

The Harveian



Term 6. 2016 – 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another academic year is almost complete with this term once again a busy one. Our new cohort of Year 6 boys have enjoyed a number of induction activities with us and will be joining just in time to make use of the exciting brand new sports facilities that will be used by all when we return in September. The ageing Gym will be demolished over the summer break, which has caused a little sadness from some old boys of the school who fondly remember their time playing sport in that building. However of course, the new facilities are a major improvement that will be hugely enjoyed by this generation of Harveians. In relation to sport, my congratulations go to the participants in our recent Sports Day who gave their all for their house teams. Discovery House lifted the trophy and a most notable achievement was that of Gene Sanger who broke our longstanding 400 metre record set in 1979 by David Bean.

At the end of this academic year we are saying goodbye to Mrs Turnbull, Mr Makepeace, Mr Ward and Dr Argar and wish them every success. Next year we are being joined by Mr Hollier (Maths), Ms Taylor (MFL), Ms Jamin (English) and Ms Holness (Science).

Finally, I wish you and your family a restful summer break and we look forward to welcoming your son back on Tuesday 5th September.

Mr S Norman
Head Teacher

Dates for the next Academic Year 2017 – 18

Term Dates

Term 1	Tuesday 5 th September - Thursday 19 th October
Term 2	Monday 30 th October - Tuesday 19 th December
Term 3	Thursday 4 th January – Friday 9 th February
Term 4	Monday 19 th February – Thursday 29 th March
Term 5	Monday 16 th April – Friday 25 th May
Term 6	Monday 4 th June – Friday 20 th July

Staff Training Days 2017-18

Monday 4th September, 2017

Friday 20th October, 2017

Wednesday 20th December, 2017 (Twilighted)

Monday 23rd July, 2018 (Twilighted)

Tuesday 24th July, 2018 (Twilighted)

Term 1

Upcoming Events

Saturday 9th September: Shepway Test

Friday 15th September: Sponsored Walk

Tuesday 26th September: Yr11 Business and Economics trip to Bank of England

Thursday 5th October: Yr10 Business trip to Museum of Brands and Packaging

Staff updates

We say goodbye to Mr Makepeace and Mrs Turnbull, both looking forward to enjoying well-earned retirement. We also say goodbye to Mr Ward and Mr Gooding, and wish them well with their new projects. We welcome Mrs Jamin and Mr Sanders to the English department; Miss Taylor to the Languages department; Mr Hollier to Maths and Mrs Holness to Science.

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. Email: Library@harveygs.kent.sch.uk

IMPORTANT DATES 2017-18

SEPTEMBER

Saturday September 9th 2017

Friday September 15th 2017

Shepway Test

Sponsored Walk

NOVEMBER

Tuesday November 7th 2017

Wednesday November 15th 2017

Tuesday November 21st 2017

Thursday November 23rd 2017

Meet the House Team (Y7 Parents)

Sixth Form Parents' Evening: 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Autumn Showcase Concert

Year 8 Parents' Evening: 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

DECEMBER

Saturday December 2nd 2017

Thursday December 7th 2017

Friday December 8th 2017

Monday December 11th 2017

Monday December 18th 2017

OHA Football

Panto

Panto

Mock GCSE Examinations for Year 11 pupils

Carol Concert

JANUARY

Tuesday January 23rd 2018

Wednesday January 31st 2018

Sixth Form Information Evening

Y11 Parents' Evening: 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

FEBRUARY

Monday February 5th 2018

Tuesday February 20th 2018

Wednesday February 28th 2018

Year 13 Mock Exams (ending February 9th)

GCSE Options Evening

Year 9 Parents' Evening: 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

MARCH

Thursday March 8th 2018

Friday March 23rd 2018

Thursday March 29th 2018

Year 10 Parents' Evening: 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

OHA Hockey

Prizegiving at the Leas Cliff Hall

APRIL

Tuesday April 24th 2018

Year 7 Parents' Evening: 4.30 pm – 8.00 pm

MAY

Tuesday May 1st 2018

Monday May 14th 2018

Spring Showcase Concert

GCSE and GCE examinations start (ending June 26th)

JUNE

Monday June 11th 2018

Monday June 25th 2018

Monday June 25th 2018

Year 12 Progression Exams (ending June 22nd)

Internal Examinations start for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10

Year 12 Btec Work Experience (until June 29th)

JULY

Wednesday 4th 2018

Monday July 9th 2018

Wednesday 11th 2018

Thursday July 12th 2018

Thursday July 12th 2018

Tuesday July 17th 2018

Open Evening

Year 10 Work Experience (until Friday 13th)

OHA Cricket

Tutor Reports Due (Y7, 8, 9, and 10)

Sports Day

Y7, 8, 9 and 10 Reports Issued

Provisional Dates for start of 2018-19

Monday September 3rd 2018 – INSET

Tuesday September 4th 2018 – Term 1 starts

Absences from School

If your son is going to be absent from school we require parents/carers to contact the school to explain their son's absence.

This contact can be made by:

- Phoning the school on **01303 252131** on each day of absence, preferably before 08.50. An out of hours answerphone facility is available on this number prior to 08.00 and after 17.00.
- E-mailing the school on absences@harveygs.kent.sch.uk on each day of absence – again, preferably before 08.50.

In cases where we have not received any contact, we will phone or write to parents/carers asking for a reason to be given, as to why their son has been absent.





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We have always welcomed the involvement of parents in the life of the school and are proud of the level of parental engagement here at The Harvey. We strongly believe that by working together we can provide the very best educational opportunities for our boys. This year we have continued with the initiative of Parents' Forums which we began in 2014 and which we trust will continue to help to build even closer links with parents.

Our final meeting for the year was on Wednesday 12 July when a group of parents, whose sons are in different year groups, met with staff in the Trafalgar Room to explore the topic of our school information system, *Talisman*. Mr Wright, our former headteacher and the architect of *Talisman*, began the meeting with an overview of the system and a brief history of its development.

Having looked at *Talisman* from the school's perspective, we then invited parents to give us their views about their experiences using the system. The points raised were invaluable to the school in allowing us to make further improvements and in guiding future developments. Some of the points raised by parents were:

- *Talisman* allows Parents' Evenings to be much more personal. Parents already know how their sons are progressing so discussions with teachers can focus on how they can improve further.
- *Talisman* is very impressive. It shows that each child is known and all the information is personal and relevant.
- It is very helpful to be able to email teachers directly; teachers are very efficient at replying.
- *Talisman* makes parents feel engaged. It is vastly superior to the systems in use in other schools.
- It is very easy for the boys to use.
- Parents are accessing *Talisman* easily on a range of devices.
- The system is a major benefit to both boys and their parents.
- Not all homeworks are on the system.
 - *We will continue to monitor this but parents are encouraged to email teachers if this becomes a persistent concern.*
- System can often be down on Sundays – a peak time for boys and parents checking homeworks.
 - *Mr Wright explained that maintenance was often scheduled by the external service provider when they thought it was a period of low traffic.*
- Timetables for Sixth Form Induction are needed much earlier.
 - *We will endeavour to publish these as soon as they become available.*
- Could *Talisman* be used to report pupil absence? Telephone answering machine often not available early in the morning.
 - *There are some possible safeguarding issues related to this, so we will be sticking with our current procedures in this area and try to ensure that parental calls are taken.*
- Could sports/extra-curricular events/tag days be on *Talisman*?
 - Mr Wright explained that these could be seen on *Talisman* if they were in the school calendar and that all sports events are covered in the Sports Calendar.
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As a follow up to the meeting, we invited all our parents who had attended the meeting to come into school the following morning to take part in a Learning Walk. This tour of the school took part during the school day and gave parents an opportunity to see the school in action including visiting classrooms to observe lessons. We were able to visit pupils in a number of Key Stages and some parents were able to see their sons at work. We also had the opportunity to view the progress being made in the construction of our Sports building. We have received excellent feedback from parents who participated in our three Parents' Forums this year and are delighted that this activity continues to be so well received. Developing a shared understanding of key school processes has been of great benefit and has allowed us to continue to improve.

Chemistry at Christchurch University



Fifteen Yr9 students accompanied Mr Maull and Mrs Knight to the Chemistry careers open day at Christchurch University in Canterbury on Thursday June 22nd. It was an awesome opportunity for students to see the myriad of careers that Chemistry can lead too. They were treated to a fiery lecture about the elements, performed experiments using different coloured light for photosynthesis. They learned how to grow more tomatoes, used spectroscopy to identify recyclable plastics, how scientists test for doping in athletes and their favourite – how to adjust a soap solution to make bigger bubbles! The lads were very much a credit to the school and really enjoyed the day.



Year 9 Trip to Ypres



On the 7th and 14th June year 9 students visited the Belgian town of Ypres, the surrounding battlefields and war cemeteries. We started the trip by visiting Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, the second largest Commonwealth War Cemetery in Belgium. While here our Tour Leader Mr Cauldwell taught the boys about a number of real life stories of the people buried there. Most of the soldiers buried there died in casualty clearing stations located nearby, the boys learnt about the type of warfare taking place in the area and the injuries that resulted from it. They got to look at and handle original artefacts including shrapnel, bullets and ball bearings. On the 14th we lay a wreath on

behalf of the school and the Old Harveian Association, in memory of Pte Richard Denne an Old Harveian who is buried in the cemetery.

From there we moved onto the Hoge Crater Museum where we visited the museum and had lunch. The boys learnt about the different rifles and grenades used during



the war and how cricket was influential in the design of the British grenades. On our second trip the boys got to visit a reconstructed trench system, half of which was designed to the specification of the Allied trenches, the other half to the specification of the German trenches.

We then visited Tyne Cot which is the largest cemetery

for Commonwealth forces in the world. Here the boys learnt about the strategic significance of the battle and the bravery of the soldiers who fought there. They also got an insight into the brutality of the war as they learnt that 80% of those buried there are unidentified. On the 7th June we lay a wreath on behalf of the school and the Old Harveian Association, in memory of Rifleman Earnest Sidey, an Old Harveian whose body was never found but is known to have died in battle there.



The final cemetery we visited was Langemark a German cemetery where more than 44,000 soldiers are buried. This gave the boys an opportunity to contrast the different forms of remembrance

and gave them a different perspective on the conflict.



We finished the trip by visiting the town of Ypres itself and after recharging our batteries with a delicious meal of chicken and chips at a local restaurant we attended the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. This was a poignant and moving ceremony and gave the

boys an opportunity to reflect on what they had learnt throughout the day.

Thank You

On behalf of myself and the boys I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Old Harveian Association who generously subsidised the trip again this year. This ensured the trip was affordable, which allowed a greater number of boys to attend a vitally important trip. I would also like to thank all the staff who volunteered to supervise the trip without whom it would not have been possible. A special mention must go to Mr Caldwell, who was an extremely knowledgeable tour guide and really brought the trip alive for the boys. Another special mention for the reception staff who chased up passports, consent forms and sent letters out, again the trip would not have been possible without them. I would also like to congratulate the boys on their behaviour and attitude throughout both days. Both trips had very early start times and arrived back late but all the boys maintained a positive attitude throughout the day and no doubt learnt a great deal. Finally, I would like to thank all the parents and carers who supported the trip, replied promptly with payment and consent forms and who also had a very early start to the day and a late finish!

Year 12 Biology field work

On Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th June the year 12 Biologists completed their A2 Biology field work, East Kent has some amazing and unique habitats so we didn't need to travel far to complete our studies.



Wednesday's activities started with a visit to Greatstone, near Dungeness. Our first visit was to Dorothy Beck, a local recorder of moth species, we were able to observe a significant variety of species including the Elephant hawk-moth which has beautiful pink and green patterns and is a regular visitor to the area. We also observed the Sussex Emerald, a red data book, and therefore endangered species. Some of the boys discovered they weren't very keen about experiencing large moths in such close proximity!



We then spent the rest of the morning conducting transects to record presence and abundance of species near the beach compared to the other side of the railway line allowing the students to compare the biodiversity of species on either side of the railway line.



Our final task of the day was to sample insect species and collect data to estimate population size.



This work was completed in West Hythe, where the military canal provided a beautiful back drop for this activity.

Thursday's fieldwork started with a visit to a very wet and therefore slippery Copt point, the weather improved through the course of the morning and we were able to complete a transect to investigate the



distribution of species along the rocky sea shore. Sampling was also conducted to investigate various associations between species. As always the students were fascinated by the anemones and some boys couldn't resist searching for shore crabs.

After a short minibus drive we arrived at Samphire Hoe in Dover for lunch and then Paul Holt, the site manager provided a guided tour and oversaw studies to compare diversity in different locations within the site, students were able to see how succession is rapidly occurring and the measures they are taking to slow this down.

The final weeks of the term have been spent processing the data collected and producing graphs of the distribution of species. Some excellent kite diagrams have been produced which clearly show how species are distributed on the sea shore.



Many thanks to Mrs Bennett and Mr Bridgland for helping to make this year's field work such a successful and productive activity.

Harvey and FSG team up for Creative Writing Workshop

On Friday 30th June a creative writing workshop for students from HGS and FSG was run in the Trafalgar room. This arose from the H G Wells short story competition, which we are keen to promote among the boys (and girls!).



Previous competition contender Gaby Corry-Mead, who has just completed a degree in creative writing at the University of East Anglia, gave some tips to the young authors. Students produced some creative writing of their own and there were opportunities to critique the writing. Thanks to all involved in what was an enjoyable and stimulating activity.

French Primary liaison.

I really enjoyed coming to St. Mary's Primary School as it was where I used to go. It was really fun and the year four pupils were very well-behaved and it looked like they learnt a lot! Je l'ai aimé!!!

By Harry O. 10BA

We have went to St. Mary to teach 2 year 4 classes French and they were excited when we came to meet them. They were really engaged with the workshop and even some already knew a bit of French before we even started. We taught them a usual greeting "Bonjour" and "Comment tu t'appelles?". We also taught them how to say some foods in French. We had brought foods and drinks for this occasion and they all enjoyed it. I could not wait to teach them again on the second afternoon!

By Alex T. 10BC



We went to St Mary's Primary school on Thursday 8th and 15th of June. We taught two different year 4 classes some simple French such as "bonjour" and "ça va?". Both classes were really engaged and enjoyed having conversations and asking for food and drink from us. It was really good. It was a great experience and I would like to do it again.

By Zach G. 10BB



The activities we did were incredibly fun and it was an interesting experience. The primary school pupils tried their best to learn the words to ask for their snacks in French. I love children so I was quite confident in doing role-plays with them. Although, like in every class, there were some pupils who were more reluctant to participate but as the lesson progressed, they became more cooperative and encouraged to learn French with us.

By Luis M. 10BB

Primary School drama workshop

On Monday 3rd of July, 10 year 9 pupils accompanied me to Braham Primary for the day and engaged in a two hour workshop with year 4s in the morning and a 2 hour workshop with year 3s in the afternoon. Each year 9 pupil worked with a small group in each year, teaching them drama warm up games, showing them how to perform a piece of mime and how to create a tableau.



We took a box of wigs and hats with us and our fantastic year 9s showed the primary children how to perform in front of peers and be confident when working in drama. There were several primary children who, we were told, would not be comfortable performing in the workshop; however, after seeing and being encourage by our year 9 pupils, they could not wait to get up and join in the fun. This shocked their teachers and was very encouraging to see. As always, the Harvey pupils were friendly, approachable, enthusiastic and encouraging. The primary pupils had a thoroughly enjoyable day and it was lovely to watch my Harvey drama students teach younger pupils.



Thank you for your time and effort gentlemen. Because of you, the day was a great success.

SHEPWAY AND ASHFORD JUNIOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS



A SELECTION OF YEAR 7 MEDAL WINNERS

YEAR 7 AND 8 COMBINED ATHLETICS RESULTS				
Overall Boys Event	Field Points	Track Points	Total	Final Position
Norton Knatchbull	105	115	220	1
Harvey Grammar School	90	103	193	2
Ashford School	89	65	154	3
Yr7 Boys Event	Field Points	Track Points	Total	Final Position
Norton Knatchbull	42	50	92	1
Harvey Grammar School	38	48	86	2
Ashford School	40	32	72	3
Yr8 Boys Event	Field Points	Track Points	Total	Final Position
Norton Knatchbull	63	65	128	1
Harvey Grammar School	52	55	107	2
John Wallis	46	41	87	3

SHEPWAY AND ASHFORD INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS



100M SILVER SAM P



200M GOLD STEVEN W



300M SILVER GENE S



4 X 100M RELAY SILVER SAM P GENE S STEVE W AND TOM A.

A SELECTION OF YEAR 9 MEDAL WINNERS

YEAR 9 AND 10 COMBINED ATHLETICS RESULTS

Overall Boys Event	Field points	Track Points	Total	Final Position
Norton Knatchbull	123	110	233	1
Harvey Grammar School	87	93	180	2
Ashford School	92	86	178	3
Yr 9 Boys Event	Field Points	Track Points	Total	Final Position
Norton Knatchbull	64	55	119	1
Harvey Grammar School	48	58	106	2
Ashford School	50	41	91	3
Yr 10 Boys Event	Field Points	Track points	Total	Final Position
Norton Knatchbull	59	55	114	1
John Wallis	45	49	94	2
Harvey Grammar School	39	35	74	6

SHEPWAY INFANT GAMES in JUNE 2017.



The Harvey grammar leadership team consisting of 20 year 8 and 10 year 9 boys did themselves and the school proud at the SHEPWAY INFANT GAMES in JUNE 2017. Supporting many local sports clubs they were involved in taster sessions run to give the infant students an opportunity to try out some new and interesting sports.



The boys collectively were outstanding but special mention must go to Elliott M, Charlie B and Bill N. who assisted Sam Miller Lead coach at Hawkinge Hurricanes RC. An e-mail of congratulations read:

'I wanted to express to you that these boys are a credit to your school, they showed professionalism, enthusiasm and courtesy to all athletes and other coaches throughout the day. It was a pleasure to work with these dedicated students and I hope you can pass on my sincere thanks to the boys for their support which was a long and sometimes challenging day.'

Similar praise was extended to Sam R, Jaime M and Byron S. James Moss the Community Cricket Officer for Canterbury made the following complimentary comment via e-mail:

'The three Leaders that worked with us today (JM, BS and SR) were absolutely fantastic from start to finish.....these three boys were by far the best I have had the pleasure of working with. They all showed enthusiasm throughout the day and listened well to instructions. They also engaged and motivated with the KS1 children without any prompt from Helen or myself. Even little things like asking the children their name before they started batting showed good initiative – especially as they spent no more than 10 minutes with each group of 10 children.'

He concludes:

'I hope they continue and when old enough seriously consider getting involved in coaching as they displayed some excellent attributes today.'

A fantastic team effort on the day. The boys demonstrated outstanding Leadership skills on the day and were a credit to the school.



Another very successful year for PE and Sport

The PE and Sport Department would like to give a massive thank you to everyone who has supported us this year.

It has certainly been a year of transition with the new Harvey Sports development under construction meaning disruption to many areas of PE life. We are happy to say that the completion is still on schedule and the building will be in full use as of the start of term 1, September 2017. The facility will have a brand new gymnasium and fitness studio, which will be used during lessons and extra curriculum time. A very exciting future for everyone.

Luckily, with the great department and their flexibility, we have still been able to provide a comprehensive range of lessons for all our pupils. Next year will see year 9 having an extra hour of PE, which will mean further development in personal and team skills; and positive sporting expectations such as leadership, teamwork and organisation.

Our leadership programme, in conjunction with the Shepway Sports Trust, has been helping primary school children at tournaments, festivals and skills sessions around the area all year, whatever the weather. The 40 boys involved truly do an amazing job and it's great to get some of the feedback about them from other schools; sports coaches; parents and the children themselves. This culminated in Chris D being nominated for Sports Leader of the year at the Shepway Sports Trust Awards night. A great evening saw Chris win the award and accept it in front of some very proud parents and teachers.





Our sports teams have been competitive at every level from novice tennis to county football, hockey, cricket and a variety of other sports. The highlight has to be the success in the Year 7B and 1st XI football where both teams were victorious in their respective Kent Cup finals at Maidstone Football Stadium in front of hundreds of fans. Well done to every pupil who represented the school in a sport at any level. The competition is often fierce and the weather foul but you all turn up every week and give everything you can to develop competitive sport at the Harvey. In addition, a very special thank you to all the parents who give up their own time and money to allow you all to play sport outside of school to the best of your ability. Without you, we would struggle to put on as many fixtures as we do and have the successes we achieve. Again the Shepway Sports Trust saw the endeavours of the Harvey as the best in Shepway and awarded us as School of the year and Mr Walton Teacher of the year for his passionate role as teacher in charge of football.

The department wishes everyone a bright and enjoyable summer and looks forward to a fresh and exciting 2017-18 season. The future of Harvey Sports looks full of success.



SPORTSMAN OF THE MONTH

May 2017

James Sherwood (leading wicket taker in the school with 13)

June 2017

U15 Cricket Team (progressing to the County Plate quarter final as well as to the District league final)

July 2017

U15 Volleyball Team (winning the County Beach Volleyball Championships held at Margate Beach)

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.