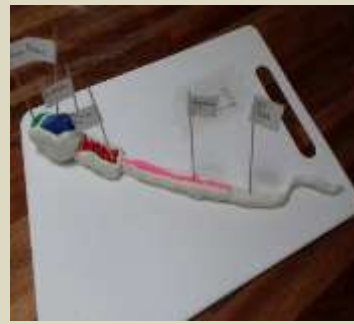


During the actual evening The Harvey performed alongside The Folkestone Academy and St Eanswythe Primary, together creating a very entertaining evening of Shakespeare to a paying audience at The Quarterhouse Theatre, Folkestone. Our Harvey boys really rose to the challenge. They produced a performance which was witty, full of very well timed exits and entrances, comic physicality and over dramatisation. The perfect recipe for a great farce. Once again I could not have asked more from the cast. Their dedication, versatility and ability is admirable and their talent faultless. Many of the cast members were also rehearsing for the school pantomime as well; so a very big thank you and well done from me.

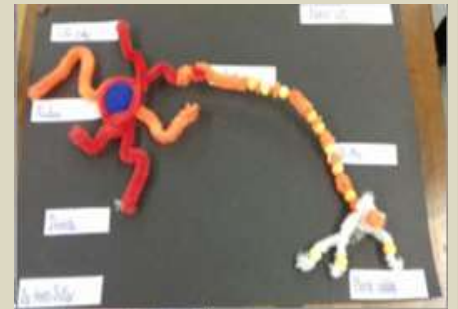


Mrs Rogers

Model cells –which students took on the challenge!?



7M were offered the opportunity to make a model cell from whatever materials they liked. This was an optional piece of work and I was delighted by the models which were brought in! The students showed a great amount of imagination, artistic flair, research skills and enthusiasm for the subject.



The cells were absolutely fantastic and were made from an array of materials such as polystyrene balls, modelling clay, food (including a Bakewell tart nucleus) and even flowers!

Students have been given marking criteria to follow and are producing a matching poster in class. Here students will use and research information to show their knowledge and understanding of cells organelles and their functions as well as the workings of a microscope. I am sure there will also be of a great standard.



The winning cell must go to Luca who helped create this flower cell – I have never seen one made of flowers before.

A big well done to Dominic, Fletcher, Nicko, Sam and Oscar who also made excellent cells!



The Giant with The Three Golden Hairs



It's the most wonderful time of the year at The Harvey Grammar School, with their annual pantomime playing to two packed audiences on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December, as well as a special matinee performance to local primary schools on Wednesday 7th. 'The Giant with The Three Golden Hairs' was the second script written by Year 13 pupil Owen Smith, except this year, he took on the role of director too. The production was the first time a show has ever been entirely co-ordinated by a student, including the directing and choreography. There was also a record number of pupils in the cast, smashing the record from the previous year.



Oh yes it is!



The art department showcased their festive spirit by making the set and all the props for the production, while the lighting, sound, and special effects were organised by a team of student technicians. In true Harvey tradition, there were also appearances from members of staff, including headteacher and deputy headteacher, Mr Scott Norman and Mr Simon Goodfellow.

Head of Drama, Rebecca Rogers was still on hand to assist with the smooth running of the performances, which was overall, a truly 100% Harvey Grammar production.

Mrs Rogers explained that 'never before has the pantomime been so successful amongst our Harvey Community. We have nearly 50 cast members across all year groups and a record number of staff members wanting to be a part of the magic. The props this year have been made by a year 11 pupil as well as art teacher Mr Pawsey, with enthusiasm unrivaled compared to previous years. Owen has shown such dedication to his script, bringing it to life, choreographing all songs, leading all rehearsals and organizing costumes and music. His energy and passion has filtered through the cast and school as we have already sold a record number of tickets for the shows.



Owen, the cast, the technicians, the teachers and the prop designers have brought professionalism and energy to the school and I am very proud to witness all what they have accomplished'. All the proceeds go towards future productions, and assisting with an ever-growing dramatic society at the Harvey Grammar School.



The Cast





A **WICKED** Geography Trip!

TECTONIC HAZARDS AS/A2 GEOGRAPHY STUDENT CONFERENCE 2016



On Friday 25th November, a group of A Level Geographers from The Harvey visited the Apollo Victoria Theatre in the heart of London's West End for a Tectonic Hazards conference. With over 2,500 other Sixth Form students in attendance an expert panel inspired the audience, sharing with them contemporary research into the causes, impacts and management of a range of Tectonic Hazards.



Professor Iain Stewart

The panel included **Professor Iain Stewart**, a Professor of Geoscience Communication and presenter with BBC Science who's made a number of programmes about Earth Science, including Earth: the Power of the Planet, and **Dr Martin Degg**, who's model to explain the relationship between hazard events and vulnerable populations in determining disasters is well known by a generation of A Level geographers.

It's not earthquakes that kill you, it's buildings

What progress has been made in preparing for, and responding to, disasters?

When continents collide...earthquake hazard and risk along the deadliest tectonic belt on Earth

'Between the plates' - living with Iceland's Tectonic Hazards

Surrounded by the dramatic stage setting of the long-running West-End musical Wicked, the presenters posed questions to the audience and to explore the latest trends in a range of vulnerable locations. how best to perform in answering entertaining and informative thanks to Miss Chapman for arranging the opportunity for Sixth Form Geographers to attend.



Dr Martin Degg's Disaster Model



presented their own research evidence tectonic hazard impact and response, in They also provided invaluable advice on A Level Hazard questions. An conference was enjoyed by all. Our



Harvey Grammar School Carol Service

St Eanswythe Church



Bestselling Author Visits Harvey

On Tuesday 8th November, multi-award-winning author G P Taylor gave a talk to Harvey pupils in years 7, 8 and 9. The writer spoke of his childhood growing up, and how as a boy he had frequently been in trouble at school, and was doing very badly – until a teacher ‘forced’ him to read *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C S Lewis. This was a life-changing experience, which set Graham on the road to becoming a bestselling writer, with sales among younger readers second only to those of J K Rowling. Before that, however, he was a policeman, and then a vicar, specialising in the exorcism of ghosts! Graham made his listeners both roar with laughter and scream in terror at his alternately hilarious and terrifying anecdotes. Afterwards boys had the opportunity to ask questions to Graham about his writing and to get signed copies of his books.



Gothic Horror at HGS

On 23rd November, Rupert Mason (the one-man Redheart Theatre Company) visited the Harvey to perform his live version of three famous tales of Gothic Horror: ‘The Red Room’ by H G Wells, ‘The Signalman’ by Charles Dickens and ‘The Tell-Tale Heart’ by Edgar Allan Poe, to Year 8. Year 8 have been studying Horror and the Supernatural this term, so Rupert’s hair-raising performances tied in with the work being done, a time of year suitable for the telling of ghost stories and spooky tales. Well done to Year 8, who behaved impeccably and who also got the chance to ask the actor some thoughtful questions after the show.

M Dickens



Biology Outreach visit to Elham Primary School

On Friday 25th November nine year 13 Biologists made their way to Elham C of E Primary School to run four sessions to teach all of the pupils about plants in a series of practical activities.



The two morning sessions involved key stage 2 pupils who completed a series of activities ranging from preparing specimens of root, stem and pollen to observe under the microscope, making a model to show how water moves through a plant stem, observing the inside of seeds and finding out how we can use them for food (making popcorn!) and finding out how plants reproduce by dissecting lily flowers.

The children were kept very busy and struggled to complete all of the activities in the time available.

In the afternoon key stage 1 pupils then had their opportunity to find out about plants by learning about their lifecycle, from seed to fruit, looking at and learning about fruits, seeds and flowers, finding out how light affects the growth of a plant and looking at microscope images of plants.



The children were all engaged in the activities and left with a greater understanding of why plants are so important, how we can make use of them and how they grow.



A huge thankyou to Joe H, Luke L, Seb G, Dan O, Matthew H, Jacob B, Harry C, Tom A and Joel R who gave up their time to deliver these sessions in such a professional way, to Mr Bridgland for driving us there and to the Biology staff who helped to prepare the resources for the day.



Lille Christmas Market

Year 9

On Wednesday 14th December year 9 headed out to Lille for the Christmas Market and a visit to a waffle factory. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience and picked up on new vocabulary to use in future. The high point of the trip would have to be tasting 'Gauffre' a Flemish waffle that held a large amount of sugar! I am sure all of year 9 will remember this experience for years to come.

Alistair C

Last Wednesday 40 year 9s went to Lille for a school trip. We visited the Christmas market and a waffle factory, where waffles are covered with sugar. My highlight was the Christmas market. Everyone loved it!

Sam R

The trip to Lille was fantastic. I would highly recommend going on the trip if the school organises it again. We went to the waffle factory, which was the best part of the trip. The waffles were handmade and delicious. After that we travelled to the Christmas market which had lots of stalls to buy gifts for friends and family. It was a brilliant experience.

Archie W

The Lille trip was tres bien! The best part was definitely the waffle factory, we saw how they were made and cooked and learnt some new French ingredients. We then had the opportunity to buy some delicious filled waffles. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Louis S



The Waffle Factory



PSHE at the Harvey 2016

With PSHE now embedded into the tutorial system it is important to continue the hard work in the future. PSHE enables students to feel safe, make informed decisions and be able to learn in any environment and we ensure that the Harvey PSHE system develops this in all our students.

Why PSHE at the Harvey:

The Education Act says that every state-funded school must offer a balanced/broadly-based curriculum which:

- promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical **development of pupils**
- **prepares** pupils **for** the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of **later life**
- promoting pupil **wellbeing** and pupil **safeguarding**
- community cohesion

Research, findings and Reports

Children with **higher levels of emotional, behavioural, social, and school wellbeing**, on average, have higher levels of academic achievement and are more engaged in school, both concurrently and in later years.

Children with **better emotional wellbeing** make more progress in primary school and are more engaged in secondary school.

(DfE, 2012, The Impact of Pupil Behaviour and Wellbeing on Educational Outcomes)

What do we do?

The system has a session a week during tutor time collapsing the vertical system so the programme creates a “spiral approach” so each year group deals with age appropriate issues. This covers as broad a spectrum as possible from the recommended PSHE programme of study.

| PSHE Schedule for the Year | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Term 1 | Relationships and Bullying |
| Term 2 | Mental Health & Respecting each other |
| Term 3 | Relationships and Sex Education |
| Term 4 | Drugs and Substance Awareness |
| Term 5 | Economic Wellbeing |
| Term 6 | Healthy Schools and the future |

Science Live

The Biology department ran a Yr12/13 science trip to Friend's House in London. Here the students listened to a set of thought-provoking lectures and it provided them with an opportunity to meet scientists who are working at the cutting edge of their specialisms. For students thinking of choosing this subjects at University, it was a look forward to the subject matter being covered, the style of teaching and the opportunities science brings to future careers.

Professor Steve Jones



Discussed the evolution of the *Homo sapiens*. How man, who lived for most of his history on the tropical savannah, eating a more or less healthy diet based on hunting and gathering, now finds himself faced with the challenges of extreme heat and cold, food shortages (or excess) and infectious disease.

Doctor Jenny Rohn



Entertained with her rather graphic stories of urinary tract infections, the bubonic plague pandemic and the spread of TB. She discussed the antibiotic work of Fleming and how in 1945 he gave a speech which said 'I would like to sound one word of warning'. resistance is common in my experiments, over use will cause resistance as will not taking a full course. Yet still resistance is a problem and still developing new antibiotics seems to be a non-priority.

Students were able to listen to advice in the **examiners sessions** which will deal with expected responses to different types of questions.

- Underline/highlight key parts of the question to slow down your thinking.

-Don't repeat the stem of the question, it takes up room

-If it asks for 2 points and you give four and one is wrong, you get negative points

-Use bullet points to help you organise your answer

-Do paired comparisons or you get no marks

-Read examiner reports to see misconceptions and check you don't have the same ones!

Professor Robert Winston



Discussed the pioneering work in the field of fertility. Major break-throughs including regenerative medicine, manipulation of genes and the first human embryo to be grown in the UK.

Doctor Emily Grossman



Gave us a history of stem cells and what we can expect from this pioneering work in the future. From the first nuclear transfusion in 1962 to today, where we are seeing, induced pluripotent stem cells, treatment of macular degeneration, synthetic windpipes, the cloning of pets in SE Asia and the potential trials to clone a mammoth in Korea!

Doctor Adam Hart



Spoke about his studies on ants. Ants have mastered their environment and manage to live in super-dense societies in ways that have proved stable for millions of years. He discussed the relationship between the queens and the workers, the males and the females and how they communicate and get what is needed to survive. He showed how any nests can be cast using molten Aluminium and how pheromones stop ants getting lost.

CHEMISTRY 'HUB'

The Harvey became the focus of training for Chemists from all over Kent when Mr Maull and Mr Clark (from Pfizers) led a session on the use of the Infra-red Spectrometer that we have at school. We are a hub school for this machine which is then loaned out to other schools in Kent. It was a very successful evening and we are very grateful to Pfizer for selecting The Harvey as a 'hub' school.





Our World Education Trust

100 Karate Kata 10th December 2016



At the beginning of November, I made the decision to raise funds for The Our World Educational Trust and set an initial target of £300. Our World Educational Trust does not support just one charity, they support the common aim of making education a right, not a privilege, they therefore work with a number of charities to support this both overseas and within the UK. Most of my own charitable work has been through the community projects which are a part of the expeditions we organise at the Harvey so this was a bit of a new experience, needless to say I enthusiastically set about organising a crowd funding webpage, putting unwanted items on EBay and selling home grown produce to staff – in fact the quest to raise funds meant nothing was sacred and even my ‘prized’ and very large pumpkin got auctioned off – many thanks to Mrs Bowie who having won the pumpkin apparently spent a whole weekend converting it into soup!

The funds gradually came in and fairly soon the £300 mark was reached, it then began to dawn on me that I had in fact committed to a fairly demanding physical challenge. A Kata is a set sequence of martial arts moves, it allows the student to develop and understand the techniques, there are a fair number of different Katas and I was supposed to do them consecutively (with a 30 second break between each ten). However, Sensei was expressing his pleasure at how the fundraising was going so there was no way I could get out of it.

The generosity of people was simply amazing, but I was left absolutely speechless when one of my old students contacted me and donated £100 as a thank you for helping him into an engineering career.

The day of the 100 Kata arrived, starting with the basic Katas we worked in sets of ten ultimately doing two of the more advanced black belt Katas. A brief 30 second break between each ten and a luxury five minute break at the halfway point. Probably one of the most demanding and intense challenges I have ever done.

My feet were still sore and blistered a week after the event but this has to be one of the most satisfying and rewarding things I have ever done and by the day of the event I had raised just over £800. This money will go a long way to ensuring a number of children receive an education which we in the UK take for granted.

My deepest thanks to everyone who donated.



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Sports



Follow us on Twitter for up to date fixtures, results/scorers & all things HGS Sport using the handle @HGSSport.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Terms 1&2

The PE department run many clubs across the week that all are welcome to attend (please see the Extra-Curricular poster for details). Just be sure to check the time/venue & come along. Make sure for a lunch time club, you bring your trainers & only attend the club during your lunch time - **DO NOT MISS A FORM TIME FOR A CLUB**. After school clubs do require your HGS Games kit. If there are any questions, please see a member of the PE department.

| VENUE | TIME | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-------------|---------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| SPORTS HALL | LUNCH TIME 12.10-12.40 | FUTSAL 8D&R JG | FUTSAL 9R&V JW | BASKETBALL 7&8D&V WD | FUTSAL 7D&E PMC | BASKETBALL 9&10R&E SCC |
| | 12.50-1.20 | FUTSAL 8E&V CS/LH | | BASKETBALL 7&8E&R DJF | FUTSAL 7R&V JG | BASKETBALL 9&10D&V WD |
| GYM | LUNCH TIME 12.10-12.40 | | DODGEBALL 8R&V JG | | | HOUSE ACTIVITIES JW |
| | 12.50-1.20 | DODGEBALL 7E&V DJV | | TABLE TENNIS E&R JG/JW | DODGEBALL 9R&V SCC | HOUSE ACTIVITIES |
| | AFTER-SCHOOL | HOCKEY 3Hills 15.30-16.30 SDD/JG/NB | ESP FOOTBALL 3G Astro 15.30-16.30 JW/JG/LH/CS | BADMINTON Sports Hall 15.30-16.30 | BASKETBALL Sports Hall 15.30-16.30 DJF/WD | FOOTBALL STAFF Sports Hall JG BTec Catch-up D61 15.30-17.00 WD |

Good news... The Sports hall build is making good progress.



As we rapidly approach Christmas, work on our new £2 million sports hall extension is now well underway. This impressive extension is due to be completed and up and running for the new academic year in September 2017. Our current gym facilities built in 1930, will be demolished over the summer holiday period in August and replaced with the stunning new facilities housed in the sports hall extension. This will include a new gym; 4 spacious changing rooms; 2 multi-functional classrooms; office space for the PE department and Endeavour House and a deluxe fitness suite providing sports facilities to take the Harvey into a fresh new era of sporting prowess. It will provide, not only excellent opportunities in lessons but a far wider range of extra-curricular activities during and after school for pupils.

Attached are an artist's impression of how the facility will look in September as well as a photo of the current work in progress. Along with the recently developed Wright Building and the Harvey's outstanding Ofsted status this is a great time to be a Harvey pupil in both academia and sport.



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Judo British Championships

Recently, Kaito of Yr11 competed in Sheffield at the British Judo Championships. Up against a strong field of competitors, Kaito fought his way to a bronze medal & 3rd place overall.



Well Done!

**South East Region Water Polo Team
at the
Boys Under 14
Inter-Regional Championships
2016**

Twelve months ago, the South East was unable to enter a team into this event, because across the Region we did not have the number of boys playing Water Polo to be able to select a team. Since that time, with much hard work, determination and regular weekend training sessions at Worthing, we have been able to form a team. Water Polo teams comprise 7 players; The Harvey Grammar School (and Hythe Aqua Swimming Club) was well represented in the team by three boys – William C, James C and Leon S, all Year 9 boys. Despite very tough opposition from 7 other teams across England, plus a team from Scotland and Wales, the S.E. team performed superbly, gaining heaps of experience and confidence. We will build on this in the months to come, and very much look forward to the next competition.



HGS EPS Head to Wembley

On Tuesday 15th November, 48 boys from the EPS Football system in Key Stage 3 headed to Wembley to watch the international friendly between England & Spain.

A reward for their hard work & commitment this season, the boys were able to enjoy a tight game between the two countries which was drawn 2-2. Having worked on a few ideas during their Games lessons as well as after school on a Tuesday at the EPS training session, it was an opportunity for the boys to see how the elite players put in to practice similar formations & strategies.



Keep up to date with all things Harvey Sport by following our Twitter account (@HGSSport) & keep an eye out on the PE & Sports notice board (opposite the staff room) for any info on fixtures, competitions & extra-curricular clubs.

Cross Country

This year's cross country competitions in school have been very successful again. Although the course is limited with the recent Three Hills development decreasing the route, it is still a very competitive set of races. In Year 7, Leo C (Resolution House) finished way ahead of his nearest competitor however a strong showing of Victory House competitors in the top 50 secured victory at that age group. In years 8 and 9 Resolution House were the dominant force winning both of their age groups comfortably. Year 9 Tristan P (Resolution House) and Liam O'D (Discovery House) came first in their respective competitions in much closer races.

The top 6 boys from year 7, years 8/9 and years 10/11 combined have then gone on to represent the school in the Ashford and Shepway Cross Country Competition at Brockhill Park. This is a much tougher race over rough terrain, including hills and avoiding cattle so making it a level "playing field" with other schools. In most races there were up to 10 schools competing including other Grammar schools and Private schools. The year 7's bossed the race coming 1st Leo C, 3rd Zak D, 5th Miles T, 9th Ben M and 12th Tom S out of the top 15. This meant that they won the overall standings by a very impressive 40 points. Tristan P (Resolution) came 3rd in the year 9 competition and Joseph F (Endeavour) 5th but overall the team came 3rd. In the Year 10/11's competition Tom C (Endeavour) narrowly beat his nearest competitor by 7 secs and Morgan W and Nat P (older brother of Tristan P) came 5th and 7th respectively and unfortunately came 2nd but were only 6 points from 1st, so unlucky.

Overall an excellent set of results for Cross country and several of the pupils will be going on to represent the district in further competitions.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS SHEET 2016



Leo C

| POSITION | OVERALL | Pts |
|-----------------|------------|-----|
| 1 ST | RESOLUTION | 11 |
| 2 ND | DISCOVERY | 7 |
| 3 RD | ENDEAVOUR | 6 |
| 3 RD | VICTORY | 6 |



Liam O'D

| | Year 7 | Pts | | Year 8 | Pts | | Year 9 | Pts |
|-----------------|------------|-----|-----------------|------------|-----|-----------------|------------|-----|
| 1 st | VICTORY | 4 | 1 st | RESOLUTION | 4 | 1 st | RESOLUTION | 4 |
| 2 nd | RESOLUTION | 3 | 2 nd | DISCOVERY | 3 | 2 nd | ENDEAVOUR | 3 |
| 3 rd | DISCOVERY | 2 | 3 rd | ENDEAVOUR | 2 | 3 rd | DISCOVERY | 2 |
| 4 th | ENDEAVOUR | 1 | 4 th | VICTORY | 1 | 4 th | VICTORY | 1 |



| POSITION | YEAR 7 | YEAR 8 | YEAR 9 |
|----------|----------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | LEO C | LIAM O'D | TRISTAN P |
| 2 | ZAK D | JACK M | TOBY Y |
| 3 | MARLOW T | LEWIS C | JOSEPH F |
| 4 | CONRAD K | LOUIS H | BYRON S |
| 5 | THOMAS S | MAX C | STEVEN W |
| 6 | BENJAMIN M | HARRY W | JACK S |
| 7 | MAX F | PHARRELL Y | AIDAN H |
| 8 | ELLIOT C | HARVEY P | JONATHAN I |
| 9 | SHIRAZ SUNNY R | ALFIE K | COHEN D |
| 10 | EUAN S | TOM K | ALISTAIR C |

EPS FOOTBALL

We come to the end of the EPS football season during Games lessons, with the various age group teams showing vast progression from the start of the academic year in August.

Extensive & high quality sessions for 2 hours a week, instilling & developing on the basic techniques or skills that will serve them well as players, as well as the very well attended EPS training sessions after school on a Tuesday have meant that the boys' performances throughout the season have been very impressive & a great testament to all their hard work & listening.

These performances have yielded fantastic team displays, resulting in some dominant & hard fought results. Going in to Term 3 (at the time of writing this report), we have teams in the County Cup Semi Finals (U12B, U13 & 2ndXI), Quarter Finals (U12A, U16 & 1stXI) with the U15s in the last 16 of the County Cup & the last 64 of the National competition. Despite going out earlier this term, The U14s also showed the progression they have made this year, by winning their first games in the County competition. Here's hoping that by the time you read this & we all come back after the break, the U15s can make it in to the latter stages of their cups as well & we can be talking in the Term 3 newsletter about how we have finals to look forward to!

In terms of the league campaigns, some early disappointing results costs a few age groups a chance to compete in the finals day at Homelands in January. This was more to do with the teachers getting to know the boys in their squad in order to find the best team & set up as much as lower than hoped performances. We are confident that if we played the games that cost us early in term 1 again now, we would be in a much better position to gain the results hoped for. Having said that, we need to learn from these performances & take these lessons going forward in to next year's league.

Despite the lesson time for EPS football coming to an end, the training sessions after school on a Tuesday run throughout the year on the 3G, with fixtures being organised constantly in order to allow as many as possible the opportunity to put in to a game situation, the ideas we go through as a group.

Tennis Achievements



Well done to Michael O who has been selected for the Kent under 18's Tennis Squad. Michael's most recent tennis successes include winning The Redbridge SC winter Regional Tour (18U) and coming 7th in the Men's Sutton Tennis Academy Super Series Tournament. Both great achievements, as Michael is 16U.

| RANKINGS | | | | | |
|-----------|----------|----------|--------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Age Group | National | Regional | County | Singles Events/Points | Total Points ? |
| 16U | 35 | 9 | 2 | 32 / 3920 | 5159 |
| 18U | 110 | 31 | 10 | 32 / 3920 | 5159 |
| Open | 228 | 53 | 13 | 32 / 3920 | 5159 |

Tennis rankings are dependent on, not just how well you play, but also how many tournaments you are able to play to accumulate points. Whilst having a full time school career and having many miles between him and potential tournaments, these rankings are more than impressive!

Well done Michael.

SPORTSMAN OF THE MONTH



November

William M

For his continued development & commitment towards school & club hockey, with his recent selection to the HiPac system with England Hockey.

Leo C

Winner of the Yr7 Inter House Cross Country competition as well as the District Championships. Also, a standout player in in the Yr7 hockey training.